



THE MESSENGER

Magheralin Parish



BAPTISM

EASTER

SUNDAY

MORNING 1ST APRIL

CONFIRMATION PENTECOST

EVENING 20TH MAY @6:30

MARCH 2017



SIMON SAYS

Goodness Gracious!

Over the past few days, I have been thinking about 'GRACE.'

Many people "say grace" before meals, acknowledging their daily bread as a gift from God. We are grateful for someone's kindness, gratified by good news, congratulated when successful, gracious in hosting friends. A composer of music may add grace notes to the score. Though not essential to the melody, these notes add a flourish whose presence would be missed. We also learn about a word from its opposite. Media outlets talk about celebrities and politicians "falling from grace," a truly despicable person is described as having no "saving grace" about him."

But grace is a word that we Christians have a special love for. We receive **God's Rescue/Riches At Christ's Expense**. I love what writer Philip Yancy writes about the word 'grace', he says "*it contains the essence of the gospel as a drop of water can contain the image of the sun.*"

Isn't that a great image? These 5 letters carry the essence of the gospel. I recently heard from a friend about Christmas Day at their house, the kids were so excited to run down and open their presents and the 2 boys went straight for the 2 big wrapped parcels under the tree. They excitedly tore off the paper and were thrilled to find a pirate ship each! They ran up to their parents and wrapped their arms around them, thankful for a better gift than they had even dared imagine - at which point the parents said to them "Wait, there's more under the tree!" You see folks, grace is an ocean of God's goodness - there's always more! Because of Christ's death and resurrection - there's always more under the tree (don't forget the cross is classified as a tree in the New Testament!).



It was amazing to have our in-house parish weekend with John and Annie Hughes, and to hear such marvellous teaching on the grace gifts of holiness (he makes us like Him), unity (he can make us ONE), and intimacy (he'll bring us close to the Father). It will be amazing during Holy Week, each evening in Magheralin from Monday to Friday at 8pm, to look at the gift of Christ's SACRIFICE. A sacrifice that was "filled with Grace", was "for all", was "urgent", "holy" and "completely voluntary". Do join us for these special evenings to hear more about this Amazing Grace!

I love the symbols of baptism and confirmation that we use within the Church of Ireland. John chapter 1 talks about grace on top of grace - and this is so true in these symbols. Regularly we have baptism which symbolises the need for the washing away of sins and the need for new life in Christ - it is amazing to offer this to infants when we are promising as a Church to help them on that journey towards their own conversion, and beautiful to offer it to adults as we will on Easter Sunday, to mark people's arrival after that journey, ie they have come to Christ and want to celebrate it! And if baptism is GRACE, confirmation is more GRACE on top!! It will be great to have the Bishop coming to Magheralin on Pentecost Sunday Night, the 20th of May, to pray the power of the Holy Spirit over our candidates, and should be a powerful night of celebration for the whole church!



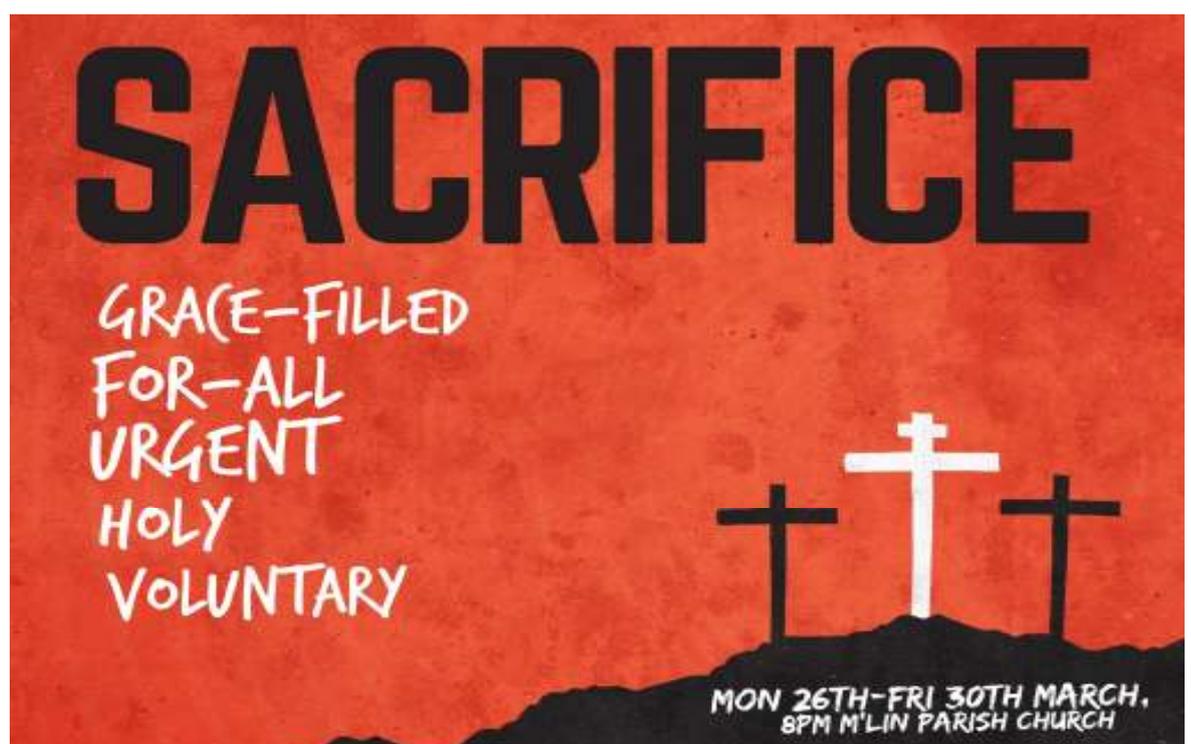
So forgiveness from Jesus is grace, the power of the Holy Spirit to live for Jesus is grace over grace! I wonder have you unwrapped the gift of salvation yet? Have you had a taste of his grace? The symbol of baptism is very important, but it is only a symbol whether you get it as a 0 year old or a 100 year old - the key is, have you got the grace? And if you have received the grace gift of salvation, are you satisfied or do you want more of God's grace? Remember because of Jesus' death and resurrection, there's always more under the tree!

