



# 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 - JUNE 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,

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us *Psalm 67*

I always look out for our feathered tourists and was rewarded when, on our way home from a funeral in Cavan, we stopped for lunch at a hotel overlooking a lake, we spotted the first of them. They were late arriving this year and there are still very few of them. Since I wrote before the countryside sprang into life. Yellow and white were the colours of the month. The farmers must have predicted a shortage of cooking oil due to the war in Ukraine and planted extra acres with oilseed rape. Looking from an elevated position the fields were decorated with bright yellow and several shades of green. It is lovely to see people smiling again, spring and early summer lift the spirits.

People are coming back to church again; fear of covid is declining as milder affects are observed and reported. Holy Communion is now provided in both kinds in all our churches. The four General Easter Vestries have been held and I thank the officers for taking on the various tasks. We are looking forward to Confirmation service on 5<sup>th</sup> June which takes place this year at 11:30 on 5<sup>th</sup> June, in St Peter's Church, Drogheda. Since Easter, our St Nicholas' Choir has been hard at work making sure that the music is of the usual high standard.

Thanks to many who give their time to enable open days and musical events to take place. You will find details of these events elsewhere in the Newsletter. We are pleased to have this historic site open to the public and thank you Trevor Patterson for the research and presentation of historical details and anecdotes.

The Dundalk Select Vestry have moved plans well ahead for the provision of a new rectory. It is hoped that the Archbishop will soon be in a position to call the nominators together to find a rector for the parishes.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and also pray that those who are causing them grief will learn about love instead of war.

We always give thanks for harvests. On rogation Sunday in this time of year we pray for help with crops, for favourable conditions for food production and commerce. So we pray:

Almighty God, Bless the labours of those who work on land and sea and prosper those engaged in commerce. Direct their minds and hands as they rightly use your gifts in service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**God Bless, Richard.**

## Services - JUNE

### Week commencing 5th

#### PENTECOST

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

### Week commencing 8th

#### TRINITY

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

### Week commencing 15th

#### The 1st Sunday after TRINITY

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

### Week commencing 22nd

#### The 2nd Sunday after TRINITY

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

## Confirmation

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Sunday school took place on two Sunday, thanks to Emma and helpers. 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:

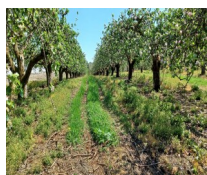
- Bishop Iessmo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Thanksgiving for the Lord's presence with us and the keeping of His church in these difficult times
- Healing for those with Covid-19 and other illnesses and conditions at this 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.

FRIENDLY OFFERING

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



After church on Sunday 8th May I visited Corderry Farm/ Apple Blossom Orchard walk. It was a fantastic day and nice to see some Parishioners out enjoying themselves. Congratulations on the amount that was raised over the two days €14,166.41 to the Irish Red Cross Ukraine appeal. Looking forward to seeing their field of Sunflowers and Pumpkins later on in the year. Its nice to be back to events.



## ST. NICHOLAS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

May was an eventful month in St Nicholas' NS. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth class continued swimming lessons. Paula O'Connor delivered a workshop to 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class about Internet safety called 'Don't be Mean behind your Screen'. The Amma Centre visited to give a workshop on ICT so that Third Class could create a myth and legend story as



part of our PEACE IV project. Third Class went on a walking tour of the murals in Dundalk.

This was facilitated by SEEK Dundalk. This tour tied in nicely with our project about myths and legends. Dundalk Fire Brigade also visited Third Class to deliver a fire safety programme. The boys and girls had great fun and even had a turn at spraying the fire hose. Many thanks to Mrs I. Smith for holding Zumba dance class during Active Schools Week.



## Dundalk Grammar School

The Amber Flag is awarded by Pieta to clubs, schools and organisations who promote Positive Mental Health. DGS is delighted to have secured their 3rd Amber Flag. In the photo Mr Graham, Alex Kieran 6th Yr, Ms Christmas Project Coordinator, Ms Lait, and Darcey Cronin Junior School. Mr Renaghan & students Aodhan Fitzpatrick, Barry Kehoe, Ross Clarke, Josh O Hare, Oisín McGrath & Killian Dunne took part in a Shave or Dye fundraiser in aid of @SOSAD\_Ireland last Thursday raising a grand total of €7190. Well done to all involved. The junior boys cricket team played a friendly today against a strong CUS team. Although the result went against DGS the boys enjoyed the experience.

