



# 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 - JUNE 2021



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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 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 Parishioners helping to spread the Gospel.

As I write we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost. Pentecost was a Jewish festival occurring fifty days after the first day of Passover: as Jews had gathered for this festival, the Holy Spirit descended dramatically with symbolic fire and wind. Two thousand years later, Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Central to our belief is the triune God, that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While the Trinity is beyond verbal explanation, understanding of the triune nature of God is embedded in our worship, especially our prayers: we address our prayers to 'our heavenly Father' or to 'Lord Jesus Christ' and we make those prayers with the guidance of and 'in the power of the Holy Spirit'.

In St John 15:26, we read what Jesus said to the eleven apostles: 'When the advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, He will testify on my behalf. You are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.' The disciples were given the task of testifying: we are the present-day disciples who are charged with testifying about Jesus. Some testify by preaching but all of us testify by the way we live. It is a challenge we hope we can rise to.

We give thanks that we are able to meet again in church and we look forward to having the choir back in St Nicholas' and congregational singing in all our churches. It is understandable that some are not ready to leave the comfort of home and face possible danger by going out. I was nervous when I started driving again for the first few journeys but thankfully my confidence returned. It will be the same for those who are nervous about meeting people again. A man behind the counter in our local paper shop said last week people have forgotten how to talk to each other.

I am glad to know that many of the people we know have been vaccinated; I regret that a few are reluctant to get it. Having been vaccinated the advice I got was that I didn't need to worry about passing on the virus to others but to continue social-distancing and wearing mask where people are together, both as an example to others and to help reduce the spread of other infections.

There will be no further update about the sale of the rectory until after the June Diocesan council meeting. In the meantime we are asking if you know of any suitable house coming on the market for sale or rent: we would like to hear about it.

*Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: Open our lips by your Spirit that every tongue may tell of your glory. We pray in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

God bless, Richard.

### Services - JUNE

#### Week commencing 6th

Creggan -	9.30am HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP1
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2

#### Week commencing 13th

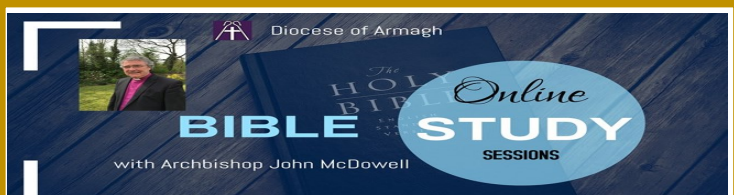
Creggan -	9.30am MP2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12 noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am HC2
Dundalk -	11.00am HC2

#### Week commencing 20th

Creggan -	9.30am HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2

#### Week commencing 27th

Creggan -	9.30am MP2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12 noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am HC2
Dundalk -	11.00am HC2



**Online BIBLE STUDY with Archbishop John McDowell**  
is still available from the GREEN CHURCH website.

<https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/bible-study>

<http://armagh.anglican.org/News/ArchbishopJohnBibleStudies.html>

**Coronavirus  
COVID-19**

**Stay safe.  
Protect each other.**



Coronavirus  
COVID-19  
Public Health  
Advice

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**WE ALL  
MUST DO IT  
TO GET  
THROUGH IT**



KEEP  
DISTANCE



WEAR FACE  
COVERING



WASH  
HANDS

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Iessmo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Suheil 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.



## Dundalk Grammar School

### A Wonderful Music Opportunity!

Dundalk Grammar School has recently announced that, following the installation of a new church organ at the school, an Organ Scholarship is now in place for existing and prospective students. The course offers expert tuition and wide experience to a successful candidate covering half of their school fees (boarding or day) for all subjects during their study at the school. Candidates seeking an interview for the position of Organ Scholar should apply to the Music Department at [organscholarship@dgs.ie](mailto:organscholarship@dgs.ie)



## Valedictory

Sixth Form Valedictory was held outside on Friday 21st May 2021. **Good luck to the CLASS OF 2021!!**



**DGS Junior School cricket with international cricketer Kevin O'Brien and Michael Hughes Dundalk Cricket Club**



*I thank Ms Rita Arthur & Lord Bellew for their willingness and essential help in covering services during the vacancy.*

The general Easter Vestries took place with low attendances so most of the same officers are still in place.

I thank them for the tasks they have agreed to take on.



## ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL SCHOOL

Mrs Gillanders organised a clothes collection with All-Tex Recyclers Ltd. A total of **€406.75** was raised for school funds.



Pupils from Second to Sixth Class have been enjoying the outdoors by going on some local walks. This has provided a much needed break from busy classroom life. The Riverside walk has proved to be a favourite!



Mr O'Hare resumed after school football for children in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class. This has been a cause of great excitement!



## How to access all online services:

(copy & paste the below links)

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