Praying that you have a meaningful Holy Week and Easter, discovering the empty cross and the empty tomb afresh,

Love,

Love,

Simon





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARISH HOME GROUPS.....



“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing”.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

If I go to church why bother with a home group?

Those of us who have joined home groups know that we are often a group of like-minded people, trusting, supporting and encouraging each other, eager to study the Bible, talk about God, pray and learn. Let’s not forget about the food and the banter either!

Having had the privilege of visiting most of our home groups, I found a real sense of connectedness between people. I saw Bible study in groups where each member felt able to share thoughts and tease out meaning, relating it to their own experiences. I saw heartfelt personal prayer, prayer for spiritual gifts, conversations shared in trust and assurances that group members would uphold each other in prayer and in practical ways too.

There were also the great suppers and the chat and craic, an opportunity to develop fellowship and deeper friendships. Most of all a real sense of belonging.

Are home groups all the same?

In Magheralin and St. Saviour’s, Dollingstown we are a diverse bunch. Our home groups are equally diverse which is just as it should be. There is sure to be something to suit everyone and we hope our home groups will grow in size and number over the next months and years. We need you!

There are a number of models for meetings, featuring different sizes, different formats, times, and resources.

WHEN? some meet weekly, fortnightly and monthly, during the day and evening

WHAT? resources vary between studies on books of the Bible, Bible characters, DVDs, books from well - known Christian authors or individual teaching from home group leaders and members

WHO? there are mixed age groups, groups for young adults and older adults, men/women only groups...you name it we have it (or can start it!)

WHERE? Dollingstown and Magheralin areas

WHY? prayer, support, praise, worship, equipping, fellowship, learning, social outings and craic

Interested in joining a home group or finding out more?

Give me a ring (07745 799 323), have a chat with me at Dollingstown on Sunday or speak to Simon, Carlton or any of the leaders.

Tom Maginnes



Tom & Andrea Maginnes



Senior's Home Group – Gordon Whitehead

Wednesdays Weekly - 10.30am – 12.30pm
at Margaret Powell's home -
42 Taughrane Lodge, Dollingstown

Paul and Rosie Gardner's Home Group

Wednesdays 8.00pm – 9.30pm
Venue - moves around

Tracey Oakes's Home Group

Every other Thursday – 8.00pm
27 Old Kilmore Road, Moira

Chris Sloan's Home Group

Monday Nights – 8.00pm
Various Locations

Rosie Lockhart's Home Group

Wednesday Nights - 8.00pm
Trinity Room – Magheralin Parish Church Hall

Michael & Libby Chapman's Home Group

Every other Thursday – 8.00pm
11 Glencroft, Magheralin

Mark & Diane Bailey's Home Group

Every Thursday – 8.00pm
19 Bowens Lane, Lurgan

Basil & Amanda Howard's Home Group

Last Friday night in the month – 8.00pm
120A Newforge Road, Magheralin

Let your roots grow down into Him and let your lives be built on him.....

