



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 - MAY 2018

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Reminiscing on my schooldays, I had an older and physically larger cousin who always said he would look out for his younger relation in and out of school. I didn't know what to make of this 'bodyguard type' care package at first but felt a certain amount of security from a cousin who was more like the big brother I never had. It is not that I was bothered by anyone, but it was particularly comforting to know that someone was around with a protecting heart.

Our own heavenly Father is a God who looks out for His children with a protecting heart. Jesus uses the analogy of the shepherd in various places in the gospel records and the shepherd is a protector, amongst other duties that he undertakes. In John's gospel chapter ten, Jesus describes Himself as the shepherd of the flock and therefore One who leads his people, provides for His people and protects his people. Jesus walks with us through all aspects of life and never leaves the side of his people even though we may feel He may be far away at times.

On April 17th this year in St Nicholas' church, we had a celebration service of public thankfulness for all our local security and emergency services. Again, amongst the many duties that these indispensable people are involved in, is one of protection. We pray that God protects them as they protect us and to know that God works his purposes out through many vehicles in His will. May we give thanks to our wonderful Protector and to trust always in Him as we can rely on His promises and the nature of His being as the fullness of truth.

God bless you.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Bishop Ilesomo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Please pray for him and the people as they may face civil war in the area. Also Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Thanksgiving for the church year past and the new church year with the new church wardens and select vestries
- For the homeless, unemployed and destitute
- For Syria and all who suffer war and terror
- Our young people, their education and future
- For the hospitalised and those in care
- For the newly confirmed

FROM THE REGISTER

- ◆ Mr Hillary Babington's funeral was held in St Nicholas' Dundalk on Tuesday 24th April and his burial after the service in St Pauls graveyard, Heynestown.
- ◆ Charlie Sean Marks was baptised in Creggan church on the 28th April

Services - MAY

Week commencing 6th

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

Week commencing 13th

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

Week commencing 20th

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

Week commencing 27th

Creggan -	8.00pm HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP1
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2

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From the 25th May of this year, new legislation for data protection will come

into effect. It will mean, practically, that we cannot use individuals names, addresses or contact details without their express permission in various forms of public communication or record. This will affect the newsletter particularly in the notice we understand as 'From the register'. We cannot publicly record baptisms, funerals or weddings any longer unless the family or individuals concerned permit this to appear. It is unfortunate as regards our church family and the celebration, thanksgiving or remembrance of such important events for people and the communal support and prayer for others. This month's newsletter will be the last of the old system but we will make sure with families and individuals in the future on their choice as to whether the occasional offices that involved them are publicly acknowledged or not.

SELECT VESTRY MEETINGS

Ballymascanlan/Bush on **Monday 14th May** at 7.30pm
in Church Hall

Dundalk on **Wednesday 30th May** at 8pm in
St. Richards Chapel.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

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The Mothers Union will be having their annual outing on Saturday 12th May this year. The trip will take the ladies to Dublin and a tour on the Viking Splash. There will be lunch at the National Gallery and a visit of the same. There will be an evening meal on the way home and the cost of the trip is **€60 per person**.

The trip is open to all ladies and not just Mothers Union members. If you would like to go, please place your name on the list in the porch of St Nicholas' Church or contact a Mothers Union member.



Come and Experience the Living Word

Bible Study



Bible study will be held in St Richards side chapel on **Thursday 17th May and Thursday 31st May at 7.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome to come along for fellowship and

Confirmation

We give thanks for the newly confirmed in St Peters, Drogheda on the 19th April. Two young people from the Dundalk group of parishes were confirmed by Archbishop Richard. Our two young people, both from St Nicholas' church, are Alexandra Aransiola and Erin Magee. Continue to pray for and support them at this important time in their spiritual lives.



ANNUAL ASCENSION DAY SERVICE IN ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH AT 7.30PM, THURSDAY 10th May 2018

This will be a service of choral evensong with the combined choirs of St Nicholas', St Marks Portadown and Seapatricks, Banbridge.

May everyone be encouraged to attend and support this special occasion in the life of the church.

There will be refreshments in the side chapel after the service.



The Church of Ireland Youth Department are holding a training morning for all leaders in the group of parishes who work with our children or young people in any capacity. I believe it to be quite imperative that all can attend this once off event but it promises to be a productive and enlightening morning.

The event will be held on Saturday 19th May in St Richards side chapel, Dundalk from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Thank you one and all who helped in any way to make the recent emergency and security services service such a wonderful evening. It is the first time we have tried this form of thanksgiving for those who give of themselves so sacrificially in the protection and aid of others. It was very well attended. Thank you to all who read the scriptures from the different services and to Stewart, Evelyn, Sharon and the choir for leading in worship and all their hard work in preparing for that. Thank you also to Dundalk Brass Band, those who prepared the church and those who provided refreshments.



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Afternoon Tea

FRIDAY 11th May 2018

3pm - 5pm

Wellington Hall Dundalk



DUNDALK HOMELESS SUPPORT GROUP

The work of the support group continues to reach out to the homeless in our communities in life saving ways and we give thanks for all who sacrificially give to the trolley ministry in St Nicholas' church toward this invaluable ministry. May we encourage you all afresh to keep giving as you can, as this work never ends, and, in fact, homelessness is on the rise in Ireland as a whole. Also, continue to pray for those who find themselves in this position, some of them as complete families. **Thank you.**



PLIGRIMAGE WALK:

The pilgrimage walk that we had two years ago from St Oliver Plunketts church, Blackrock, to St Pauls, Heynestown, will happen again this year, only in reverse! That is Heynestown to Blackrock! It was very successful last time and we hope it will be again. It will begin at St Pauls and we intend to walk with several stations to stop at for prayer along the way. It is a great occasion for chat and exercise and meeting up with other people from different traditions. It will conclude with a short service at St Oliver Plunketts church. The walk will be held on Monday 28th May. Notification of time will follow soon.



Lifeboats

The Charity that saves lives at sea

There is a fundraising charity concert being held in the Foy Centre in Carlingford featuring St Agnes Parents String Orchestra (Dublin) and Cor Chairlinne (Carlingford Choir)

Sunday 20th May 2018 at 7.30pm. All proceeds to RNLI.

Entry fee, Adults €10, children free. All welcome.

Also there will be collections outside Aldi stores in Dundalk on Tuesday 1st May and ongoing collections at various locations around Dundalk during the month of May in support of the 'Mayday' appeal. Your support of this worthy charity is much appreciated.