



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 - FEBRUARY 2018

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You may have heard of, or even seen, the phenomenon of aeroplanes flying bannerettes that ask, 'Will you marry me?' or engagement rings located in the strangest but so-called romantic places. The lengths people go to declare their love for someone else! Ash Wednesday this year falls on St Valentine's Day. St Valentine, of course, is traditionally associated with love and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Many of us plan to give things up for the period of Lent and many of us have differing reasons for that abstinence. May I suggest, in the Christian sense, that the main reason we vacate habits or patterns during Lent should be love. Love for whom or what we may ask? Jesus went to the ultimate length to demonstrate His love for us when He died on a cross for you and I. Such was the extent of that love through torture and execution, He endured the vilest form of death to ensure that we could know salvation and eternal life through the forgiveness of sins. There was no other way in God's redemptive plan for the world. His plans are always perfect and for the immeasurable love He has for His creation.

As we abstain this season of Lent, may we reflect on the little we give up sacrificially in penitence and devotion to our Lord as a way of returning that love to the God who gave all for you and I.

God bless you.

Services - February

Week commencing 4th

Creggan -	9.30am HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2

Week commencing 11th

Creggan -	9.30am Family Service
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12 noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am HC2
Dundalk -	11.00am HC2

Week commencing 18th

Creggan -	9.30am MP2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12 noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP1
Dundalk -	11.00am Family Service

Week commencing 25th

Creggan -	8.00pm HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2

The next Rural Deanery service will be held in

**St Marys, Ardee on
Wednesday 7th February at
7.30pm.**

Everyone is encouraged to attend and continue to strengthen our links with others throughout the Creggan and Louth deanery.

Please make this a date for your diaries as it is a great opportunity to meet with others from different parishes within the deanery of Creggan and Louth.



The theme the services will take this year is '6 Aspects of Prayer as modelled by Jesus'.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February	DUNDALK 7.30PM
WEDNESDAY 21st February	CREGGAN 7.30PM
WEDNESDAY 28th February	HEYNESTOWN 7.30PM
WEDNESDAY 7th March	BUSH 7.30PM
WEDNESDAY 14th March	BALLYMASCANLAN 7.30PM
WEDNESDAY 21st March	DUNDALK 7.30PM

May I encourage you all to attend one or more of these services over the Lenten period as part of our Christian service and devotion.

SELECT VESTRY MEETINGS

Dundalk on **Thursday 22nd February** at 8pm in St Richards side chapel.

Come and Experience the Living Word
Bible Study

Bible study will be held in St Richards side chapel, Dundalk on **Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm**. Everyone very welcome

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

The Mothers Union are having their February meeting

Monday 26th February at 10.00am

St Richards side chapel, Dundalk.

The speaker will be Fiona Squibb who is from the Animal rescue centre. All ladies are welcome.

A great evening was had by all in the Lisdoon when 27 of the ladies met for their annual dinner on Tuesday 16th January.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Bishop Isesomo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Our children, young people and education
- Homeless, disadvantaged and unemployed
- Hospitalized, sick and those in different forms of care
- Those who grieve and walk the path of bereavement
- Preparations for a closer walk with God over the Lenten season and beyond
- Those preparing for confirmation in April
- For those in government and a reconvening of government in the North of Ireland

FROM THE REGISTER:

- ◆ David Grills' funeral was held in St Andrew's, Bush on 12th January 2018

E3 MISSION:

As highlighted in the last newsletter, there is a mission planned for May in Dundalk when the team from E3 (an Irish/American group of Christians with a heart for sharing Christ's love in Ireland) will be with us. They hope to work in tandem with the Group of Parishes as we seek to build on the existing mission field in the town and reach out with the love of God where He continues to lead us in many practical ways. The mission itself runs from 18th to 27th May and there will be two information/training days in February regarding thinking and planning for this time. The two days are 23rd and 24th February beginning at 9.30am each day. The first date will be held in St Nicholas church and the second in the Wellington Hall. Please pray about this exciting venture and it would be wonderful if some folks from any of the 5 churches were available to help at any time over the mission period. If you are inquisitive and vaguely interested please drop into one of the information days with no obligation.



'Four Fields' Training

Friday 23rd February 2018
9am-5pm

St. Nicholas' Church (Church of Ireland), Dundalk

An opportunity to discover the global [#noplaceleft](#) movement, a biblical pattern for disciple making movements and how your church/group/organisation can get involved.

Gospel Conversations Training

Saturday 24th February 2018
9am-5pm

Wellington Hall, St. Mary's Road, Dundalk

Equipping believers who are interested in making disciples with simple, effective tools to cast vision, pray for lost people, start gospel conversations and follow-up to begin discipleship.

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