PLEASE JOIN US

EVERYONE WELCOME!

A CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK

Above concert is planned for Friday 16th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a joint venture between the local Magheralin Community Association and Magheralin Parish Church.

The evening will include the popular community singing, local talent and most importantly some factual information about the great man himself. There will also be some elements of worship.

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that part of the proceeds from this event will be donated to "Guide Dogs for the Blind" and we hope to have at least one member of that great organisation in attendance.

So please plan to come along. I think I can safely promise something for everyone, including a light supper.

I would also encourage you, particularly if you know little about St. Patrick, to research and learn more about the man who describes himself as "a sinner, a most simple countryman, the least of all the faithful and most contemptible to many"

You should be able to pay at the door but to be sure of getting a seat tickets will be available at the Parish Office or from members of the Community Association.

Ticket Price is £5.00 with free entry for children under 12 years of age.

If you would like further information or would like to take part in the concert (extra voices to the community choir always welcome) then please contact me.

Thank You

Colin McLoughlin

THE BREASTPLATE OF ST PATRICK

A prayer by St Patrick against the temptations of the world

I rise today with the power of God to guide me,
The might of God to uphold me,
The wisdom of God to teach me,
The eye of God to watch over me,
The ear of God to hear me,
The word of God to give me speech,
The hand of God to protect me,
The path of God to lie before me,
The shield of God to shelter me,
The host of God to defend me.



Against the snares of the devil and the temptations of the world,
Against every man who meditates injury to me,
Whether far or near.



A Joint Venture Between



Magheralin Parish Church & Magheralin Community Association

AN EVENING CELEBRATION
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
ST PATRICK

Magheralin Parish Church Hall
Friday 16th March 2018 at 7.30pm
featuring

A Wealth of Home Grown Talent

*Singing, Musicians, Sketches,
Irish Dancing & Community Singing*

Including

A Light Supper

Minimum Donation £5.00

(Children under 12 years of age FREE)



In aid of



*Guide Dogs for the Blind
& Magheralin Community Association Funds*

LONDON TO PARIS CHARITY CYCLE 2018

The Back Story:

One Saturday afternoon last March, while sitting at home feeling less than fit, I saw an article on social media promoting ABC Council's Sofa to Saddle challenge. My husband, Robert, has been cycling for about 30 years and has taken part in various sportives during that time. I never showed any interest, but by the time he came home from the gym that day, I'd signed up to a cycling course which ended with a sportive challenge. I hadn't read the small print, just that the event would be held on Father's Day starting and finishing at Craigavon Lakes. Had I read the small print I might have been put off, because the sportive turned out to be a choice of 60Km or 100Km long. Both seemed daunting distances with only 10 weeks to prepare. So at Easter it was off to purchase a road bike 'Lexa' and the journey began.....

My Dad, Joe Mitchell, had cycled all his life and Mum tells of how he used to cycle from Lurgan to Stranmillis College every Wednesday evening to visit her! He retired in 2002, and decided to challenge himself to 'Pedal to Paris' raising money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. He trained hard and raised the money necessary for the trip. Unfortunately he came off his bike in June 2003, and after a month in Intensive Care in Craigavon Hospital he sadly passed away and so never fulfilled his dream of cycling from London to Paris.

So what better way to remember him than attach a cream rose to 'Lexa' and cycle 100Km on a sunny June Father's Day last year. It was tough, but encouraged all the way by my MAMIL (middle aged man in lycra), we made it!

Fast forward to August and another Saturday morning surfing the internet, and into my head pops a cycle to Paris idea! After some research Robert and I signed up to a London to Paris cycle in aid of Marie Curie and in memory of my Dad. So right now we're in training for the event in September 2018. We've lots of road miles to do, and also a challenging fund raising target to meet. In the last three months we've raised around £1,500 thanks to a collection in Costcutters, Dollingstown, a fireside quiz, some donations from friends and family, five craft fairs and a collection at a Glenavon home game. However more events are planned.

Next we are holding, what we hope will be our biggest fundraiser, a Coffee Morning in St Saviour's Church, Dollingstown on Saturday 10th March 2018 from 10am until 12.15pm. We'd love to see as many people as possible there, have a chat, and raise some more money for Marie Curie. We hope you can make it.

Robert and Stephanie invite you to a
Coffee Morning
St Saviour's Church,
Dollingstown

**Saturday 10th March
10am - 12.15pm**

*Please come along
and support this
fundraising event.*

**CYCLING LONDON TO
PARIS FOR MARIE CURIE**

Marie Curie
Care and support through terminal illness



GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY



During February the girls enjoyed an evening of Zumba and have been busy with their entries for our end of year competitions. The Bible Study papers have all been completed and returned for marking and the girls are busy at the moment putting the finishing touches to their Arts and Crafts entries.

