



## 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 - SEPTEMBER 2022



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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Hebrews 13:1. Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Now that the holiday season is coming to an end, I hope all of you enjoyed a period for rest and recreation. After changeable weather in June and early July we experienced a period of scorching sunshine. Variety is what we get in Ireland and isn't it wonderful?

The sale of the new rectory has been agreed. It is in the townland of Plaster and called 'Radharc na Farraige' (View of the Sea). Its location is excellent, being both scenic and central to all the churches. It is in very good condition, with only a little 'touching up' to be done. The Diocesan Architect approved the purchase and will need to confirm that, when 'touching up' is completed, it is suitable for a rector and family. At the request of the Diocesan Secretary, the Parish Profile has been edited and updated. I thank all those who contributed to the content of the profile. It will very soon be possible for the Board of Nomination to be called and we look forward to the speedy appointment of a rector.

As always at this time of year, young people experience change in their lives as they move from schools where they were comfortable and happy to venture into the unknown. Those leaving secondary schools face going away from home possibly for the first time. The human spirit is great so after a day or two, new experiences become familiar and routines are developed.

Atrocities continue to happen in war-torn Ukraine. As the conflict continues, the stories get pushed further back in news reports. The Red Cross is making slow progress in placing families in homes where spaces were offered.

At a Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's Church, Ballymascanlan, organised by her husband Paul, we celebrated the life of Margy Boyle (née Dyas). The music was provided by members of the Chrysalis group. Margy is buried in St Mary's and though not a member of Ballymascanlan congregation, had a great influence on many young people who attended the ecumenical camps run by the Chrysalis team.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless those who will soon receive their exam results and guide them in the way they should go. For those who are disappointed, steer them towards a new challenge and a new goal for their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God Bless, Richard*

## Services - September

### Week commencing 4th

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

### Week commencing 11th

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

### Week commencing 18th

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

### Week commencing 25th

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

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Mothers' Union resume with the first meeting on **Monday 26th September** at 8pm in St. Richard's Chapel.

**All Ladies of the Parish are most Welcome.**



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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Isessmo 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.

## FROM THE REGISTER:

- On 17th July, we welcomed **Elizabeth Peyton Smith** and on 31st July, we welcomed **Eva Ying Guo Conroy** into the universal church of Christ. Both were baptized in St Nicholas' Church.
- On 7th August, **Lorcan Alexander McGuire** was baptized in St Andrew's Church, Rathcor (Bush). May all who are baptized continue to grow in faith as they travel their spiritual journey.
- Congratulations to **Christine Armstrong and Michael Myers** who were married in St Mary's Church, Ballymascanlan, on 13th August. We wish them every happiness in their married life.

### St. Nicholas' Parish Church - GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer and contribute at least €250 per year the Parish can claim Tax Back.

*If interested please ask for a form from the Churchwardens or Treasurer.*



On 12<sup>th</sup> August, in St Nicholas' Church, we enjoyed a concert given by a talented Ukrainian family.



On 7th August, the victims of the Great Famine were remembered in the Famine Graveyard. It was difficult to imagine such tragedy and hardship on that glorious Sunday afternoon, yet that field is the final resting-place of thousands who died of starvation.



**NCBI**  
Working for People  
with Sight Loss

*My name is Graham McGrath and I work in the communications department for NCBI (National Council for the Blind of Ireland). Our charity store in Dundalk is in need of donations of stock.*

### NCBI stores need your donations!

The NCBI Dundalk store at 19 Clanbrassil Street is urgently in need of donations of pre-loved items. We are welcoming all donations of all items, especially homeware items, as well as men's and women's clothing, books, DVDs and more.

To donate any of these items, simply visit your local NCBI store where a member of staff will be available to gratefully accept your donation.

All money raised from the sale of your pre-loved items goes directly back into providing the many services and supports NCBI offers to people who are blind or vision impaired across Ireland.

Online Freewill Offering is proving very popular. Please see details below if you wish to contribute regularly to either Church.

*The account details of  
St Nicholas' Parish Church.*

#### Dundalk Select Vestry

**IBAN:**

IE30 BOFI 9033 6516 1383 46

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

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

#### Ballymascanlan Rathcor union,

**IBAN:**

IE95 AIBK 9324 5023 4780 63

**BIC:** AIBKIE2D