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# Bishop Kenneth writes - Tuam supports amalgamation

On Saturday 22nd last the Diocesan Synod of Tuam, Killala and Achonry met in St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam. As well as the usual Diocesan Synod business, the members had before them a resolution supporting the proposal to amalgamate their diocese with our own diocese of Limerick and Killaloe. This is exactly the same resolution which our Diocesan Synod passed in June last, and marks an important stage in a re-organisation of the Dioceses in the West and South West of our country.

There are a number of factors at play in this. One is demography. There are simply less and less people living in the South and South West of this island and population is in decline in most places, apart from the cities of Limerick and Galway and a few larger towns. We're all too familiar with Post Offices and bank branch closures for the same reasons. As a small percentage of numerically reducing populations, we have to be aware of this and adjust accordingly.

The other factor is travel. Most of us can remember when journey times were much longer, on difficult and dangerous roads. Now with our growing network of motorways, it is so much easier to move quickly around the country. The M7 has transformed the time it takes me to get from Limerick to Birr, Roscrea, Shinrone and Cloughjordan. The M18 made access to Ennis very easy for me, and now with the extension to Tuam I can travel from Limerick to Tuam in an hour and a quarter, and even to Ballina in two and a half hours. It is simply a fact that a bishop can cover much more territory than even 25 years ago.

More importantly, alongside our conversations, there have been various occasions when people from Tuam, Killala and Achonry

and from Limerick and Killaloe have met together, and each time we have found that the issues facing us as parishes are very similar. This has been especially true of our clergy conferences, where, working in very similar contexts, friendships and co-operation have strengthened relationships across our two united dioceses.



So another important step has been taken, this time by the Diocesan Synod of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, mirroring the decisions made in Limerick and Killaloe in June. The very strong support for those decisions in both dioceses augurs well for the future, and the sense that "we are doing the right thing." Not the end of the process – there are several more stages, but important milestones along the way have been achieved.

Kind Regards  
+ Kenneth

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## Diocesan Calendar

To place an entry please email the Editor at [joc\\_sanders@iol.ie](mailto:joc_sanders@iol.ie)

- Mon 8th–Wed 10th October** Diocesan Clergy Conference
  - Fri 12th–Sat 13th October** Mothers' Union Women's Getaway Weekend, Cavan Crystal Hotel
  - Fri 12th–Sun 14th October** UDYC Junior Weekend, Densmore Lodge,
  - Mon 15th October, 11am–3.30pm or 7pm–9.30pm** CME Planning for Remembrance, The Rectory, Askeaton
  - Tue 16th October** Mission Evening, 'Changing attitudes in our Stewardship of God's Creation', facilitator: Archdeacon Andrew Orr of Eco Congregation Ireland
  - Sat 20th October** Mothers' Union Diocesan Council/Trustees,
  - Sun 21st October, 4pm** Diocesan Readers Evensong, St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick
  - Mon 22nd October** GFS Diocesan Council, Nenagh
  - Fri 26th October–Sun 4th November** UDYC International Exchange trip to Romania, hosted in Romania (14+ years)
  - Sat 3rd November** Mothers' Union All Ireland Council, Springfield Hotel, Leixlip
  - Sun 11th November, 3pm** Mothers' Union 16 Days of Activism Vigil, Richmond terrace, Henry St, Limerick (speaker: Deirdre Barrett, Adapt House Women's Refuge). All Welcome!
  - Wed 14th November** Finance Committee
  - Fri 16th–Sun 18th November** UDYC Autumn Adventure Weekend (with other dioceses), Lilliput Outdoor Adventure Centre, Lough
  - Sun 18th November** Mission Sunday
  - Thu 22nd November** Joint Property Committee & Glebes Committees 6.45pm, followed by Diocesan Council 7.30pm
  - Sat 24th November** UDYC Annual Christmas Dinner with Fundraising Raffle, Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel, Adare (18+)
- See also the diocesan website [www.limerick.anglican.org/calendar](http://www.limerick.anglican.org/calendar).

## Thank You from Rev Janet

I would like to thank all the people who came to my Open House day on 3rd August, gave so generously and made it such an enjoyable day. As a result, I was able to present a cheque for €1,390 to Margaret Maher, Day Care Manager of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, Birr branch. She assures me the Birr branch will have the use of the funds. They are very grateful to everyone. Yours etc., Janet White Spinner



*Rev Janet presenting the cheque to Margaret Maher*

# Editorial

## Stewardship of God's Creation

Here's a date for your diary – the Council for Mission invites all who are interested to join them for a Mission Evening at which Andrew Orr will speak on the theme 'Stewardship of God's Creation', at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 16th October, in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare. See the advertisement on page 6.

The proper stewardship of creation should be a central concern of every one of us. It is a central part of the mission we are called to as Christians. The 5th Mark of Mission commits us as members of the Anglican Communion 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life of the earth'. We share this commitment with Christians of other traditions. In 2007, Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew called for the Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October) to be marked by prayer and care for creation, and in 2008 the World Council of Churches adopted his proposal. Pope Francis has taken up the call, and his encyclical 'Laudato 'Si' is an eloquent plea for action.

Care for creation is a mission focus Christians can share with people of all faiths and none. It is undoubtedly the biggest challenge faced by our human species in the immediate future, and it is multi-faceted. Unless people step up to the challenge, our children and our children's children will face ever more difficult and dangerous problems. More frequent extreme weather conditions – storms, droughts, floods – of which we in Ireland have had merely a foretaste in the last year. Rising seas flooding low lying land and coastal cities. And the unravelling of the intricate diversity of eco-systems in a mass extinction of species not seen for 65 million years.

Andrew Orr is the current chair of Eco Congregation Ireland, and an excellent speaker. Come along to hear what he has to say, and by the grace of God we will be inspired to act to protect God's creation.

God bless, Joc Sanders, Newslink Editor

### Safeguarding Trust - an Apology from the Editor

I have been taken to task – and rightly so – by two Newslink readers for a short filler entitled 'Hearing is not believing' in the September issue of Newslink. It was intended to provoke a smile, but suggested that sometimes teachers and parents might ignore what children say. On reflection, and after discussing the matter with the diocesan Safeguarding Trust co-ordinator, I realise this was inappropriate. I should not have printed it and I apologise for doing so, but I am grateful to those who raised their concerns, because it provides an opportunity to highlight Safeguarding Trust, which our united dioceses and Newslink take very seriously.

Children should always be listened to by adults, including parents and teachers, who must respond appropriately. Teachers are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015. As such they have a legal responsibility to report to Tusla any knowledge, belief, or reasonable suspicion they may have that a child has been harmed, is being harmed, or is at risk of being harmed.

Joc Sanders, Newslink Editor

# Newslink

Newslink is the diocesan magazine for the United Diocese of Limerick, Killaloe Et Ardfert, which also includes the historic dioceses of Aghadoe, Clonfert, Emly, Kilfenora and Kilmacduagh. For further information about the United Dioceses see the diocesan web site: [www.limerick.anglican.org](http://www.limerick.anglican.org).

Newslink also covers Methodist Midlands and Southern District Circuits within the boundaries of the Church of Ireland Diocese.

### Editor

In addition to news from parishes, schools and diocesan organisations, the Editor is delighted to receive articles and letters for publication, as well as suggestions as to how Newslink may be improved.

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# Prayer Corner

## Partners in Prayer - October 2018

### Each Sunday in October

Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory and Bishop Michael Burroughs.

### 7th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity, Green

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church and Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Diocese: In this harvest season we pray for those who grow, process, distribute and prepare our food, that they may receive a just reward for their labours.

### 14th October, 20th Sunday after Trinity, Green

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales and Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon.

Diocese: In this harvest season we pray that we may share the good gifts we have received in Christ's spirit of generosity.

