



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



HOLY WEEK

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2018

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to take you on a journey to a very real place. A place that is very unique but nothing there works the way it should. It seems to defy the laws of physics and has left thousands of people enthralled over many years who have visited it. Many people are still mystified by it. This place is called the 'magic road' and it exists in the Mourne mountains near a spot named Spelga dam.

The 'magic road' allows your car, seemingly parked downhill, to reverse uphill in its own steam without the need for gears or a push! I will not explain the mystery now as it might dampen people's desire to try it out for themselves!! As a result, I could be a tourist officer for the Mournes!!

The cross of Christ is a phenomenon that defies logic to the world. Why would this man Jesus give Himself up to death willingly for many who couldn't care less about Him? By the time the next newsletter will be issued, Easter will be upon us and it is important that we reflect afresh in this Lenten season on the death of Christ. Jesus' death doesn't make sense to those who do not know Him as Saviour. Those who know Christ know the reality of the forgiveness of sins because of His death and by accepting that, receive the gift of salvation. Jesus is God in carnate and died on a horrible cross for you and I. He did so out of love for you and I so that we could be released from the bondage of sin which keeps us all from God's presence. He died for everyone, even those who don't care anything for Him because He never gives up on love and that all would receive Him as Lord one day.

This Easter I pray that we will all embrace the God through Christ who has defied human logic and went to a cross to redeem the whole of creation. I pray for renewal for those who have lost their love for Jesus and for the free gift of salvation to be received for those yet to come to the God of love.

God bless you.

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
- For Syria and nations embroiled with terrorism
- The government in the Republic and the re-formation of a government in the North
- Archbishop Richard and the diocese of Armagh
- Those who are bereaved
- The hospitalized, those cared for at home and those in nursing care
- Drawing closer to Christ over Lent and Easter
- E3 mission preparations
- The homeless, destitute and needy

FROM THE REGISTER:

- ◆ The funeral of Kathleen 'Geeka' Smith was held in St Nicholas, Dundalk on the 1st February
- ◆ The funeral of John Lynch was held in St Nicholas, Dundalk on the 17th February

Services - March

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 HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP1
Dundalk -	11.00am Family Service

Week commencing 25th

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



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

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.

Mothering Sunday

SUNDAY 11th MARCH

Mother's Day





Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

- ◆ **MONDAY 26TH MARCH** **CREGGAN 7.30PM**
- ◆ **TUESDAY 27TH MARCH** **BUSH 7.30PM**
- ◆ **WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH** **HEYNESTOWN**
7.30PM
- ◆ **MAUNDY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH**
BALLYMASCANLAN
7.30PM
- ◆ **GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH**
DUNDALK 7.30PM

St Nicholas church, Dundalk will be open from 11am on Good Friday until 5pm for private prayer and devotion.



EASTER EGG HUNT AND VIGIL:

The annual Easter egg hunt and vigil service will be held in

St Marys, Ballymascanlan at 3pm on Easter Saturday (31st March)

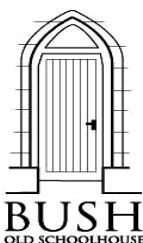
We would love to see as many people as possible there, particularly families. The short service will occur followed by the children searching for those chocolate delicacies in the grounds of St Marys church

Pray for good weather!

Bush Old SchoolHouse

For bookings and up to date news please visit the website.

www.busholdschoolhouse.com



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For bookings and up to date news please visit the website.

Alternatively you can call Colin 086 6085662

www.wellingtonhalldundalk.com

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Welcome all ladies to the Lady's Day service

Monday 26th March at 8pm

St Richards side chapel, Dundalk.

It would be great if as many ladies as possible were able to attend.

All welcome, both members & non- members.



DUNDALK HOMELESS SUPPORT GROUP

Thank you one and all who have contributed to the trolley ministry in St Nicholas church and we continue to encourage the donation of non-perishable items for all the homeless in the town of Dundalk. The Support Group are more than appreciative of all the help that is received and may we continue to keep in mind those who are needy and worse off than ourselves in this particular ministry.



Food Collection

E3 MISSION

Please keep praying for the up and coming mission planned in Dundalk from the

18th-27th May when the E3

team will be partnering with us as a group of parishes to bring

Christ's love through word and deed to the communities of the town. It would be wonderful if as many people as possible can be involved even in a small way at some point during the missional period. As Christians we are called to share the love of Christ with others and in the challenges of that we know the Holy Spirit equips and enables. If you are not able to be a part of the mission in a practical way, please feel free to pray for that time and that God's will is done.



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