



# 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 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,*

*Psalm 30:5b Heaviness may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.*

CONDOLENCES: We extend our sympathy and prayers to members of the parish suffering the bereavement of loved ones.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES: The services moved between the churches in the parochial group and were quite well attended. The ecumenical Cross carrying took place from St Patrick's Cathedral to St Nicholas' Church, where part of the passion story was read. The church remained open until after the 3 o'clock service. Thank you to those parishioners who stayed to welcome visitors.

UKRAINE: As care for others, we are prompted to offer some space in our homes for people from Ukraine seeking accommodation. We keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

RECTORY: Select vestry members are still eagerly seeking a suitable house to replace our rectory. This involves a huge amount of work and I thank those who so willingly have undertaken it.

HOLY COMMUNION: is now permitted in both kinds. Those not ready to receive the wine return to their seats after they receive the bread.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES: I thank the members of select vestries from Creggan and Dundalk for their agreement to carry out the duties of the officers for another year. The Easter General Vestries for Ballymascanlan/Bush and Heynestown are planned for 28<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May respectively.

Merciful Father, you gave your son Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*God Bless, Richard.*

## Services - MAY

### Week commencing 1st

#### The 3rd Sunday of EASTER

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

### Week commencing 8th

#### The 4th Sunday of EASTER

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

### Week commencing 15th

#### The 5th Sunday of EASTER

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

### Week commencing 22nd

#### The 6th Sunday of EASTER

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

### Week commencing 29th

#### Sunday after Ascension

9.30am - Creggan **NO SERVICE**  
10.45am - Ballymascanlan **NO SERVICE**  
12 noon - Bush **NO SERVICE**  
10.00am - Heynestown **NO SERVICE**  
11.00am - Dundalk **UNITED HEALING SERVICE**

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

*Mothers' Union will have their usual summer break and resume again in September. We wish our members and friends a pleasant summer. Gillian.*



SUNDAY SCHOOL started in St Nicholas and Creggan before Easter and this month, the plan is to have Sunday school on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

We are hoping that some more volunteers will take on the ministry of Sunday School teaching.

Our children are our church's future.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Iseemo 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

- We welcome Chimzumum Njideka into the church family. She was baptised on Easter Sunday in St Nicholas' Church.

*St. Nicholas' Choir & Friends sing at services throughout the Rural Deanery. New members always welcome.*

**Choir practice  
Tuesdays at 7.30pm  
in the Green  
Church**



# Confirmation

Confirmation classes begin again on Tuesday 3rd May.

Each class is at 6 pm in St Peter's, Drogheda.

For our next classes, we plan to use the new chapel/meeting room in the Blue School. Access is on the right of the main gates, up the outside steps.

### Dates of classes

**Tuesday 3rd May 6pm in the chapel**

**Tuesday 10th May 6pm in the chapel**

**Tuesday 17th May 6pm in the chapel**

**Tuesday 23rd May 6pm in the chapel**

**Tuesday 30th May 6pm in the CHURCH**

## TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

The prayers and names on the Tree of Remembrance were burned and Rita and I had a short prayer and scattered the ashes in the graveyard on Easter Sunday.



You can find the short video on the Church website

[www.stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com](http://www.stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com) or click the link

<https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/recorded-service-at-11am>

## ST. NICHOLAS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

St Nicholas' NS welcomed the 'Armagh Rhymers' to the Wellington Hall in April. The Rhymers told the story of Finn McCool through Drama and Music. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and even got to participate in different parts. 5th and 6th Class have started 8 weeks of football training. 6th Class have also begun a transition to secondary school programme. This will last for 5 weeks and will cover a range of areas from making new friends, to getting organised with homework and managing emotions. The programme will also touch on mindfulness and developing a growth mindset.



**the  
armagh  
rhymers**



**stand with Ukraine**

APPLE BLOSSOM ORCHARD WALK

**FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
IRISH RED CROSS UKRAINE  
APPEAL**

**WHEN: MAY 7TH & 8TH FROM 11 A.M - 4 P.M**

**WHERE: CORDERRY FRUIT AND VEG, KNOCKBRIDGE,  
DUNDALK, A91 N62R**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

**ORCHARD WALK**

**LOCAL VENDORS**

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**TREASURE TRAIL**

**MUSIC**

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