### 21st October, 21st Sunday after Trinity, Green

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa, and Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo, Primate & Metropolitan, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana & Bishop of Kumasi.

Diocese: In this harvest season we pray for the poor, hungry and homeless in our dioceses, that you may show us how best to relieve their distress.

### 28th October, 22nd Sunday after Trinity, Green

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Diocese: As the clocks change and the nights grow longer we pray for those experiencing fuel poverty in our dioceses, that they may keep warm in the coming winter.

### 4th November, 23rd Sunday after Trinity, Green

Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross and Bishop Paul Colton.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ceylon, Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo & Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando, Bishop of Kurunegala.

Diocese: In the octave of All Saints, we remember your servants departed who have formed our faith, and we pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom.

## A Harvest prayer

God of harvest,  
gardener supreme,  
you provide for us, feed us, and equip us,  
so that we may yield a harvest of fruitful lives,  
in service to you and our neighbours.  
God of harvest,  
feed us, prune us, harvest us,  
that our lives may bring glory to you.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## How can I endure?

Lord, how can I endure this life of sorrow,  
unless you strengthen me with your mercy and grace?  
Do not turn your face from me.  
Do not withdraw your consolation from me,  
lest my soul becomes like a waterless desert.  
Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, and to live humbly.  
You alone know me perfectly, seeing into my soul.  
You alone can give lasting peace and joy.

*A Prayer of Thomas à Kempis (1380 – 1471)*

## Intercessions for Creation

We give thanks for the many gifts God has given us:  
for the beauty of the earth and the abundance of its creatures,  
for food to nourish us and water to quench our thirst,  
for the seasons that nurture us and the relationships that sustain us.

May we be good stewards of creation,  
using our skills and talents for the benefit of all.  
Lord in Your mercy – Hear our prayer

We remember those whose lives are already affected by climate change,  
especially the poorest and most vulnerable throughout the world.  
We pray that God be with them and suffuse them  
with the gift of hope and strength to fight for a better world.  
Lord in Your mercy – Hear our prayer

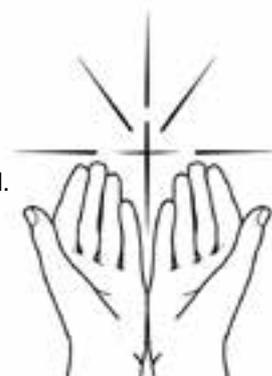
We pray for our churches, here in Ireland and around the world,  
that as communities of faith  
we are active participants in work for climate justice.  
We pray for those in positions of leadership,  
that they may use their voices to speak out  
on behalf of those most vulnerable to climate change,  
and the whole of God's creation.  
Lord in Your mercy – Hear our prayer

We pray for ourselves,  
that we may recognise the invitation to discipleship as a gift.  
May we open ourselves to recognising  
the many people and places in which God works,  
building relationships with all who strive to protect God's creation.  
Lord in Your mercy – Hear our prayer

*Adapted from 'Passing our planet on', resources prepared by Eco Congregation Scotland for Creation Time 2018*

## Prayer for changing seasons

Faithful Father,  
As the leaves change colour and fall  
we are reminded of life's changing seasons.  
We become aware that time passes  
more quickly than we expect or plan for.  
Help us to make the most of each day you give us,  
and to be thankful.  
Thank you that through all the changing seasons  
you are unchanging.  
Your love goes on reaching out.  
Thank you for sending Jesus  
who died to make it possible for us  
to know you and come to you  
when our days on earth are completed.  
Help us to trust him, to receive him  
and to live in the power of his Spirit,  
now and forever.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.



*By Daphne Kitching*

# A View from the Pew by Salters Sterling

## – Building Togetherness



What have I learned from Indonesia and China and elsewhere that can be helpful for us in Europe and the other areas of declining faith communities? The core learning for me from those areas of Christian Faith strength is the importance of Togetherness. Not a Togetherness of a holy huddle but the Togetherness that comes from the conviction that we have experienced a message that is crying out to be shared. On the Day of Pentecost the Friends of Jesus were all with one accord in one place, and it was as they

were together that they experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit. Immediately following that event Peter addresses the crowd, who have been attracted by what was going on, in a speech based on a text from the book of the Prophet Joel. Clearly this particular Friend of Jesus had not wasted his time between the empty tomb and the garden encounters, the upper room experiences, the supper party in Emmaus and the breakfast party on the shore of the Lake of Gallilee. Peter had emphatically understood that those encounters with a living Lord needed to be interpreted in the context of messages from the Hebrew Writings. He tried his hand in public and it was a huge success and he and the rest of the Friends became through their witness central characters to the transforming of their world, slowly, surely, inexorably. They had a message that their Togetherness authorised and authenticated.

It is something very similar that we have experienced in Swaziland, Botswana, China, Indonesia even Egypt. The Togetherness of the Church in these places allows it to live in and share with certainly alien and often hostile environments. The medical outreach to the surrounding Islamic society in Jakarta is phenomenal. That's why Christians are accorded respect and office in that world. The sense-making joy in their Togetherness in Chen Yang is a message of meaning within China and accounts for the phenomenal growth in the number of Christians in China. There can be no denying the recognition of Christian care for innumerable orphans in the feeding stations of Swaziland and their churches are vigorously vital in their poverty.

Can we make any sense of this for Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert – with Tuam, Achonry and Killala in the offing? Our scatteredness is a very real part of our problem, for while it permits intimacy and potentially fellowship, it also emphasises smallness. In a world obsessed with size, scale and quantity that can and does imply weakness. It militates against the exuberant confidence that assists with the proclamation of a prophetic message in either or both word and deed. Distance too is a real problem especially for winter night driving.

Some years ago there was the intention to allocate meeting areas within our existing united diocese roughly according to the older dioceses divisions. Like many other things it never really got off the ground for want of persevering leadership. It should be tried again with conviction and with regularity. Since worship is the core activity of our Christian Faith, can we organise for full single regional services on the fifth Sundays going around in established rotation those churches which can accommodate really large services? Let not our large worship occasions be limited to funerals which is what

they are now. Then at Pentecost each year let us meet for worship as a united diocese in one place. Let's make a weekend of it.

Let's have a diocesan worship and programme group for Pentecost and let's have regional worship groups for the 5th Sundays. Let's give all our people the experience of really great worship so that we yearn more and more for the final messianic banquet and become more and more the dissatisfied, uncomfortable grit in the oyster of our society so that there may be produced pearls of great price for the glory of the Republic of God. We can do it! We must do it! We will do it! Thanks be to God.



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**AN INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL  
MISSION EVENING**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

in

**THE WOODLANDS HOTEL, ADARE**

at **7.45 pm**

**Stewardship of God's Creation**

**Speaker: Archdeacon Andrew Orr**

**Everyone** with an interest in caring for the environment in which we live and work from a Christian perspective is very welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served before & after the meeting

# The Five Marks of Mission – 3: “Tend”

By Archdeacon Wayne Carney, Chairperson of the Diocesan Council for Mission

We have been examining the Five Marks of Mission (as formulated by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984). This month, we look at the third Mark, which is “Tend – to respond to human need by loving service”.

Irish people are incredibly generous. When we have a retiring collection to help people affected by some natural disaster in Ireland or elsewhere, our parishioners respond wholeheartedly. But there are two issues with this. First, not all human suffering is as a result of a sudden disaster. Hunger, homelessness, poverty, disease, injustice, abuse – all these things are going on in the world, and in our own communities, and they don't always make the headlines. The other problem is that the third Mark of Mission is to respond to human need by loving service. That word 'service' implies long-term care, not just a large cheque or a fifty in the collection plate. Of course the emergency collections are important – victims of floods or earthquakes or drought need help, and they need it right away. But 'loving service' needs to be ongoing, whether we do it through mission agencies, or as a parish, or on our own.