The arts and crafts entries will be judged on Friday, 16th March, in Aghalee. Hopefully the girls will be well rewarded for all their hard work!

During Holy Week there will be no GFS however all girls of P4 age and above will attend the Holy Week service in Magheralin Parish. This will take place on Tuesday, 27th March at 8.00pm at which "Play it by Ear" drama group will be taking part. The younger girls will not be required to attend.

As well as competition preparation the girls are also completing their badgework and getting ready for our annual display which takes place on Friday, 4th May.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday, 27th March

No G.F.S, however girls of P4 age and over will attend the Holy Week service in church in full G.F.S. uniform.

Tuesday, 3rd April

No G.F.S., Easter Tuesday

Tuesday, 10th April

G.F.S. returns after Easter break

Friday, 4th May

G.F.S Annual Display

Kate & Lara



GFS PURPOSE

***"To unite for the glory of God in one fellowship of prayer and service,
girls and women throughout the world,
to promote friendship,
and to uphold purity in thought,
word and deed."***



It is not often that big occasions in the life of our parish take place in the early weeks of the year. This year was very different, however, with the re-dedication of the parish church after refurbishment taking place on 28th January. Like the main body of the church, the chancel has seen some dramatic changes with the removal of the choir stalls formerly occupied by the ladies, while the gentlemen still retain their original pews. The ladies now have well upholstered seating equipping them for any sermons of inordinate length that might be planned.

The music that evening was both well-known and contemporary. Our pieces were Rejoice, the Lord is King (Malcom Archer), being a modern setting of Charles Wesley's famous hymn and the more meditative Christ Be Beside Me (again by Malcom Archer), inspired by the words of St. Patrick's Breastplate.

Following closely on the heels of the re-dedication of the parish church was the in-house parish weekend. The choir led the worship at the opening and closing sessions in the parish church.

Recent weeks have also seen a boost in our membership. Firstly, we would like to welcome Naomi, who joins Katie, her cousin. We hope that more younger people will consider joining our ranks. Secondly, we also like to salute Bertie Hunter, a former member of the tenor line, who returns to us after a long absence.

Choir practice is underway for Easter and also for the community St. Patrick's concert which takes place on 16th March in our own parish hall.



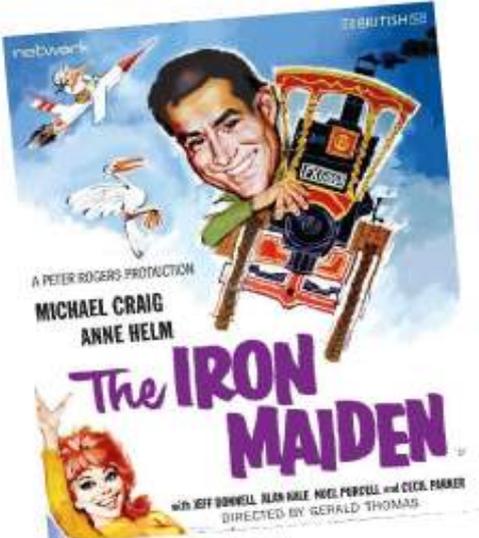
May we take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work David, our sexton does in the presentation of our beautifully refurbished Parish Church.

The Friendship Group also really appreciate a warm room, laid out for our activities each Tuesday afternoon.

Well done, David, and thank you .

The Friendship Group

SENIORS MOVIE NIGHT 14



Tuesday 13th March
St Saviour's Dollingstown
7.30pm

 **Free Popcorn & Ice Cream** 


Admission is Free!
Come along and bring your Friends



In the last few weeks we have been teaching the children all about the early church: Stephen the first Christian martyr, the background of his persecutor Saul and how Saul was transformed and used by God to bring the Good News of Jesus to all. Now we go into our last session for this year "The Patriarchs" - Abraham! Issac & Jacob. We'll be looking at The Tower of Babel, Abram's saving faith, God is faithful to keep his promises, His picture of the promised Saviour & God chooses Jacob. Theses lesson along with memory verses, choruses & handouts hopefully help the

children to get a better understanding of the Bible.

We had to tell the children some sad news that Helen Sands, one of our leaders had passed away and was now in heaven. Her enthusiasm, loyalty and helpfulness will be missed by all concerned. We extend our sympathies to Helen's wider family circle.

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th March

NO GNC (St. Patrick's Bank holiday)

GNC Leaders



PLEASE NOTE

All Christmas wreaths and Christmas floral decorations will be removed from the graveyard on the first two weeks of March. If there is any thing you wish to keep please remove them ASAP as they may be disposed of.



