



## 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](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,

There is an interesting scientific theory that exists as to how the waters receded when Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry ground as recorded in Exodus chapter 14. The theory tries to explain how this phenomenon occurred without the intervention of a miracle. There is a rare weather condition called 'wind set-down' which has the power to separate water in huge quantities and when the wind subsides, a huge boreal wave is created in a given body of water, which strikes with immediate impact and returns the body of water to its original shaping.

It is fascinating but the question remains: How did Moses and the Israelites time this scenario precisely with opposing Egyptians hastily chasing them?

Cape St Vincent is the most westerly point of land on mainland Europe. I was able to visit it on one occasion on holiday some years ago in Portugal. There was a sign for touristic appeal which stated, 'After this, oblivion!' This sign was located on the edge of the clifftops at the Cape and referred to the height of the cliffs and nothing but water ahead for thousands of miles in a westerly direction. You would not want to fall off those cliffs for certain! It reminded me of the saying, 'the leap of faith', which involves a huge step forward into something, in our mindset or understanding, that could detrimentally affect us or we lose something we don't want to give up. Not that I wanted to leap of the Cape to justify the saying!! The bible tells us not to tempt the Lord our God but there are times in our lives that the leap of faith may be required.

Many of us are very good at quantifying or rationalising our faith or to keep it firmly in our control for comfort reasons etc. Moses and the Israelites took an enormous leap of faith at the Red Sea, trusting in God at a point when they were surely snookered! It is a test to move forward into the unknown. When we first come to faith in Jesus as Lord of our lives it requires a leap of faith. A leap of faith and trust that He died for our sins, that He will forgive us our sins if we ask Him, that He is the only way to Heaven and that He offers the gifts of salvation and eternal life. This requires a transformation of our lives and that we will follow Him all our days. There are many leaps of faith that Christians continue to make in life thereafter but as a relationship grows between Saviour and saved sinner, trust grows and we know that God will never let anyone go or be lost from His guiding hand who trust in Him. Have we taken that initial leap of faith of trust in Jesus? That stepping out and firmly placing our hand in His and knowing that He will be with us through all trials in life. There is no other relationship like it and no other trust can compare.

*God bless you all.*

*Geoffrey*

## Rector's Reflections

*'Meeting around the scriptures'  
will be available online each  
Wednesday morning at 11am.*

## Online & Services - SEPTEMBER

### Week commencing 6th

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

### Week commencing 13th

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

### Week commencing 20th

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

### Week commencing 27th

Craggen -	9.30am MP2
Ballymascanlan -	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/>

## 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)



### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Giving thanks to God for reopening of the churches and that corporate worship may resume
- Bishop Isesomo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Please pray for the quashing of civil unrest and the protection of the Home for Distressed children in the diocese. Also Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- For those suffering from Covid-19 and those helping in frontline services
- For the governments and wise decision making
- Those in hospital, in nursing care and cared for at home
- The homeless, unemployed and destitute
- Our children, young people, teachers and staff as they return to schools
- The bereaved and those grieving
- Economy, businesses and all affected by the pandemic at work

### FROM THE REGISTER:

- Dennis Mark Naylor was baptized in St Mary's, Church Ballymascanlan on 9th August

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

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

### 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/>



### GENERAL VESTRY MEETINGS:

All Easter General Vestry meetings were postponed earlier this year due to the pandemic but we now have a date that they are to be held by and that date is 20<sup>th</sup> September. The following dates are the occasions for each of the churches to hold their

#### General Vestry meetings.

Ballymascanlan/Bush 7.30pm 31<sup>st</sup> August  
in Ballymascanlan church hall

Creggan 7.30pm 7<sup>th</sup> September in Creggan church hall

Dundalk 7.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> September in St. Nicholas Parish Church

Heynestown 7.30pm 16<sup>th</sup> September in St Paul's church



### Rev. Capt. Geoffrey Walmsley

After hearing the sad news on Sunday that Rev. Geoffrey is leaving us we all wish him and the family well in his newly appointed role as Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Milltown.