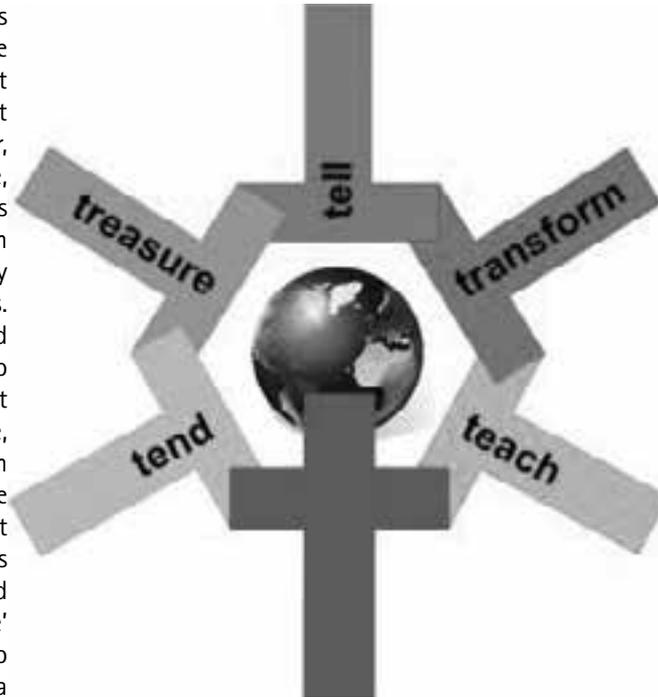
Now, much of this is already happening. Parishioners volunteer with St Vincent de Paul or Meals-on-Wheels or other local services, or just help their neighbours by getting groceries, cutting lawns, or dropping in to lonely people for tea and chat. On a personal level, loving service happens all the time. But the first two Marks of Mission – Tell, and Teach – are not just for individuals; they are for

the Church as a whole, for our Diocese, for our parish. And the same is true for the third Mark, Tend. At the Diocesan level, our Council for Mission works to support projects overseas, and to look at ways our own communities can utilise the Five Marks of Mission. But mission will only happen in our communities if it is initiated and supported by our parishes. We have examples already of what

can be done – the soup kitchen run out of the Parish Centre in Tralee provides meals to over 100 people every Saturday. The parish in Kenmare has a Men's Shed and a Kid's Shed. Other parishes run food banks. Not every situation is the same; every parish has different facilities, and each of our communities has its own individual needs. But the point is, we need to look around our area, and on our own, or in partnership with social agencies or other churches or faith groups, to see what we can do.

Some may say, that all sounds very noble, but we don't have enough parishioners to do that sort of thing. But if a parish begins a programme of 'loving

service', others will come, others will help. A parish that is seen as making a positive difference in the community is a parish that people will want to be a part of. Young people will begin to see the church not just as a place where older people spend an hour on Sunday morning, but a place that lives the Gospel, shares the Gospel; not just in what it says but in what it does. May God help us to find ways to offer loving service, in our community, in our world.



## New appointments to the Joint Chapter



Bishop Kenneth Kearon has announced two appointments to the Joint Chapter of St Mary's (Limerick), St Flannan's (Killaloe) and St Brendan's (Clonfert) – Canon Liz Beasley as Chancellor and Rev'd Jim Stephens as Prebend (Canon) of St Munchin and Tulloh.

Liz Beasley has been Rector of the Adare and Kilmallock Group of Parishes since 2014. She moved to Ireland with her

husband, Kirk, from the Diocese of Hawaii in the Episcopal Church, where she served since her ordination in 1998. After having served several parishes, her last position there was as Canon to the Ordinary.

She holds theological degrees from Harvard Divinity School and Sewanee: The University of the South.

Jim Stephens is from Kerry, was ordained in 1991 and has served all of his ministry there as an NSM, combining this with work in a pharmaceutical plant in Killorglin as a Quality Manager in finished product and stability listing. Recently he transferred to the stipendiary ministry, became bishop's curate in Tralee Group of Parishes. He is married to Elsie who is a teacher in Killorglin and they have three daughters, Sophie, Ava and Isabel.

Their installation will take place on Sunday 25th November, during Evensong in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick at 4.00 p.m.

## Advent Courses from York Courses

### WHY DO A COURSE AT ALL?

Because it's good to discuss issues of faith, doubt, morality, conflict, and so on with other people – especially if they take a different view from you. Discussion of important issues helps you grow, both as a person and in faith.

Anyway, it's always useful to keep up with new ways of thinking. One way to keep things fresh is to have members of other congregations and denominations in any group you may form. And, just as important as anything above is that, if you're doing it right, it's FUN!

### WHY DO IT IN ADVENT?

Advent, traditionally a period of anticipation and preparation, is an ideal opportunity to put aside time for regular meetings for joint study. It's easy not to forget if it becomes a regular annual event.

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*Karen is the director of music in a large Belfast Parish Church and will bring an ensemble of Silver Musicians.*

*Karen is younger sister of the Rev Charles McCartney.*

**Saturday 27th October 2018**

in

**St Paul's Church, Banagher**

**8.00pm**

*Tickets €10 per person, or pay at the door*

# Diocesan Organisations

## Girls Friendly Society

### BORRISOKANE & CLOUGHJORDAN BRANCH

Borrisokane and Cloughjordan GFS branches have joined together to form one branch. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Diana Austin as a leader and Ms. Olivia Harding as a helper and ten new Borrisokane members. Everyone looks forward to having lots of fun together. First meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th September. As has been the norm for the last few years the branch began the year with an Ice-cream Party. They enjoyed delicious ice-cream complete with lots of toppings. A tasty way to start! They enjoyed some games afterwards finishing with some parachute games. It was a lively afternoon and everyone went home happy.

### NENAGH BRANCH

Branch reopened on Saturday, 15th September when girls enjoyed painting their feet and feet washing (no it was not Holy Thursday). Upcoming Saturday dates in Nenagh Branch are 6th October (Harvest Decorating), 20th October, 10th November, 24th November, 8th December (Christmas Decorations & party). Thanks to Avril Murphy for taking on the role of Branch Administration. New members always welcome – please contact Rose Langley 087-675 8896

### UP COMING EVENTS

- Diocesan Fun Day – Saturday, 29th September 2018 in Cloughjordan. (2.30- 5pm) cost €5 per girl. All welcome.
- GFS World Day of Prayer 29th September – please remember the work of GFS World Wide in your prayers on this day.

### DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Council will take place on Monday, 22nd October in Nenagh at 7.30pm. Please send apologies to [killaloesecretarygfs@gmail.com](mailto:killaloesecretarygfs@gmail.com) Children First Training – by now all Leaders/Helpers/Members of GFS should have completed the Training. Please bring your certificates to Council meeting in October.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

Craft Day will take place in Corbally Church, Roscrea on Saturday, 1st December. Details to be finalised at Council Meeting. Please contact Branch Leaders for details.

DIOCESAN PRIZEDAY & SERVICE 2019 is due to be held in Roscrea – date to be confirmed.

### WORLD COUNCIL, SOUTH AFRICA, JUNIOR DELEGATE 2020

Every three years a Junior Delegate is elected to attend the World Council along with the Senior Delegate. The Central Office has requested each diocese to put forward one GFS member aged 18 to 25 years, to apply for this position. All girls interested in applying for the position should contact Killaloe President at [killaloeresidentgfs@gmail.com](mailto:killaloeresidentgfs@gmail.com)

If you wish to contact Killaloe President please email Rose at [killaloeresidentgfs@gmail.com](mailto:killaloeresidentgfs@gmail.com) (note new GFS President Email address)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- October 6th MU All Ireland Service of Thanksgiving, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin 3pm. All Welcome!
- October 12th/13th – Women's Getaway Weekend, Cavan Crystal Hotel
- October 20th – Diocesan Council/Trustees, Embury Close, Adare, Co. Limerick 10.30am Trustees followed by Council at 11.30am
- November 3rd – All Ireland Council, Springfield Hotel, Leixlip 10.30am
- November 11th – 16 Days of Activism Vigil, Richmond Terrace, Henry Street, Limerick 3pm. Speaker – Deirdre Barrett, Adapt House Women's Refuge. All Very Welcome!!