REVISION OF PARISH KEY REGISTER

The Select Vestry are currently carrying out a revision of the parish key register in an attempt to make sure that we comply with our insurance obligation to have an up to date register of key holders.

To help with the revision organisation leaders have been asked to supply details of all their Leader, officers and helpers that hold keys for any building or part thereof in the parish. To help with this process it is important that key holders supply the information requested by their organisation leader.

Any one who holds keys belonging to the parish and are no longer needed in the organisation for which they were issued or any keys which are not being used should be returned to the parish office.

All key holders are reminded of their obligations viz:

- All keys should be kept securely
- The key holder should not allow the key to be used by any other individual
- A duplicate or replacement key must not be cut without the approval of the Select Vestry
- Keys should be returned the Parish Office at date agreed, or when they are no longer needed to run the activity for which they have been assigned.
- Any loss or damage to key(s) should be reported immediately to the Parish Office.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY - 11 APRIL 2018 AT 7.45 PM IN DOLLINGSTOWN

Around Easter time, every year, a General Vestry meeting is held in parishes throughout the Church of Ireland. The General Vestry meeting in our parish will be held on Wednesday 11 April at 7.45pm. The venue this year will be Dollingstown.

The General Vestry meeting is held in compliance with the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. It is not a business meeting; however it is very important.

The meeting is chaired by the Rector and reports are given by him and the treasurer. In his report the Treasurer presents and explains the annual accounts.

After the reports the Rector announces his Church and Glebe Wardens and thereafter elections follow to appoint Peoples Church and Glebe Wardens and Select Vestry all of whom will stay in office until the next election which will be around Easter time next year. Every third year elections also take place for other appointments.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Easter Vestry but only those on the General Vestry Register can vote.



LOVEFORLIFE

informing choice



The staff and directors of Love for Life are delighted to invite you to a very special evening. On **Saturday 21st April**, hundreds of people will gather in Titanic, Belfast for our amazing Spring Ball. Following a drinks reception, a five course dinner will be served in the famous ballroom, featuring the iconic staircase. Dancing to the Al Bennett band will follow and lead us late into the night.

As a church family, Magheralin Parish has been so faithful and generous in its support of our work.

We want to say thank you. We want you to join with us for this special evening as we celebrate what God has done and look forward to the next chapter of our work as an organisation.

Why not gather a few friends and commit to coming to share in this great evening? Contact the office today on 3882 0555 to secure a table and join us in working towards a better society where young people value themselves, relationships and sex. For more information about the work of Love for Life visit www.loveforlife.org.uk



MOTHERS' UNION



Unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions we had to cancel out last meeting. Miss Campbell has said she will re-schedule our plate decorations for next season.

Our March meeting is "A Night At The Soaps" with Irene and Pamela. Hope to see you on Tuesday 6th March.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of the late Miss Helen Sands and Mrs Marti Allen on the death of her husband Leslie.

FIELDS OF LIFE

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Fields Of Life. Many parishioners will know that the vision for this organisation had its origins in this parish. Trevor Stevenson who was a former Curate in the 1990's felt led by God to do something for the people of Uganda. Before his Ordination Trevor had come from a farming background near Bray, Trevor is now Rector of Crinken Parish, Bray.

The situation in Uganda in the 1990's had become increasingly difficult following the reign of President Adi Amin. The Christian Church had been harassed and people suffered as a result of food shortages and economic hardship. Trevor decided to raise funds to enable land to be purchased which could be developed to help people with food production, education and health improvement. Trevor decided to travel around Ireland on a tractor and raised the money from donations given by Churches and individuals. The amount raised came to £126,000. This enabled Trevor to purchase up to 100 acres of land. Trevor and his wife Ruth went to Uganda in 1993 and stayed for 3 years. In 1995 Fields Of Life became a registered charity in Northern Ireland and U.K. With Trevor becoming its first director. Trevor is presently Chairman of the Fields of life Committee

The first Fields Of Life Academy was built in Uganda in 1997. Over the years, upwards of 40 men from different parishes and congregations have gone out to Uganda and other parts of East Africa to help build many schools. These teams were under the leadership of David Charleton a lay reader from Killkeel parish who had his own building firm. The teams were known as "Hope Builders".

Fields Of Life is committed to sharing the Christian Faith by collaborating with local communities and churches in East Africa to bring about positive change through the provision of quality education, clean water, health promotion and other community based projects.

The Fields Of Life sponsorship programme ensures that the most vulnerable children are identified and provided with the assistance necessary for them to attend school and to receive an education.

