



# 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 2019

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**Safeguarding Trust** is the Church of Ireland's policy to safeguard all children sharing in its ministry from all forms of harm and abuse (see [www.sg.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.sg.ireland.anglican.org)). Each parish has a **panel** whose task it is to oversee the implementation of **Safeguarding Trust**. The **panel** members in the Dundalk Group of Parishes are Rev Geoffrey Walmsley, Ken Donald (Ballymascanlan), Muriel Grills (Bush), Debbie Donaldson (Creggan), Trevor Patterson (Dundalk), and Alvin Coyle (Heynestown). **If you experience, or are aware of, any form of child abuse through involvement in parish activities, please contact a member of the panel.**

Contact details are posted in all churches.

### Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*I experienced a rollercoaster ride in Thorpe Park, on the edge of London, some years ago, called the 'Saw' ride. It had a couple of vertical drops that were literally 'vertical' and have enough exhilaration to take your breath away. You may love rollercoasters or you may loathe them, but they are an example of how we may look at life itself with all its ups and downs.*

*The last earthly days of Jesus must have been like this for the disciples and all who followed Him. Many had spent three years alongside Christ and now their leader would be taken from them through crucifixion. It was the most horrible execution known to humankind and must have deflated the disciples, to say the least, to understand that they would not see Jesus again. John 20:9 records that Jesus' followers had not recalled His words that He would rise again on the third day. Imagine their elation when they saw the risen Christ and that even death could not contain Him. It must have been a rollercoaster ride for the disciples over a few days with the 'low' of Jesus' death and the 'high' of His resurrection. It didn't end there! The Lord's ascension was still to come and would surely incubate mixed feelings once again.*

*Jesus had adequately spoken of His death and resurrection before they occurred. However, in the melee of everything that was unfolding in holy week, His words seemed to have got lost in translation.*

*We all experience ups and downs in life and one of the greatest encouragements through everything is the knowledge that Jesus is with us through all. It is His word that teaches us such a truth. It was His word that told the disciples what was ahead and that He would be with them always. Sometimes, we take our eyes off Jesus and His word and try to battle on in our own understanding. We need to hold on to the truth of His word (the bible) and immerse ourselves in its promises. Jesus promised that He would never leave His followers on the day of ascension and He never will. His Holy Spirit is with us always through thick and thin.*

**GOD BLESS YOU**

Geoffrey

## Services - MAY

### Week commencing 5th

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

### Week commencing 12th

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

### Week commencing 19th

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

### Week commencing 26th

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

### Shoppers service:

The next shoppers service will be held at 12 noon on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** in St Nicholas,

Dundalk. The church will be open from 11am until 1pm. **All very welcome**



## Confirmation

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY at 7.30PM.**

**ST NICHOLAS, DUNDALK.**

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD WILL BE WITH US TO CONFIRM 21 OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Come and Experience the Living Word

## Bible Study

Bible study will recommence after Easter on

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

in St Richards side chapel, Dundalk.

Everyone very welcome to attend

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Thanks to God for Jesus' death and resurrection
- Bishop Isesomo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Homeless, unemployed and destitute
- Our young people, particularly our confirmees this month
- Our children and their education
- People of Sri Lanka and those who lost loved ones in recent attacks
- People of Mozambique and Malawi after hurricane Idai
- Sick and hospitalized
- Those in nursing care and cared for at home
- Those who are bereaved

## FROM THE REGISTER:

- ◆ Emilia Berry was baptized on 31<sup>st</sup> March in St Nicholas, Dundalk

### **DUNDALK HOMELESS SUPPORT GROUP:**

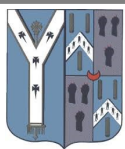
Thank you to everyone for all your support to the trolley ministry in St Nicholas, Dundalk. Homelessness is still prevalent in our community and is on the rise amongst individuals and families. Can I continue to encourage you all to donate non-perishable items as you are able as it is very much appreciated by the support group.



### **EASTER EGG HUNT AND FAMILY SERVICE**



***A huge thank you to everyone involved in decorating and helping in the churches in any way over the Easter period. Thank you one and all***



St Nicholas' NS

Last month in the Wellington Hall 4th, 5th & 6th class joined with St Oliver's Carlingford and St Brigid's National School as part of the Peace IV project. This was a day of exhibition and celebration of the work between the three schools during the course of the year.

During this term there will be another clothes collection in conjunction with Bag2School. Bags will be available in the porch of St Nicholas' Parish Church and can be returned to the school or church. Any good quality adults' and children's clothing, shoes, handbags and soft toys



# Mothers' UNION

## Christian care for families

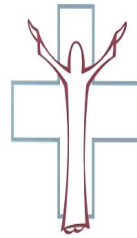
The Mothers Union will be having their outing on

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

*This will include a shopping trip to Belfast and visiting the Botanical Gardens with a meal in Hillsborough on the return journey.*

**All ladies are very welcome.**

Please add your name to the list in the porch in St Nicholas church or contact a Mothers Union member if you would like to go.



### **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BANBRIDGE ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7.30PM.**

*ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CHOIR WILL BE JOINING WITH OTHER CHURCH CHOIRS ON THAT OCCASION.*

**ALL VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND**



All children aged between 4-12 are very welcome to attend any of the Sunday schools for age appropriate learning and fun.

Sunday school is operational alongside the Sunday services in St Nicholas, Dundalk, St Andrews, Bush, and Creggan except for family services when the children will remain in the church.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

All young people aged from 12 upwards are very welcome to come along to youth group in St Nicholas, Dundalk for fun and fellowship. Youth group runs alongside services in the church except for family service when the young people will remain in the church.



**Please pray for the choir over the month of May.** They will be very busy with many special services to lead.

Do support them as

you can and they are always on the look out for new members!



### **St. Nicholas' Parish Church (The Green Church)**

2nd Annual Song of Praise Service of Thanksgiving for, and the ongoing safety of, the men & women of our Emergency Services.

**TUESDAY 21st May 2019 7.30pm**

Ambulance Service, An Garda Siochana, Dundalk Fire Service, Irish Coast guard, RNLI, Civil Defence, Red Cross, The Defence Force, Dundalk sub aqua club, Minor injuries unit, St.Johns Ambulance The Order of Malta and others.

**PLEASE WEAR RELEVANT UNIFORMS**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**