



# 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 - SUMMER 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,

Galations 5:22, 23 are two of my favourite verses in the bible: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Helena McCann, whose funeral took place in St Nicholas' Church on 21st June. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her family and friends who mourn her loss.

Have you noticed the summer? There hasn't been a lengthy period of sunshine, nevertheless, the countryside and gardens are looking wonderful. Joyce and I had four lovely days in Wicklow when we took the caravan out.

Pictures from war-torn cities remind us of the same type of destruction in British and European cities during World War Two. Warfare and fighting brings out the worst in people. A soldier who came back to Ireland from Ukraine when interviewed by an Irish Times reporter said when fighting, he didn't see the enemy as humans: you kill or be killed. War has a dehumanising effect.

On Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, we had a wonderful Confirmation service for the rural deanery. The choir from St Nicholas', as usual, enhanced the service.

On the 7th June the members of the Diocesan Council approved the new rectory. More paper-work has to be done before possession is certain. The sale of the old rectory is now completed. I thank all those who gave their time to attend necessary meetings and to search for suitable houses.

Concerts in St Nicholas' Church, arranged by Eamon Quinn, were successful and enjoyable. Thank you to those who opened the church and stewarded the events.

On 26th June, we welcomed Esther and Emanuel into the body of Christ.

The family of Chimzurum, baptised in Dundalk on Easter Sunday, has been worshipping in Heynestown since that date.

May all children who are baptized, like the Christ-child, grow in wisdom, in stature and in divine and human favour.

As we wish teachers and students a happy summer holiday, please remember in your prayers all those students who will make the transition to another academic institution.

To all who are planning holidays, if you are going abroad, may the airport experience be calm and orderly, and if you are staying in Ireland, may you use your brolly only as a sunshade.

O God, the strength of them that labour and the rest of the weary; Grant that when we are tired by our work, we may be renewed and re-created by the Spirit, to serve you gladly in freshness of body and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**God Bless, Richard.**

## Services - JULY

### Week commencing 3rd

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

### Week commencing 10th

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

### Week commencing 17th

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

### Week commencing 24th

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

### Week commencing 31st

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



Sunday School does not take place during school holidays so the start up Sunday again is 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Volunteers to help or teach will be much appreciated.**  
[Our children are our church's future.](#)

## 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.

	
<p>The account details of <i>St Nicholas' Parish Church.</i></p> <p><u>a/c: Dundalk Select Vestry</u></p> <p>IBAN: IE30 BOFI 9033 6516 1383 46</p> <p>BIC: BOFIE2D</p>	<p>The account details of <i>St Marys, Ballymascanlan and St Andrews, Bush.</i></p> <p><u>a/c: Ballymascanlan Rathcor union.</u></p> <p>IBAN: IE95 AIBK 9324 5023 4780 63</p> <p>BIC: AIBKIE2D</p>

## DUNDALK FAMINE GRAVEYARD ASSOCIATION

Would like to invite the Rev. Richard Moore & Parishioners,

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**SUNDAY 7th AUGUST 2022 at 5pm**

**Location: A91 E76N**



## Services - AUGUST

### Week commencing 7th

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

### Week commencing 14th

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

### Week commencing 21st

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

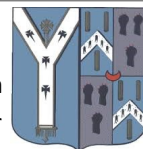
### Week commencing 28th

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

## ST. NICHOLAS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



St Nicholas' NS visited DKIT Sport on Friday 10th June for a School Tour and Sports' Day out. This fun day out

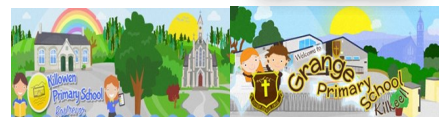


was part of the initiative 'Kids helping Kids'.

The children enjoyed various activities including an inflatable obstacle course, an inflatable dome disco, bouncing castle, tug of war and dodge ball. 10% of the total cost was given in cheque to CMRF Crumlin, formerly Our Lady's Children's Hospital.



Third Class visited Tayto Park in June as a celebration of their PEACE IV project with Killowen Primary and Grange Primary. The Cú Chulainn rollercoaster was a great hit among the children and teachers.



The Sixth Class graduation was held in the Wellington Hall also in June. The pupils reflected on their time in St Nicholas' NS and were presented with plaques and photographs of their time in school. Parents were invited to this celebration. This celebration also served as the first whole school event since the pandemic.

*St Nicholas' NS would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer!*