At present 120 schools have been built and 500,000 children have been helped with education. There are presently 55,000 children attending schools. 6,000 children are currently supported through a sponsorship programme. In 2009 Fields Of Life have been involved in drilling for clean water in different parts of East Africa. At present there are 673 wells enabling 750,000 people to have access to clean water.

In this special year Fields Of Life will be holding various events to highlight the work of the organisation and to raise money. A special celebration Gala is being held in Tullyglass Hotel on 9th March. There is a fun run at the Stormont Estate on 9th June and Carols by candlelight in ST Anne's Cathedral in December.

Further Details can be obtained from the head office 25 Carn Road, Craigavon. Tel: 38 390395 or visit the website www.FieldsOfLife.org.

We thank God for what has been accomplished over these 25 years and pray that the Lord will continue to enable the Organisation to develop its ministry of caring and support in the name of Christ to the people of East Africa in the years ahead.

David Coe





Our CLICK and JAM services have continued on the theme 'The day I met Jesus' and in February it was great to learn again from the story of when Jesus came to visit at the home of Mary and Martha.

Amy and Hannah set the scene very well as they performed a drama reminding us about the difference in the two characters of the sisters and in which we were reminded that because of Jesus love for us he wants us not to be too busy to focus on what is better. Later Stephen helped us to think about the importance of not being distracted but to focus on Jesus. He gave us a number of practical ways in which we could regularly worship, read our bibles and to pray. 'Thank you' Amy, Hannah and Stephen.

Our next CLICK and JAM services will be on Palm Sunday 25 March when we'll be thinking again about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and hear from another character who met Jesus that day. Please note the change of Sunday.

JAM – Dollingstown 9.30

CLICK – Magheralin 11.30

The CLICK & JAM teams



BEREAVEMENT

Café

LET'S JUST TALK
Thursday 15th March
2.30pm
Minor Hall, Magheralin
Everyone Welcome

JOIN US FOR

Messy Easter

Saturday 24th March
Magheralin Parish Church Hall
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Enjoy lots of Activities, Craft,
Worship, Fun and Food
as we celebrate Easter
& Much More!

Everyone Welcome
Children must be accompanied by an adult

1st MARALIN BOYS' BRIGADE



Last month boys were preparing for and taking part in the following Competitions and starting working on display items.

Company Section and Junior Section Scripture and Junior Section Figure Marching

I would like to start off our BB notes by congratulating our Junior Section boys on the way in which they conducted themselves during the scripture test on 8th February overseen by myself and during their scripture classes, taken by Simon, Carlton and various other guest speakers and officers throughout the year. Results have not yet been received, but will let you know how our Junior Section boys fared next month.

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme within our Company is just entering its eleventh year, again joined by 1st Donaghcloney BB. The boys are embarking on a range of activities, including service, skills, physical recreation and expeditions in the Mourne Mountains. The biggest hurdle for the boys is the expedition, two full days and one night in the Mourne Mountains for bronze and three full days and two nights for silver. The boys started off last month with a day walk in the Mournes, learning a range of navigational skills, which will come in handy during their expeditions. I will keep you informed of our exploits during the year.

The Company Section have also been working towards their Scripture with classes taken by Simon, officers and various members of the Parish including some of our previous boys; it's been great to see them back with us and it would also be great to see them join us as officers in the future. The boys will be tested on the Scripture in the coming Month. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with our Junior and Company Section Scripture this BB year.

February was quite a quiet month, with only three nights due to a concert in the hall and one of those nights was half term, which was a quiet but fun evening for all the boys.

The Junior Section Figure Marching team have been working hard to memorise and polish up their moves before the competition on Monday 8th March judged by officers from Portadown Battalion. Good luck to the boys, they have worked hard and we know they will do their best.

Thank you Maralin officers Harry Lockhart and Christopher Wooster who were asked by Portadown Battalion to judge their Junior Section Figure Marching competition, which took place last month, I'm sure that was a daunting prospect but hey both seemed to enjoy the evening, making new contacts, assisting our Battalion and picking up tips along the way.

Our fire drill was also carried out this month, I must admit even though the boys and officers didn't know about the drill, they did very well. Well done to you all.

Forthcoming BB events in March:-

Fund Raising Bacon Butty Breakfast
Junior Section Figure Marching
Easter Service (Junior and Company Sections)

Saturday 3rd March
Monday 8th March
Tuesday 27th March

Finally good luck to all the boys in all sections working towards their respective badges, especially in Company Section, where boys are attending training weekends for their D of E Awards, Presidents and Queens Badges.

