



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 - MAY 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). 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.

Another month has passed and we are now looking forward to May. I always look for swallows in middle of April. This year was too cold and the first sighting was on the 24th. The daffodils and cherry blossoms are mostly gone and we are enjoying tulips bluebells and masses of yellow gorse and a host of other shrubs bursting into flower,

Having received two vaccinations some weeks ago without ill-effects I urge all to register as soon as possible for your jabs. I am now able to hug my grandchildren which is a wonderful feeling.

From Monday 10th May we are allowed back to church; all are expected to observe social distancing and to wear a mask. As outlined under 'Services' we are proposing to have short evening services of thanksgiving for getting back into church. The General Easter Vestries for Dundalk, Heynestown, and Ballymascanlan /Bush will follow the services in those areas.

I called to the rectory and found three of our vestry members cleaning the rectory for its inspection by the diocesan architect. I thank them for the wonderful job they did. The inspection of the rectory has to take place before the archbishop calls the nominators to search for a new rector. The inspection took place on 29th April. As you already know all the select vestries were consulted about the sale of the rectory. That plan to replace it is going ahead and we are asking people to look out for suitable houses coming on the market to replace the present rectory.

We are indebted to those parishioners who see things to be done and do them. Much of the work of the parish continues. Please keep me informed about anyone you know who might like a pastoral visit.

We know those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, we continue to pray for them and support them at this difficult time for them

When our churches reopen the rural deanery online services will become much simpler with only clergy and readers involved. Thank you to all who enhanced the lockdown services by contributing readings, prayers and music.

I draw your attention to Epistle reading from St. John 4:7 for the fifth Sunday after Easter

Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Prayer: Grant Lord, that we may show our love for you and for one another. Help us to stand beside those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless,

Richard.

Recommencement of religious services on a staggered basis

Online Services will continue for month of May.

Online & Services - MAY

ONLINE SERVICES WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS THE RURAL DEANERY

Week commencing 2nd

Creggan - 9.30am
ONLINE - 10am

Week commencing 9th

Creggan - 9.30am
ONLINE - 10am

Week commencing 16th

Creggan - 9.30am
Ballymascanlan - 10.45am
Bush - 12 noon
Heynestown - 10.00am
Dundalk - 11.00am
ONLINE - 10am

Week commencing 23rd

Creggan - 9.30am
Ballymascanlan - 10.45am
Bush - 12noon
Heynestown - 10.00am
Dundalk - 11.00am
ONLINE - 10am

Week commencing 30th

Creggan - 9.30am NO SERVICE
Ballymascanlan - 10.45am NO SERVICE
Bush - 12noon NO SERVICE
Heynestown - 10.00am NO SERVICE
Dundalk - 11.00am Combined Service
ONLINE - 10am

MIDWEEK CHURCH SERVICE

As churches REOPEN from Monday 10th May 2021.

There will be An Evening Service of Thanksgiving representing each congregation. After the services in Dundalk, Heynestown and Ballymascanlan, there will be the annual General Easter Vestry Meeting.

Dundalk - Monday 10th May 7.30pm
Heynestown - Tuesday 11th May 7.30pm
Ballymascanlan - Wednesday 12th May 7.30pm
Creggan - Thursday 13th May 7.30pm
(subject to prevailing public health situation)

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.



Diocese of Armagh
The HOLY BIBLE
Online BIBLE STUDY
SESSIONS
with Archbishop John McDowell

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>

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
- ⇒ 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/>



A short video of preparing to return to In-Church Worship
SUBSCRIBE to our **youtube** channel <https://youtu.be/6Pq71N0UUOg>



ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL SCHOOL

St Nicholas' NS celebrated Active School Week on 26th April. Miss O'Driscoll organised lots of activities ranging from yoga, fitness routines and walking a mile with a smile. The children really enjoyed getting lots of opportunities to get outside and be active. A class challenge was set whereby the children competed against their teacher to see who could hold the longest plank. Everyone had a great time!



Peace



Northern Ireland - Ireland

European Regional Development Fund

Ms Lloyd's 3rd and 4th Class will resume their Peace IV project with Killowen Primary School and Grange Primary School this month. This will be done through a number of virtual activities with a Virtual Celebration Day being held in June. We have been challenged to walk the distance between our schools. The children are delighted that the project is continuing.

Ms Gaynor's Class participating in a workout for Active School Week.



Ms McArdle's Class were remarkably busy during Active School Week.