



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 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,

A voice came from the cloud, saying: 'This is my Son whom I have chosen, listen to Him' *Luke 9:35* As we ponder on the Transfiguration of Christ, we see nature undergoing its annual transformation. Despite February being a stormy month, the usual signs of spring are with us in the welcome appearance of crocuses and daffodils.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

We look forward to having the Archbishop with us for a Rural Deanery Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30 pm, in St Nicholas' Church, Dundalk. At this service, we will welcome representatives of frontline workers, key workers and first responders.

VESTRY BUSINESS

The register of Vestry Persons has now been completed.

Work on the south wall of Creggan church is underway.

Members of Ballymascanlan/Bush Select Vestry have agreed to employ a tree surgeon to deal with the dangerous trees in Carlingford graveyard.

The sale of the old, and purchase of the new rectory is still occupying much vestry attention.

The Rural Dean's inspections of all the churches are almost complete. Joyce said it was a pleasure to visit churches which are so lovingly cared for. Thank you to all who give freely of their time and talents to ensure that all is in order.

COLLECT OF TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross. Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God Bless, Richard.

Services - MARCH

Week commencing 6th

The 1st Sunday in LENT

9.30am - Creggan
10.45am - Ballymascanlan
12 noon - Bush
10.00am - Heynestown
11.00am - Dundalk

Week commencing 13th

The 2nd Sunday in LENT

9.30am - Creggan
10.45am - Ballymascanlan
12 noon - Bush
10.00am - Heynestown
11.00am - Dundalk

Week commencing 20th

The 3rd Sunday in LENT

9.30am - Creggan
10.45am - Ballymascanlan
12 noon - Bush
10.00am - Heynestown
11.00am - Dundalk

Week commencing 27th

Mothering Sunday

9.30am - Creggan
10.45am - Ballymascanlan
12 noon - Bush
10.00am - Heynestown
11.00am - Dundalk

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will mark the beginning of Lent,
Ash Wednesday, 2nd March,
with a service at 7.30 pm in

St Nicholas' Parish Church, Dundalk.

*There will be a Lent service each Wednesday in March
except 16th March.*



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes begin on Tuesday 1st March at 6 pm
in St Peter's Parish Hall, Drogheda.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Iessmo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Sueil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Thanksgiving for the Lord's presence with us and the keeping of His church in these difficult times
- Healing for those with Covid-19 and other illnesses and conditions at this time.
- Those in hospital, nursing care and those cared for at home
- For our governments and those making decisions
- Our young people and children, their homes and families also schools and all who work in education.
- The homeless, unemployed and destitute.
- Pray for God's guidance in this time of vacancy.

FROM THE REGISTER

- We were saddened by the loss of another faithful parishioner, Mrs Olga Loane, whose funeral took place on Friday 25th February, in St Nicholas' Church. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her family.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following the Government announcement of the easing of restrictions and the possible removal of school pods, we hope to welcome back our children into Sunday School.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

2nd March 7.30PM
IN ST NICHOLAS, DUNDALK

CREGGAN PARISH CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 7.30PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH BALLYMASCANLAN

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 7.30PM

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HEYNESTOWN

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 7.30PM

ST ANDREW CHURCH BUSH

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 7.30PM

At the service in Ballymascanlan on Wednesday 23rd March, it is hoped that one of the DGS organ scholars will play the organ.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Monday 28th March at 7.30pm

Lady Day Service with the Mothers' Union
in St Nicholas' Parish Church,
conducted by Rev. Richard Moore.
All ladies in the parish are most welcome.



LOUTH RURAL DEANERY

St. Nicholas' Parish Church Dundalk (The Green Church)

**A Service of Thanksgiving for our
Key Workers and Remembrance of
those who died during COVID**
TUESDAY 15th March 2022

AT 7.30pm

Conducted by
The Most Rev. John McDowell
Archbishop of Armagh



*Music led by the choir of St. Nicholas'
Parish Church & Friends*

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

The tree of remembrance is present in St Nicholas, Dundalk again this year. If you are in the church at any time, whether for a service or otherwise, do feel free to take a tag and write a prayer upon it for your needs or the needs of others and then tie it on the tree as another way of offering prayer to God. *Tags and pens are available at the position of the tree. The tags will be burned on Good Friday as a symbolic way of collectively offering all the prayers through Christ to the throne of God's grace.*



General Easter Vestries

I am planning to have all the General Easter Vestries on the week beginning 24th April as follows:

Monday 25th April - Creggan
Tuesday 26th April - Heynestown
Wednesday 27th April - Dundalk
Thursday 28th April - Ballymascanlan/Bush.



*We are looking forward
to a good attendance on
these occasions.*