Please remember us in your prayers as we continue to supervise the boys at all our events and activities in the coming months.

Yours in BB

Martin Wooster (Company Captain)

The Boy's Brigade Object:-

The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst boys and the Promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.



**St Patrick's Day
Family Celebration**
SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018

Pilgrimage from Saul Church at 10.15 am
Family Fun at Down Cathedral from 10.30 am
All-age Festival Service at 11.45 am



What's coming up for you this Easter...?

Messy Easter – Saturday March 24th

A special afternoon for all the family held in Magheralin church halls – 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Good Friday All age Worship @ 11.00am

An all age service looking again at the events of Good Friday. A drama group called Play it by ear will be helping us this year alongside the usual worship time and an opportunity to engage in creative prayer stations. Please come along and join us at 11.00am on this reflective and special day.

Family Worship Rooms Sunday April 22nd at 4.00pm in Magheralin Parish Church

3An opportunity for the church family from our youngest to the oldest to spend time worshipping God together with singing, readings, prayer and reflective areas in an informal setting. We look forward to welcoming Susanne Hannah with her band to lead us in this special time. It will have something for everyone so please plan to come and join us!

Thank you for all your support and we hope you have a very HAPPY EASTER.

The teachers



MAGHERALIN

During March our theme in Kids Church is 'God knows our hearts.' As we approach Easter we will be particularly focusing on Jesus anointed with perfume, the Garden of Gethsemane and Peter's denial.

Our memory verse is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.' Deuteronomy 6:5

Two dates worth noting are Sunday 11th March and Saturday 24th March.

Sunday 11th March is Mother's Day. The children will have Kids Church as usual but will be returning to church at the end of the service to thank all the wonderful ladies in our parish who help us in so many ways.

Saturday 24th March is Messy Easter and it is always a fun-filled afternoon with many activities, crafts, songs and food.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 4th March- Kids Church as usual

Sunday 11th March- Mother's Day and Kids Church as usual

Sunday 18th March- Kids Church as usual

Saturday 24th March- Messy Easter 2pm-4.30pm Magheralin Parish Church Hall

Sunday 25th March - CLICK family service

Sunday 1st April- Easter Sunday, no Kids Church

Sunday 8th April- No Kids Church

Sunday 15th April- CLICK family service

Sunday 22nd April- Kids Church as usual

Maralin Kids Church Team

A TRIBUTE TO BILLY GRAHAM FROM BISHOP HAROLD MILLER

Billy Graham was perhaps the most influential Christian preacher in the second half of the Twentieth Century. He conducted 417 crusades in 185 countries across the globe. Some of the most significant were in the UK. Indeed, the Church of England was greatly influenced by the 1954 Harringay Crusade in particular, where many of those who were to be clergy in the post-war era came to a decision of faith.

My own first experience of hearing Billy Graham preach was in his UK-wide crusade in the late 1960s, which was beamed in to the old Grosvenor Hall, and no doubt many other venues. It had a profound impact on me because I had only recently been converted. Before that rally, people were trained up as 'counsellors', to be able to lead others to faith in Christ. I was one, and it was probably my first experience of that privilege of seeing others give their lives over to the Lord. Ever since, my very greatest privilege in ministry has been the joy of seeing another person come to know Jesus Christ.

Billy Graham's message was a simple but profound one – one which never really changes, but is fresh in every generation. He was influential right across the board, from royalty to the most ordinary person. He was given to us for a generation, and served the Lord faithfully in what he was called to do. Now he is in the closer presence of his Lord and Saviour, having finished the course and remained true to Christ right to the end – an example for all Christians.

When asked in an interview with CNN about how he would like to be remembered, Billy Graham said: 'That I was faithful to the message that he gave and faithful to the calling that he gave me to go into the world and preach the Gospel. That's how I would like to be remembered.'

He enters eternity in the wonderful assurance of the hymn which, above all other hymns, is associated with his crusades:

*Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Billy Graham Quotes:-

"No sign in the heavens. No voice from above. But in my spirit I knew I had been called to the ministry. And I knew my answer was yes."

"My home is in Heaven. I'm just travelling through this world."

"It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude that counts when we pray."

"Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God."

"Our days are numbered. One of the primary goals in our lives should be to prepare for our last day. The legacy we leave is not just in our possessions, but in the quality of our lives. What preparations should we be making now? The greatest waste in all of our earth, which cannot be recycled or reclaimed, is our waste of the time that God has given us each day."

"I know that soon my life will be over. I thank God for it, and for all He has given me in this life. But I look forward to Heaven."

