



# 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

## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2020

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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](http://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.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Mariana or Marianas Trench is the deepest known oceanic body of water on earth. At its deepest point it stretches to just over 36,000 feet below the surface. It is found in the Pacific Ocean and it is said that if Mount Everest was placed in the trench there would still be 2 kilometres of water above its peak! Yet, there is life in the maelstrom of this abyss.

The pressure at this depth is over a thousand times stronger than at sea level and yet life thrives there. One of nature's amazing facts about a place where humankind could never exist.

I am reminded of the old hymn entitled, 'O the deep deep love of Jesus', which describes the love of Christ that has no boundaries. It has a depth beyond our human understanding and it is a love that is unconditional, pure and never-ending. Many of us have been through very tough times of late and life has been a struggle in many ways. Even when we wonder where God is, or has been, He has been with us through all and continues to be so. God's word comforts us through many texts in the bible and one of my own favourites is Matthew 28:20 which says, 'Behold I am with you to the end of time'. God's abounding deep deep love is immeasurable and for those of us yet to experience it, Jesus still stands with His arms outstretched to enfold us in that love through grace and forgiveness, ever flowing from the cross. Jesus never stops loving anyone but to know that love for ourselves in a personal way, we must come to Him in complete abandonment with our lives, giving our all to Him.

When we feel we haven't felt God's love in a long time or life's circumstances have overtaken us or that we simply don't feel loved, remember like the Marianas Trench, God is with us when life has swamped us or we cannot cope. The depth of His love is boundless. His love is deeper than all that humankind or life throws at us and is there to bear us up when we are out of our own depth. The pressures and darkness of this world that are beyond our control are still navigable and in submission to our creator God.

**God bless you all.**

**Geoffrey**

## Rector's Reflections

### WEDNESDAY ONLINE

'MEETING AROUND THE SCRIPTURES'

AT **11AM** WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL EACH WEEK.

## Online & Services - AUGUST

### Week commencing 2nd

Craggen -	9.30am MP2
Ballmascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2
Dundalk - ONLINE	7.30pm MP2

### Week commencing 9th

Craggen -	9.30am Family Service
Ballmascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12noon Family Service
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2
Dundalk - ONLINE	7.30pm MP2

### Week commencing 16th

Craggen -	9.30am MP2
Ballmascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP1
Dundalk -	11.00am Family Service
Dundalk - ONLINE	7.30pm All-Age Service

### Week commencing 23rd

Craggen -	9.30am MP2
Ballmascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2
Dundalk - ONLINE	7.30pm MP2

### Week commencing 30th

Craggen -	9.30am MP2
Ballmascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2
Dundalk - ONLINE	7.30pm MP2

**The Service from Dundalk will be recorded for our online service at 7.30pm via the Green Church website or Dundalk Group of Parishes Facebook page.**

<https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/recorded-service-at-11am>

<https://www.facebook.com/dundalkgroupogparishes/>

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Isesomo and the Diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Suheil and the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.
- Give thanks to God for reopening of the churches but remembering those who are still self-isolating and fearful of coming into the public sphere.
- Pray for the ongoing online ministry
- Remember those who continue to battle Covid-19 in the frontline and those working hard to perfect a vaccination
- Those in hospital, cared for at home and those in nursing care establishments
- Our schools, children, young people, teachers and staff as they prepare to return
- Those who have travelled or who are travelling and finding it difficult to get home again
- The homeless, destitute and marginalised
- Those who are unemployed or under threat of the same
- Our governments and those in authority as they continue to make judgements for the betterment of the land. Grant them wisdom in legislating protocol.

## How to access all online services:

(copy & paste the below links)

- ⇒ Pass on the newsletter email address to join our mailing list. [dundalkcoinews-letter@gmail.com](mailto:dundalkcoinews-letter@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/03WmMqrCfqo>
- ⇒ Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dundalkgroupogparishes/>



# WELCOME BACK!!



We can't wait to welcome all the boys and girls back to school, we've missed you. Things may be a little bit different but we have lots to look forwards to including new friendships and catching up with old friends. There's lots of new learning too. Also our new school building will be commencing later in the year. Here's a glimpse back on some of our favourite memories from the last school year. From eating pancakes, dressing up as our favourite book characters to arts and crafts, we were very busy! We can't wait to make lots of new exciting memories this year.

**We are now accepting new pupils for enrolment. Please contact the school office for enrolment forms.**



## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

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

## Bush Old SchoolHouse

For bookings and up to date news please visit the website. Alternatively you can call Geoffrey 042-9321402/087-4669806



[www.busholdschoolhouse.com](http://www.busholdschoolhouse.com)

## WELLINGTON HALL DUNDALK

For bookings and up to date news please visit the website. Alternatively you can call Colin 086 6085662



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