



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 - JANUARY 2019

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I RECEIVED A RECONDITIONED VCR OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD. I HAVE VIDEO TAPES OF DOCTOR WHO GOING BACK MANY YEARS AND COULD NOT VIEW THEM FOR A LONG TIME DUE TO VCRS BEING NO LONGER AVAILABLE. PERHAPS, FOR SOME OF OUR YOUNGER READERS, A VCR MAY BE AN UNKNOWN TERM AND STANDS FOR VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER. JOY AND BLISS HAS ARRIVED AS I DUST OFF THE VIDEO BOXES AND ONCE AGAIN VIEW THE DOCTOR'S EXPLOITS AROUND THE UNIVERSE!!

IN OUR TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD, THE VIDEO MAY BE UNDERSTOOD AS OLD HAT AND WITH THE AMAZING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS SECTOR OF LIFE, DEVICES ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING, UPDATING AND RENEWING.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 SAYS, 'IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THEY ARE A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME' (paraphrase). AS WE ENTER ANOTHER NEW YEAR, WE REMEMBER THAT WE WILL NOT LIVE THROUGH ANOTHER 2018 OR ANY OTHER PREVIOUS YEAR FOR THAT MATTER. TIME AND DATE ARE ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD AND BECOME RENEWABLE. WHEN JESUS IS OUR SAVIOUR, SOMETHING HAPPENS WITHIN. OUR LIVES ARE NEVER THE SAME AGAIN. THE OLD PERSON THAT WE WERE, THE OLD WAY WITHOUT CHRIST IN OUR LIVES DISAPPEARS AND WE KNOW THE JOYS OF THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS, HIS PRESENCE AND FRIENDSHIP, AND THE GIFTS OF SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE. THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW LIFE AND A LIFE THAT SHOULD BECOME MORE CHRIST-LIKE THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES AS WE DEPEND ON HIS GRACE AND STRENGTH TO LIVE FOR HIM. ARE WE BEING RENEWED BY JESUS EACH DAY, ARE WE BECOMING MORE LIKE HIM? IT IS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS THAT WE CAN BEGIN THIS NEW LIFE AND I PRAY THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE RENEWED IN HIM AND BECOME MORE LIKE HIM THROUGH HIS EVER- PRESENT GRACE, MERCY AND LOVE.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL THIS NEW YEAR.

Geoffrey

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a service for the whole community during this important week in the church's calendar.

It will be held in St Pauls, Heynestown on Monday 21st January at 7.30pm.

It is a wonderful occasion when we are able to meet with others from different traditions in the community and have time to worship, pray and share around a Christian topical theme.

All are very welcome.



Services - JANUARY

Week commencing 6th

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

Week commencing 13th

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

Week commencing 20th

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

Week commencing 27th

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Isesomo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Prayer is needed for civil peace and protection as pastors continue to reach out with God's love in difficult circumstances. Pray too for the Diocesan childrens home and the curbing of an ebola outbreak. Also, for Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Those who lost loved ones in the Indonesian tsunami and for those who seek to bring humanitarian aid and assistance in any way
- The homeless, unemployed and destitute
- Those who are hospitalised, ill and in nursing care
- Giving thanks to God for the year past and for His blessings in the year ahead
- Our children and young people
- Unity in the universal church
- Confirmees in their step of faith as they prepare for classes and confirmation

FROM THE REGISTER:

- ◆ Claire and Ciaran McGuire had their service of marital blessing held in St Marys, Ballymascanlan on Saturday 22nd December.

Thank You

A huge thanks to all who were involved in services, decorations, preparation of advent wreaths and refreshments in any way over the Christmas period. It cannot be done without you.

SELECT VESTRY MEETINGS

**Dundalk on Monday 14th January at 8pm
in the Wellington Hall.**

DUNDALK HOMELESS SUPPORT GROUP:

Thank you one and all who continue to give so generously to the trolley ministry in St Nicholas, Dundalk. We encourage everyone to help in any way they can particularly over these dark and hard winter months that can be detrimental to all who find themselves homeless in Dundalk.

Please pray also for Kels, who leads up the group, for a speedy recovery after some very serious medical surgery. Thank you



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Annual Dinner

The Mothers Union are having their annual dinner on
Wednesday 16th January at 7pm

in the The Spotted Dog, The Longwalk Dundalk.

All ladies of the Parish are very welcome.

Contact M.U. member as soon as possible
If you wish to attend.



YOUTH GROUP

Youth group in St Nicholas, Dundalk will resume on 13th January for all teenagers and young people.

Both Sunday school and youth group in St Nicholas' church meet during the service time for their own separate fellowships and then return at the end of the service into the church again.




**CHRISTINE, MYSELF AND THE FAMILY WANT TO
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND THOUGHTS, GIFTS
AND CARDS OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.
IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH CHURCH (THE GREEN CHURCH)
with Dundalk Brass Band.

CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

*A traditional service of Nine Lessons & Carols
followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies.*

Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm
All Welcome



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St. Nicholas Parish Church Annual Carols By Candlelight collected €2500, which was split with two local charities. Dundalk Homeless Support Group received €1250 in supermarket vouchers in time for Christmas and The Women's Aid Dundalk received a cheque of €1250 which is going towards the development fund for the new refuge centre.

WELLINGTON HALL DUNDALK



For bookings and up to date news please visit the website.
Alternatively you can call Colin 086 6085662

www.wellingtonhalldundalk.com

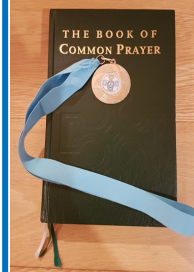
Come and Experience the Living Word

Bible Study



Bible Study will resume on **Thursday 17th January at 7.30pm** in St Richards side chapel. Everyone very welcome to come along as we continue to explore the book of Job.

COMMISSIONING OF RITA:



**Ms Rita Arthur will be commissioned
as Parish Reader in Armagh Cathedral
on Sunday 20th January at 3pm.**

We wish Rita every blessing at this important time in her walk with the Lord and it is another milestone for the group of parishes. Everyone is very welcome to come along and support Rita on her special day and we would love to see many there.
Continue to uphold her in prayer and we look forward to Rita's ongoing ministry in the group of churches.

OUTREACH:

"Little Lights" Praise Party
for families with young children
and toddlers. Saturday 19th January at 2pm-3pm in Mullabrack
Parish Hall. See Geoffrey or Tori for more details



Sunday schools resume in Creggan and Dundalk churches, 6th January and 13th January respectively.

All children aged between 4 & 12 are very welcome along for age appropriate learning.