"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

MAGHERALIN PARISH DIRECTORY

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Please note the Rector's day off is Wednesday – if you would like to leave a message please call the Parish Office and we will make sure it is passed on.

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If anyone is admitted to hospital please let the Rector or the Parish Office know as soon as possible so a visit can be organised.



MARCH



Thursday 1 st March	10.30am - 6.30pm -	Playdays BB	- -	Magheralin Magheralin
Saturday 3 rd March	8.30am 11.00am	1st Maralin Boys' Brigade Bacon Butty Breakfast Fund Raiser	-	Magheralin
Sunday 4 th March	9.30am - 11.30am - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Service Engage (Red Door)	- - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 5 th March	2.00pm - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Bowls Club Good News Club Prayer Union	- - -	Magheralin Dollingstown Magheralin
Tuesday 6 th March	2.00pm - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Friendship Group GFS Mothers' Union	- - -	Magheralin Magheralin Dollingstown
Wednesday 7 th March	10.30am - 7.45pm -	Playdays Bible Study Fellowship	- -	Dollingstown Magheralin
Thursday 8 th March	10.30am - 6.30pm -	Playdays BB	- -	Magheralin Magheralin
Saturday 10 th March	10.00am - 12.15pm	Coffee Morning Cycling London to Parish for Marie Curie	-	Dollingstown
Sunday 11 th March	9.30am - 11.30am - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Service Engage (Red Door)	- - - -	Dollingstown Magheralin Magheralin Magheralin
Monday 12 th March	2.00pm - 6.30pm - 8.00pm -	Bowls Club Good News Club Prayer Union	- - -	Magheralin Dollingstown Magheralin
Tuesday 13 th March	2.00pm - 6.30pm - 7.00pm -	Friendship Group GFS Senior's Movie Night	- - -	Magheralin Magheralin Dollingstown
Wednesday 14 th March	10.30am - 7.45pm -	Playdays Bible Study Fellowship	- -	Dollingstown Magheralin
Thursday 15 th March	10.30am - 6.30pm -	Playdays BB	- -	Magheralin Magheralin

Friday 16 th March -	7.00pm -	St Patrick's Night Concert	-	Magheralin
Saturday 17 th March	10.00am -	Knitwits Etc	-	Dollingstown
Sunday 18 th March	9.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	Morning Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Engage (Red Door)	-	Magheralin
Monday 19 th March	2.00pm -	Bowls Club	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Good News Club	-	Dollingstown
	8.00pm -	Prayer Union	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 20 th March	2.00pm -	Friendship Group	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	GFS	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 21 st March	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Dollingstown
	7.45pm -	Bible Study Fellowship	-	Magheralin
Thursday 22 nd March	10.30am -	Playdays	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	BB	-	Magheralin
Sunday 25 th March	8.30am -	Holy Communion	-	Magheralin
	9.30am -	JAM All Age Worship	-	Dollingstown
	11.30am -	CLICK All Age Worship	-	Magheralin
	6.30pm -	Evening Service	-	Magheralin
	8.00pm -	Café Church	-	Dollingstown

Holy Week

Monday 26 th March	8.00pm -	Holy Week Service	-	Magheralin
Tuesday 27 th March	8.00pm -	Holy Week Service	-	Magheralin
Wednesday 28 th March	8.00pm -	Holy Week Service	-	Magheralin
Thursday 29 th March	8.00pm -	Holy Week Service	-	Magheralin
Good Friday 30 th March	11.00am -	All Age Service for Good Friday	-	Dollingstown
	8.00pm -	Holy Week Service	-	Magheralin

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 1 st April	6.30pm -	Dawn Communion – Rectory Garden	-	Magheralin
	9.30am -	Easter Celebration	-	Dollingstown
		Renewal of Baptismal Vows		
	11.30am -	Easter Celebration	-	Magheralin
		Renewal of Baptismal Vows		

Please note there is no evening service

From the Register

Burials

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

25 th January 2018	Mary Elizabeth (Elsie) Andrews
27 th January 2018	Helen Florence Sands
12 th February 2018	Ellen (Ellie) Cassidy
24 th February 2018	Leslie Allen
25 th February 2018	David Baxter
28 th February 2018	Margretta (Gie) Gibson

Sanctuary Flowers



**If you would like to provide Sanctuary flowers,
please contact Caroline Dawson 9261 1596**

MARCH 2018

Sunday 4 th March 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 11 th March 2018	-	Mothers' Union
Sunday 18 th March 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 25 th March 2018	-	VACANT

APRIL 2018

Sunday 1 st April 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 8 th April 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 15 th April 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 22 nd April 2018	-	VACANT
Sunday 29 th April 2018	-	VACANT

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