## LIMERICK CITY BRANCH

For our first meeting of the Autumn season, on Monday 17th September, Limerick City Branch were joined by Askeaton and Adare Branches to enjoy a talk by Public Health Nurse, Amy Hayes, who is the daughter of our Diocesan President, Lucy, on how to keep ourselves well prepared for the winter. Before Amy spoke Margaret Schutz, Branch Leader, opened our meeting with prayer and spoke to us about some of the Dioceses overseas that we support and pray for in our Wave of Prayer and how we can really help MU Trainers who work with these communities with our Overseas Financial Support.



*Margaret Schutz & Amy Hayes*

Amy then went through all aspects of health including exercise, diet and flu vaccination and explained the importance of keeping our immune systems healthy in an effort to fight off viruses and infections, reminding those of us who are older to remember to get our 'flu injection and gave sound advice on preparing to stay warm and well in the colder weather – making sure our heating is well serviced, using disinfectant gels in crowded places, ensuring we are getting enough vitamins C and D, etc. She also discussed Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) recommending that, weather permitting, we take a walk outside every day and make sure we have some social activities, meeting up with other people and enjoying a chat. Amy also showed us some simple exercises that we should do every day to keep agile and fit. It was a very enjoyable and informative talk and we all came away with lots of tips and advice. We were also delighted that some of the residents of Richmond Terrace joined us for the talk. The evening finished, as always, with a cup of tea and treats.

We were delighted to have some members from Adare with us and we send our good wishes to Jessie Griffin who is unwell at present.

## A GOOD START TO THE YEAR FOR ST JOHN'S BRANCH

A service of Holy Communion, prayer and singing led by the Reverend Patrick Towers marked the start of the new programme of St. John's Branch of the Mothers' Union. Reading by members and a personal account of "What Mothers' Union means to me?" from one of the longest serving members, Marjorie Salter; gave a personal touch to the opening service.



*Members of St John's with Rev Patrick Towers and the Malawi Project collection*

After the service members were joined by Rev. Patrick for tea and homemade refreshments which were enjoyed by all. On display were all the goodies collected for the Sunday school in Malawi which will be hand delivered by the Mwase family on their next trip home. Edda Mwase was overwhelmed by the volume of pens, pencils and other stationery items which had been collected by the members of the branch.

The next meeting will take place at 8pm in Gullane's Hotel on Tuesday 16th October with a talk by Aisling Higgins from the Simon Community Resource Centre in Ballinasloe, all are very welcome to join us

## United Diocesan Youth Council

SENIOR SUMMER CAMP See page 16 for photos

Our senior summer camp held at Carhue Centre in Bandon, Co. Cork was truly a great end to the summer holidays. Steve Grasham from Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) along with his wife, Rev. Fran, led worship throughout the week. The worship was themed on mission work as well as the current popular movie 'The Greatest Showman'. There really was something for everyone among activities during the week, whether it was muddy obstacle courses, water sports, high ropes, hiking, karting, paintballing, shopping etc. The onsite activities during the week included a table quiz, disco, charades, team challenges or having the opportunity to hang out with friends. To sum it up, everyone had a great week that not even the thought of going back to school could spoil!!!

CAR TREASURE HUNT & BBQ WITH DISCO

On Saturday 8th September, UDYC Fundraising Car Treasure Hunt and Barbecue & Disco took place at Cloughjordan Hall, Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary. Participants enjoyed a well put together Car Treasure Hunt followed by a tasty barbecue and an enjoyable disco. Very many thanks to those that attended, and it was really good to meet those that came.

TAKING A LEADING ROLE – PART 2

Our second part of UDYC Taking a Leading Role took place at Clarecare, Station Road, Lahinch from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September. It was really good to have the group back again for their second weekend and hear about many positive and challenging personal youth ministry experiences as participants and leaders on the Friday evening. On Saturday morning Emma from

Tearfund facilitated an excellent workshop on justice issues. After lunch there was an opportunity for a long hike along the beach ending with ice cream. It was back to work for a number of training sessions on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, including: Styles of Leadership, Delegation, Context of Group, Mission, Aims & Objectives and finally a session on Programme Ideas. On Saturday evening the group themselves planned and led evening worship. The group enjoyed a surfing session on Sunday afternoon. All look forward to their third and final weekend in early 2019.



*Time out at Taking a Leading Role part 2*

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Junior Weekend

Our Junior Weekend will take place from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October at Densmore Lodge, Ovoca Manor, Avoca, Co. Wicklow. This weekend is for 10-13 year olds. There will be transport to and from the event from Adare, Limerick, Birdhill, Nenagh, Moneygall & Roscrea. The speaker for Worship times at the weekend will be Simon Henry – National Youth Officer with Church of Ireland Youth Department. We look forward to partaking in many splendid outdoor activities at Ovoca Manor including High All Aboard, Abseiling, Jacobs Ladder, Leap of Faith, Zipline & Archery. There will also be a mix of UDYC activities including Icebreaker Games, Disco and Variety Show. The cost of the weekend will be €100 per person, or €90 per person if more than one from same family attending this event or Autumn Adventure Weekend. The closing date for bookings by text, phone or e-mail is Monday 8th October.

### International Exchange Trip to Romania

From Friday 26th October until Sunday 4th November it is hoped that UDYC will join a group from Romania and Germany for an Exchange trip to Romania. The trip is for those from 14 years and upwards. The cost of the trip will be €360 and this cost includes transport to/from Dublin, return flights, insurance, programme costs, accommodation and food. This will be a really exciting experience for those that join in the trip.

### Autumn Adventure Weekend

Our Autumn Adventure Weekend will take place this year at Lilliput Outdoor Education Centre, Lilliput, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th November 2018. This adventure weekend will be for all those attending secondary school. There will be transport to and from the event from Adare, Limerick, Birdhill, Nenagh, Moneygall & Roscrea. The weekend will include an exciting mix of outdoor adventure activities, workshops and worship facilitated by International Justice Mission. The cost will be €100 per person or €90 per person if more than one from same family attending this event or Junior Weekend.

For more information on any of our events or activities, please contact Edward 087 290 7553 or myself. Email: [udyc@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:udyc@limerick.anglican.org) or our UDYC Facebook page.

Until next month, Oscar Mobile: 086 2476327

# Children's Ministry Network

## BUILDING BLOCKS 2018



If you are looking for training in MINISTERING WITH CHILDREN then Building Blocks 2018 is for you. This annual children's ministry conference will be held on Saturday 10th November from 9.30am till 4pm at St Andrew's College, Booterstown, Dublin.

Yes 9.30!... And yes it is Dublin! And Yes! The far side of Dublin! And Yes! Dublin means an early start! And yes arrangements have to be made! And yes!! it is difficult to do all that. If cost is an issue ... talk to the rector.

## IT WILL BE WORTH IT.

Come away with loads of ideas, having made friends and chatted around your challenges and how others have coped with similar challenges. Be inspired, and inspiring. This is a nationwide event for all those who care for children and church.

We have a fantastic programme for you this year including Victoria Beech from GodVenture. Victoria is a young mum who home -schools her daughter. GodVenture is her business, choke full of workable interesting material for use at home or in church. Try buying some - you will not be disappointed! Victoria will not only be our keynote speaker but will also be running two seminars, one focusing on encouraging families and faith in the home and the other on Advent and Christmas ideas for small children.

