



THE DUNDALK GROUP OF PARISHES

Dundalk: St Nicholas' Dundalk; St Paul's Heynestown.

Ballymascanlan & Carlingford: St Mary's Ballymascanlan; St Andrew's Rathcor (Bush)

Crossmaglen: Creggan Parish Church

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Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland's policy to safeguard all children sharing in its ministry from all forms of harm and abuse (see www.sg.ireland.anglican.org). Each parish has a panel whose task it is to oversee the implementation of Safeguarding Trust. The panel members in the Dundalk Group of Parishes are Rev Geoffrey Walmsley, Ken Donald (Ballymascanlan), Muriel Grills (Bush), Debbie Donaldson (Creggan), Trevor Patterson (Dundalk), and Alvin Coyle (Heynestown). If you experience, or are aware of, any form of child abuse through involvement in parish activities, please contact a member of the panel. *Contact details are posted in all churches.*

Stay Home

Stay Safe

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. 1 Corinthians 9: 24-25

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Greco-Roman world, athletic sport was very well recognised and a large part of the cultures imbedded in the ancient civilisations of that world. In the above scripture, Paul is writing to the early church in Corinth about the issue of perseverance in the faith of Christ and he uses the analogy of the athlete to strengthen and encourage Christians in their faith.

Anyone who likes to run any distance knows that the body is put 'through the mill' over time and to reach the finish line involves much perseverance but great joy and relief when that finish is in sight! Paul explains that everyone competes in this 'race' of life and there are times when this race seems faster and more frenetic than at other times. Paul encourages us to keep the finish in sight, persevering in faith, and knowing that God 'runs' with us through everything in this life, coaching us on and never letting us drop out of life's race that can be so difficult at times. The challenge is to let God, through Jesus, be our coach and stamina. Running on our own steam produces a finish without a prize. The prize for those who run with Jesus as Saviour and Lord is one of an eternal crown in heaven.

Paul continues to teach us that athletes exercise self-control. There are parameters that all runners must remain within for the best possible finish. Jesus has given us parameters for the race of life. He asks that we trust in Him for everything, give our lives to Him and follow Him out of love for Him because He first loved us. We will finish the race well if Jesus is at the helm of our lives and receive the imperishable crown of eternal life.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Geoffrey

Rector's Reflections

A word from Rev. Geoffrey online every Wednesday at 11am, meeting around the scriptures.

Online Services - MAY

Week commencing 3rd

Dundalk - 10am All Age Reflections
11.00am MP2 Diocese Service

Week commencing 10th

Heynestown - 11am HC2

Week commencing 17th

Ballymascanlan - 11am MP2

Week commencing 24th

Creggan - 11am All Age Service

Week commencing 31st

Bush - 11am MP2

Following government recommendations, the churches will be temporarily closed for visitors and worshippers until further notice.

During this time services will be live streamed on our Facebook page and St. Nicholas' Parish Church website

Streamed service time 11am Sunday

Reflection on Wednesday 11am

How to access all online services:



Pass on the newsletter email address to join our mailing list. dundalkcoinewsletter@gmail.com



Visit the St. Nicholas' Parish Church website <https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/recorded-service-at-11am>



SUBSCRIBE to our **youtube** channel <https://youtu.be/03WmMqrCfgo>



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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

All future meetings are postponed until further notice, due to the COVID-19 health concerns.



Ascension Day Service THURSDAY 21st MAY

More details to follow



WELCOME Archbishop John McDowell

Bishop John McDowell on Tuesday 28th April "translates" from being Bishop of Clogher to become Archbishop

of Armagh.

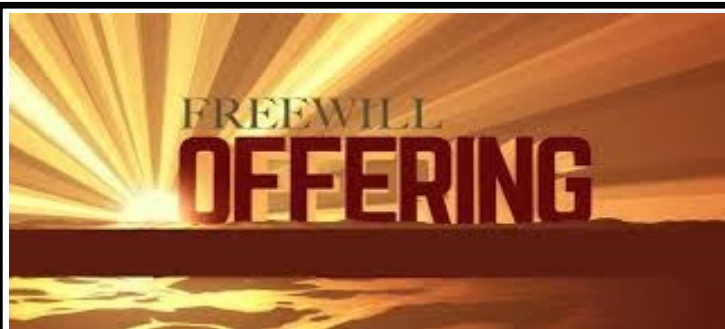
On this momentous day we welcome him and his family, his wife Mary and their daughter Dorothy and pray God's rich blessing on them for all that lies ahead on their journey.



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(copy & paste the below links)

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- ⇒ **SUBSCRIBE** to our **youtube** channel <https://youtu.be/03WmMqrCfqo>
- ⇒ Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dundalkgroupogparishes/>



As a response to people enquiring about donations to churches at this difficult time, you may feel, if you are in a position to and would like to, donate to the following bank detail.

The account details of St Nicholas' Parish Church.

account name: **Dundalk Select Vestry**

IBAN: IE30 BOFI 9033 6516 1383 46

BIC: BOFIE2D

The account details of St Marys, Ballymascanlan and St Andrews, Bush.

The account name is **Ballymascanlan Rathcor union**,

IBAN: IE95 AIBK 9324 5023 4780 63

BIC: AIBKIE2D

This can be done online if you have online banking or by visiting the bank. Alternatively, you may like to hold on to Free Will Offering envelopes if you have them and donate at an opportune time.

If you would like to donate to another parish within Dundalk Group of Parishes, please contact the respective Treasurer or contact Rev Geoffrey (0429321402) who will help to guide you in the right direction. Thank you all so much for your patience and consideration concerning these sensitive issues.