Added to that we have:

- Martyn Payne, of Messy Church fame. He is no stranger to our shores, and has an immense practical knowledge of ministry with children. He will be delivering our Bible Story Telling Workshops,
- Julie Currie is one of our own. CMN Children's Worker in the dioceses of Down and Dromore facilitating Messy Science and how to use it to explore faith,
- Nicky Blair running our Music and Memory Verse seminar,
- Helen Groves exploring the topic of mental health and children and
- Elke Koker delving into lots of ideas to explore themes of Justice with children.

How lucky are we to have such an amazing team of facilitators for the day?! And there's more! Stalls, Top Tips, Giveaways, Lunch time activities. The programme is jam packed and full of wisdom, fun and resources for you and your children's ministry. See <http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BB-Save-the-Date-2018.pdf>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK NEWSLETTER



The current Newsletter on the website is themed 'Harvest'. Seeds are featured, mustard seed ideas, musical ideas to make and use, crafty non-messy ideas. Recently Added Videos: All age Worship; How to Tell Bible Stories.

HAVE A LOOK AT THIS ... [www.bdeducation.org.uk](http://www.bdeducation.org.uk)

A fantastic resource for clergy and others ministering with children. This generous site is made available by the CoE Dioceses of Blackburn Board of Education.

Weekly@ is our lectionary resource for you to use with your Sunday Children's Group. Each week Weekly@ will guide you through topics discussed during the main service so the whole family can hear the same message. You will find an opening activity, game, discussion, prayer, songs, an activity, response time and a take home activity. Designed for 5-11 year olds, with alternative activities suggestions for Under 5s and Over 12s, which have been usefully colour coded. This means you can adapt our resource for both Creche and your Sunday youth group!

Along with our Weekly@ resource we have Weekly@Home. It is a take home sheet which will provide an opportunity for families to share their faith as well as what they have heard and learnt at Church that day.

#### WHAT ABOUT A WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR CHILDREN?



www.sermons4kids produce a bulletin every week. It can be used for any or all weeks. It is based on the lectionary. The beauty of this is that it can be adapted and edited for your own parish children's use. For example, ideas from Weekly@ can be incorporated, or your own ideas will find space. A bit messy to produce but children like their own leaflet.

## Continuing Ministerial Education - Preparing for Remembrance Day on the 100th anniversary

Sunday 11 November, Remembrance Day, marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that brought an end to World War I.

All clergy and readers in the united dioceses are invited to a working day in the Rectory, Askeaton, Co Limerick, on Monday 15 October to look at resources and planning for Remembrance Day on this year's centenary.

Where do I find resources and readings?

How can we be sensitive to a diversity and variety of views and the challenges this day poses in a parish?



*The War Memorial in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick  
(Photo: Patrick Comerford, 2018)*

Once again, this programme is offered in two workshops: from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for day-time participants, and from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. for people in ministry who are also in day-time or secular employment.

The programme in September was a working day on bringing Spiritual Tourism to our parishes. The day was facilitated by Archdeacon Simon Lumby and Canon Patrick Comerford, and included a field trip to a number of sites in Askeaton linked to potentials in Spiritual Tourism, including the Templar Tower, the Famine grave, the grave of the poet Aubrey de Vere, and the ruined cloisters of the Franciscan Friary.

Although these days are designed for priests and readers, spouses, partners and friends are always welcome. Further details are available from Patrick Comerford: 087 663 5116; revpatrickcomerford@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, ministerial and liturgical resources, including sermon ideas, readings, collects, post-communion prayers, hymn suggestions and illustrations are published each Monday morning by Patrick Comerford on the web at: [cmelimerick.blogspot.com](http://cmelimerick.blogspot.com).

## William Tyndale, Bible translator and Reformation martyr



*Portrait of William Tyndale  
from Foxe's Book of Martyrs*

William Tyndale (c. 1494 – 6th October 1536) was born near Gloucester in England, and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English-speaking men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion.

For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known."

Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press. It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both Church and State.

When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious. Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work. Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## St. Nicholas' National School, Adare

School reopened on Thursday 30th August and we welcomed Charlotte, Sophie, Leeson, Benjamin, Harry, Imogen, Abbie, and Ruby to junior infants, Dawid to senior infants and Ella to 1st class. Miané joined 2nd class and Milo joined 4th class. We trust that all new pupils will settle in well and will have many happy years in St. Nicholas'. We also welcomed Liz Woulfe as a member of our support teaching team and Mrs Hales is back with us following her career break.

We began the year with a service in St. Nicholas' Church to welcome in the new school year. The pupils and teachers were joined by parents and thanks to Rev. Liz for taking the service. At the end of September the pupils sang 'Thank You Lord' at the Harvest Festival and were accompanied by pupils on guitar, tin whistle and concertina. The pupils also brought gifts of fruit, vegetables and home produce to church and these were auctioned off for charity afterwards in the school hall.

We had a most enjoyable and exciting visit from the Liam McCarthy Cup and captain Declan Hannon during September. This followed the Limerick team's wonderful success in the hurling final. Pupils and staff welcomed the captain and cup on the steps of the school and then we retired inside for lots of questions and the all-important signing of jerseys and hurleys.



6th Class with Declan and the Liam McCarthy Cup



Declan Hannon with the Liam McCarthy Cup and pupils

Once again we are taking part in the 'Fill the Welly' campaign. This is a project organized by Limerick 95 FM where pupils are asked to

bring in loose change and drop it into the welly. The money raised will be given to local children's projects including the Children's Ark, CARI in Limerick and Limerick Neonatal Unit Fund.

Senior pupils participated in the Diocesan Schools' Service which was held in St. Mary's Cathedral on September 26th. This was a wonderful event and we were delighted to be part of the cathedral's 850th birthday.

## St. Mary's National School, Nenagh

*"That time of year thou mayst in me behold  
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang  
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,  
Bare ruin'd choirs where late the sweet birds sang...."*  
- Shakespeare, Sonnet 73

The autumn chill is setting in already, but we offer the warmest of welcomes to each of our returning pupils. Céad Míle Fáilte to our new Junior Infants and their families - Eve, Henry, AJ, Suzannah, Mila, and Amy. We are also delighted to have Zoe, Ben and Tilly Parker and their family join our school and our community. It is a pleasure to meet all of you and we wish you every success at St. Mary's.

We also welcome Mrs Slattery on her return to us from maternity leave, as well as Miss Morrissey, who is covering Mrs Cavanagh's Maternity Leave.

We welcome Mrs Smyth and Madame Healy-Bernard to continue Music and French lessons.

Tennis lessons have started this month and we look forward to other exciting coaching activities throughout the year.

Our senior classes attended the Diocesan Schools Service on Wednesday, 26th September.

We will celebrate our Green Flag award for Biodiversity on 28th September. Parents and guardians are most welcome on the day at 11.30am.

Our carved owl sculpture by Will Fogarty was a wonderful sight to behold as we returned to school. Long associated with wisdom, the owl is a fitting sentinel for our school. While the acquisition of knowledge is an important part of education, surely wisdom, the application of knowledge to real life, is the ultimate reward of learning.

Let the new academic year begin with a fond wish for every pupil - that "from their lessons seek and find instruction with an humble mind" - Southey, The Scholar

## Saint Michael's National School, Limerick

What a glorious summer for us all to enjoy and now we are back to a new school year. Last year was a very busy year in St Michael's as we embarked on our fundraising campaign for our new classroom. We are hoping that building will kickstart in January and are mindful that while building is taking place, school life will be disrupted. However it will all be worthwhile when we get our much-needed new space and the use of our General Purpose Room back once again for PE activities.

Welcome to all our new pupils - sixteen in Junior Infants and five more throughout the school. This Junior Infants class will hopefully benefit from our anticipated additional space and upgrade of other facilities within the school environment.

St Michael's NS Senior Choir were busy practicing for the Diocesan Schools Service in St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday September 26th. We enjoyed joining with the other schools in the Diocese for this special occasion. We were privileged to be able to walk as this year it was in Limerick city.

## Cloughjordan National School

When school re-opened on 3rd September we extended a warm welcome to our ten new Junior Infants and other pupils. We hope that all of these pupils and their families will be very happy in our school. We also welcomed back Ms. Aimee Ryan to teach Fifth & Sixth Class and Mrs. Emma Crawford to teach First & Second Class. We wish our Sixth Class of 2017-2018 all the very best as they begin a new chapter of their lives in various Secondary Schools this autumn and congratulate all of our past pupils who did so well in Leaving and Junior Certificate examinations this year.

Parents of our infant children enjoyed an informal opportunity to get to know each other over a cup of coffee in school one afternoon. It was great to see so many present on the day.

We welcomed back Anne Fitzpatrick to coach tennis to all pupils, Paddy Fitzpatrick to teach tag-rugby to our older classes and our Garden Committee to guide us through autumnal gardening tasks and harvesting.

We are very grateful to Mr. Dooley and Mr. Hassett from St. Michael's N.S. for the kind invitation to our 3rd-6th Class pupils to join with pupils from St. Michael's N.S. and play in the Thomas MacDonagh hurling league which all participants are really enjoying

We are very grateful to all who organized the very enjoyable Vintage Day in Cloughjordan in aid of Cloughjordan's National Schools, Active Retirement and Seamus Hennessy's "Running for Josie" Campaign. It is very humbling when somebody not connected to the school offers to organize an event and donate proceeds to the schools. It was our privilege to be part of the day and we are very grateful for the generous donation from the proceeds.

We were delighted to welcome members of Kilruane MacDonagh's successful hurling teams to our school, together with many cups won this season. We congratulate the Kilruane U-14 team, including our own Cathal England and past-pupils, on their fantastic success in the County Final on 15th September when they beat Arravale by 4-9 to 2-9 and the Kilruane Senior team on winning the North Final on 16th September when they beat Kiladangan 0-19 to 0-12. We are very grateful to the players for taking time out of their celebrations to visit our school and we congratulate them on their success. Justin Cahill, Captain of the Senior Team, spoke to us about the importance of sport, getting involved, being active and spending less time on screens – wise words from a young man.



*Some Junior Infant pupils with Heather and 11 month old Jack from Dogs Trust*

We were also delighted to welcome Heather and her 11 month old dog, Jack, to school from Dogs Trust. It was a particular pleasure to welcome "Jack" to his first day at school and to learn about responsible dog ownership, caring for dogs and the work of Dogs Trust during the Education workshops.

## Kiltallagh National School, Castlemaine

On September 6th 1938, Kiltallagh National School proudly opened its doors and welcomed its very first pupils. 80 years on, our school continues to thrive, nurturing, guiding and encouraging each and every one of the children in our care to be the very best that they can be. As we rejoice and celebrate with pride the 80th anniversary of our school, we look forward with hope, enthusiasm, and confidence to a wonderful future in education for Kiltallagh National School and for all its children for many generations to come.



*Kiltallagh National School today*

### A HISTORY OF KILTALLAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

By Georgina Stephens, Principal from July 1956 – September 1993

There were two Church of Ireland (C of I) National Schools in Kerry prior to 1937. Tralee had two teachers and Killarney had just one teacher. The Rector of Kiltallagh (Castlemaine) and Kilcolman (Milltown) the Right Rev. R.H. Thompson, later to become the Dean of Ardfert, was convinced that there were enough C of I children in the area to have a school of their own. He applied to the Department of Education in 1936.

Local opinion differed, and Rev. Thompson met with quite a lot of opposition from members of the community who believed it would interfere with their businesses. In spite of this, building went ahead under the watchful eye of Mr. Richard Boyle. In September 1938, the school was officially opened by Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife of the manager. The brass plaque can be seen over the fire place in the Senior Room. The school is under the patronage of the Bishop and is vested in the Representative Church Body (RCB). The original school had one classroom and a kitchen. It had no electricity and no running water with outside toilets. The classroom was heated by an open fire. Drinking water was fetched by the children from the local creamery. I still have the original bucket! As there was no caretaker or cleaner, the teacher and the children maintained the school.

Transport was arranged to bring children from the neighbouring parish of Killorglin. Probably the first school transport in the country which still exists.

In the mid 50's, electricity came to the village and the school was connected. Heating was upgraded to include storage heaters although the open fire was still used. We had an electric clock and the great luxury and most prized possession at the time was the copper electric kettle. This kettle is still in the school.

We did not have the benefit of a mobile library in those days, so it was very important to build up our own collection of books. We gathered and scrounged books from where ever we could. In due course, the department gave us a grant which allowed us to purchase a large quantity of books. Mrs. Anne Eadie, mother to our Chairperson, Andrew Eadie, the Architect who designed both classrooms, had put in a lot of shelving and cupboard storage for the books.

In September 1965, the school was extended to increase the size of the classroom, adding indoor toilets and running water.

Miss Myrtle Godsell was appointed permanent assistant teacher to replace the junior teacher that had been there for some time. In 1969, Miss Godsell left and was not replaced. I was teaching on my own until 1972.

It was Government policy in the early 1970s to close small, rural National Schools and widespread amalgamation took place. At the time Kiltallagh had 28 pupils and Killarney had 8. After much debate, the Killarney School was closed and some of the children were bussed to Kiltallagh. The teacher from Killarney, Miss Florence Hoffman, came with them. Kiltallagh was not large enough to accommodate the extra children and a prefab was obtained as an extra classroom.

Part of the agreement with Killarney when the schools amalgamated was that Kiltallagh would be extended. In 1973, the second extension was completed. It incorporated a front porch and a second large, modern class room to accommodate the children and their teacher. The playground was also upgraded and partially tarred.

In the early years, there was very little funding from the Department and various fund-raising activities were held and supported by the parents and parishioners for the up-keep of the school. Whist Drive evenings and the annual Sale of Work were our main sources of income.

When Miss Hoffman left the school in 1975, she was replaced by Mrs. Susan O'Neill (Killmallock) who continued to teach, as assistant, until her retirement in June 1987.

Hestor Hill became principal in 1993 and continued until her retirement in 1997, when Michael Lynch was appointed to replace her. Ms. Caroline Cronin joined the staff as Deputy Principal in January 2002 and remains to the present day. Michael then took up principalship in St. John's Parochial School, Tralee in September 2003.

That year, Kiltallagh welcomed Kieran O' Toole as his replacement and Kieran remained until June 2007, when he was appointed principal of Scoil Eoin in Tralee. On Kieran's departure, our current Príomhoide Paula Ni Bhriain, took up her position as principal and she is most proud and privileged to be leading our school into its ninth decade.

## Oxmantown National School, Birr

Welcome back to all our students and a huge welcome to all the pupils joining us for the first time. Best wishes to the students that have moved on to the next stage of their education.

### GILL CUP

This year's winner of the Gill Cup is Sinéad Johnson. Sinéad came top in her class for her academic performance.

### SWIMMING

The swimming programme for all children from first class to sixth class started in September for eight weeks. During this time the children will learn to swim and improve their skills in the water.

### RUGBY

Rugby training started on the 26th September every Wednesday for first to sixth class. A coach from the Birr Rugby club will train the children.

### PLOUGHING MATCH

Owing to the ploughing match's third year, the Gardaí has asked us to open at 11am as the traffic will be very heavy in the town.

### CLOTHES COLLECTION

There will be a clothes collection in October so if a family has unwanted clothes please bring them into the school anytime and the school will receive a payment for them which will go towards school equipment, etc.

### STAFF CHANGES

Welcome back to Mr. Ryan who will be teaching 3rd and 4th class until Ms. Lynch returns from maternity leave next March. We welcome Ms. Feehan who replaces Miss Connolly as S.N.A. in the 1st and 2nd classroom. Mrs. Browne is teaching 1st and 2nd class covering for Ms. Carter who is on sick leave.

We wish Ms. Carter well, we hope to have her back at the end of September.



*Presentation of the Gill Cup*



# Villiers School

## NEWS FROM THE VILLIERS SANCTUARY

Villiers is once again at a time of new beginnings. We are all aware of the new beginning that exists for all those who said goodbye and are now off to an exciting new future as they begin college. There is also the small matter of the new beginning that takes place for all of our new first Form, who always bring a sense of wonder and excitement as they begin their journey with the Villiers community. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

The pace of life here is always bordering on the hectic side of the scale and that is very apparent when we are no sooner back than the 4th years are all lining up to get their Junior cert results. It only seems like yesterday when they were being welcomed as the new 1st Form. Well done all and congratulations, and of course enjoy TY.

The new Community Group is already hard at work as they begin their fundraising campaign. This year I have the honour of accompanying the group on a mission trip to Uganda. A very exciting, incredibly challenging, but amazingly worthwhile time ahead. Keep an eye out for some of the fundraisers and information about the mission trip. The Community group have set themselves up into three groups this year, The Wellbeing Committee, the Cycle Against Suicide Committee and the Young St Vincent De Paul Committee. Lots of hard work ahead but all wonderful causes to take up. I am so grateful for this group of young people who so easily and readily give up so much to make the world a better place. Bless you all!

I spoke recently in Assembly about waking up to a new day, one that we have not lived before, but one where we can meet new challenges and have new opportunities to learn and experience God's Kingdom. I talked about the phrase *carpe diem*, 'seize the day'. Let us develop an understanding that 'seize the day' means taking hold of any opportunities that come our way and making the most of every situation in which we find ourselves. It is about living life to the full. 'How will you greet this day?' We all need to 'seize the day' - after all, we can never have that day again. As the saying goes, 'Yesterday is history! Tomorrow is a mystery Today is a gift. That is why they call it the present.'

### Prayer:

Dear God, You are the giver of life in all its fullness.  
Thank you for this new day, which is a gift to live and enjoy.  
Help us to be more aware of the present and to face it with hope and joy.  
Amen.

Until next time, Blessings and peace

Chaplain Jackie McNair



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## Lunchtime Concerts September/October 2018, 1.15pm

### Wednesday 5th September

Sabine Ducrot (piano) - Music by Chopin

### Wednesday 12th September

Andrew Tessman (organ)

Music by Rheinberger, Vierne, Tessman and Parry

### Wednesday 19th September

Irina Dernova (piano)

Music tba

### Wednesday 3rd October

Giovanni Grano (Verona, Italy) - guitar

### Wednesday 10th October

Celia Donoghue (clarinet) & Ethna Tinney (piano)

Music by Saint-Saens, Finzi and Bartok

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# Diocesan Service for Primary Schools



*St Mary's Cathedral was packed for the Diocesan Schools Service*

The Limerick & Killaloe Diocesan Schools' Service was held in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick on Wednesday 26th September at 11.00 a.m. and was extremely well attended by over 300 pupils and teachers from schools throughout the United Diocese.

The theme of the service was "You are the Light of the World" and in the sermon given by The Rev'd Canon Peter Campion, Chaplain to The Kings' Hospital School, Dublin, we were reminded to think about the value and importance of being lights in the world and showing others the good that we do. The theme was further reflected in the readings, prayers, music and songs recited and performed by the children. Pupils from all 11 schools participated in the service and the preparation and time given by the teachers and pupils alike in rehearsing for the service is greatly appreciated by the committee.

During the service a collection was taken up in aid of Barnardo's amounting to over €400.

Following the service and lunch, the pupils had an opportunity to explore the Cathedral.

The committee would like to extend its thanks to everyone who participated in making the service a success. A special thanks goes to Mr Peter Barley who provided the musical accompaniment, and to the Cathedral staff who assisted in the running of the service. Thanks are due to the Organising Committee, the Principals, teachers and most of all the children for their enthusiastic participation in the service.

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## Fun & Games at Senior Summer Camp 2018



*All about teamwork*



*Great Mucky Fun*



*Drum workshop*



*Having fun @ Senior Camp*

# 200th Anniversary of St Matthew's Church, Clontuskert

On Sunday 16th September 2018 about 160 people, from both the Church of Ireland parish and the local community joined together in St Matthew's Church, Clontuskert to celebrate the 200th anniversary of this rural place of worship. This simple and elegant church, known locally as Glan Church, was built in 1818 at a cost of £850 15s 4½d by way of a gift from the Board of First Fruits.

The service, which incorporated Harvest Thanksgiving, was led by Rev John Godfrey of Aughrim & Creagh Union. The Gospel was read by Fr Michael Finneran PP of nearby St Augustine's Church. Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe gave the homily.

He spoke of the long Christian tradition in Clontuskert, with the establishment of the Priory of St Mary by St Baeden at the end of the 8th century, and the good relationship between the local Christian communities. The service was enhanced by the music of Ballinasloe Town Band under the leadership of Noel Madden.

Flowers were presented to Mary Sinclair and Pearl Sharpe for their long commitment to St Matthew's. The evening concluded with a harvest supper in the old school house adjacent to the church, where a birthday cake was cut in honour of the occasion.



*Symbols of the worship and witness in Glan Church presented by (L-R) Leslie Wakefield, David Sharpe, Francis Walshe, Norman Sinclair, Enda Sinclair, Derek Sinclair, Mary Comer and Shirley-Anne Godfrey*



*Glan Church – St Michael's, Clontuskert*



*Churchwardens Derek Sinclair and David Sharpe with Parish Reader Norman Sinclair with Noel Madden conductor of the Ballinasloe Town Band*



*Flowers presented to Mrs Pearl Sharpe and Mrs Mary Sinclair by Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe, Rev John Godfrey Rector of Aughrim & Creagh, and Fr Michael Finneran PP Clontuskert*

## Congratulations to Oscar Egbulam



Oscar Egbulam, from Limerick City Parish and UDYC Public Relations Officer & Committee member, successfully completed his University Degree in Chemical Engineering at University of Limerick in early September following four years of hard work. While in his final year at University he also undertook to complete the Aurora Certificate in Youth Ministry delivered by the Church of Ireland Youth Department and achieved excellent results for portfolio and assignments

completed for this course. The Aurora Certificate in Youth Ministry training course by Cliff College is designed to meet the needs of

volunteer youth leaders who have busy lives and no formal youth work qualifications. In order to successfully complete the certificate Oscar was required to attend a number of training days, complete a portfolio of learning and complete a number of assignments. He is the first person from Limerick Diocese to complete the course. Having been inspired by the Aurora course and positive faith experiences with Limerick City Parish and UDYC, after a rigorous recruitment process, Oscar has commenced a Discipleship Training Programme for a full year with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) in Uganda. We congratulate Oscar on his academic achievements and on securing a place with YWAM and wish him the very best on the Year Out programme and look forward to reporting many updates during the year.

# Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 850th

On Saturday 8th September (the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary) a large congregation came together at St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick for a Service of Thanksgiving for the 850th Anniversary of the foundation of the Cathedral. The service of sung evensong was the liturgical highlight of this year's celebrations. The general theme of the service was celebrating the role of the Cathedral within the life of the City of Limerick.

The guest preacher was the Right Rev'd David Chillingworth, former Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. During his address he emphasised that the Cathedral is "not a religious museum – not a spiritual theme park – but a place from which the church can be energised and where people who search can encounter God and his faithful people" – see the full address below.

The Bishop of Limerick, the Most Rev'd Dr Brendan Leahy and the Mayor of Limerick, Councillor James Collins read the lessons during the service. Former Bishops of Limerick, Trevor Williams and Edward Darling and Rt Rev'd Anne Dyer, Bishop of Aberdeen

& Orkney, were also in attendance, with many clergy and diocesan readers from across the united dioceses.

As thanksgiving for 850 years of Christian faith and life was celebrated during the liturgy, Dean Niall Sloane reminded the congregation that praise and thanksgiving continues to be offered in the Cathedral daily in prayer. This was highlighted during the service as public representatives (Pat Kearney, Representing the Traders of Limerick; Helen O'Donnell, Limerick Tidy Towns and Jason Kenny, Barrington's Hospital) led prayers for the needs of the city and Cathedral.

The beauty of the liturgy was greatly enhanced by the fine singing of the choir, under the direction of Peter Barley, including the canticles Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, set by Wood in E (no 2), and the anthem Ave Maria by Elgar.

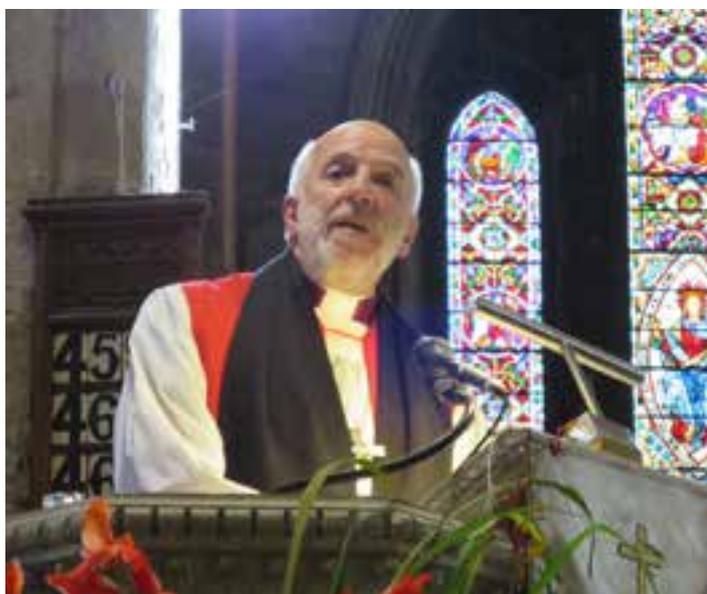
By kind permission of Limerick City & County Council a reception followed in City Hall, during which an 850th Birthday Cake was cut and enjoyed.



*In attendance at the 850th Anniversary Service*



*Right Rev'd David Chillingworth; Councillor James Collins, Mayor of Limerick; Right Rev'd Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe; Most Rev'd Dr Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick; Very Rev Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick*



*Right Rev'd David Chillingworth preaching the anniversary sermon*



*Bishop Kenneth Kearon, Mayor James Collins and Dean Niall Sloane cutting the 850th Birthday Cake at the reception in City Hall*

# Anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick

## The Anniversary Sermon preached by Rt Revd David Chillingworth

In an age of the instant, 850 years is an extraordinary span of continuity sustained. God has been faithful – people have been constant and faithful to the life of this beautiful and hallowed place. But we stand together in the presence of God who as Psalm 90 says

*For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.*

Ancient church buildings are extraordinary places. They are hallowed with the prayers of generations. They are a repository of memories – countless baptisms, weddings and funerals – alongside civic and community events of all kinds. People have been faithful across the centuries. God has been faithful – and it is to his eternal love that this building a sermon in stone – as Shakespeare's memorable phrase put it – gives vivid testimony.

The dedication to Mary roots that story of faithfulness in our salvation history. The angel brought the news of the coming birth of her child. Mary replied in obedience 'I am the Lord's servant'. She was there too at the end on Good Friday. Remembered also today in the great song which we know as the Magnificat. It reverberates down the centuries with its promise that the mighty will be cast down and the humble and meek exalted. This is a radical God who challenges the orthodox patterns – a God of justice and a God of love.

But what might a building like this be for in our times?

A Cathedral is of course the seat – the cathedra – of the bishop. It provides unity for the diocese and its leadership. Here the bishop ordains people and sends them out in mission. If, as some put it, 'people have lost the habit of God' this sending out in mission must be our constant concern if we are not to slip into a sort of holy twilight.

This Cathedral of course matters deeply to the Church of Ireland community of the south and west. It symbolises our distinctive way of faith. But Cathedrals are much more than that – they transcend the life of the Christian denomination which happens to hold them in trust. Look around at the ecumenical and community diversity of this congregation – we welcome one another, and we support one another in ways which would have been unimaginable a generation or two ago. So there is an ecumenical imperative about the life of a building like this.

It needs to take its place at the heart of the life of the wider community – a gathering place in good times and bad – a place of celebration and of mourning. As a holy place, it challenges us to rise above the short term and the everyday – to recognise our common humanity – to see the image of God and the face of Christ in one another.

And these are times of promise for our ancient cathedrals. Faith is not dead. For there are many people who describe themselves as 'spiritual but not religious'. Every time I have gone on retreat, I have met them – people who claim no faith but recognise the need to nourish their spiritual core. When I walked the Camino towards Santiago de Compostella, I found myself walking with a planeload of Irish pilgrims. We were complete strangers. But we talked about

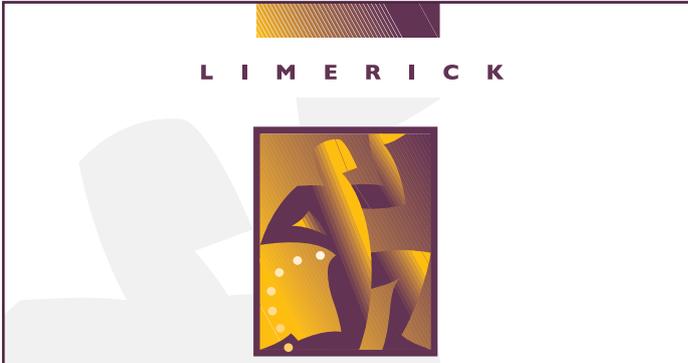
everything including the deep things of life. There were people walking bereavement out of themselves – a person with terminal cancer – people carrying deep hurts. The pilgrimage was as much spiritual journey as footsore walk.

Alongside retreat and pilgrimage as places where people can explore their spirituality and be touched by God, I would add Cathedrals. People who come as tourists can become pilgrims. Beautiful architecture, music and liturgy – a sense of timelessness – can begin to put people in touch with their spiritual side. When I was ill a few years ago, some said they would pray for me. And others said they would light a candle. And that becomes a prayerful action for people who would not consider themselves as people of faith.

And all the time, the dedication to Mary taps us on the shoulder – reminds us that we should not bring this wonderful building down to a reduced faith – that it stands for the action of the God who casts down the mighty and exalts the humble and meek. When he was Dean of Liverpool, Justin Welby now Archbishop of Canterbury said that it was a safe place in which to do risky things for God.

Not a religious museum – not a spiritual theme park – but a place from which the church can be energised and where people who search can encounter God and his faithful people.

It's been a great privilege and pleasure for me to share this celebration with you. May the ministry which flows from this building grow and prosper in the years to come



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# Westward Ho and memories of a boy's swashbuckling books

By Patrick Comerford



*The Westward Ho restaurant-bar in Mungret, Co Limerick  
(photos: Patrick Comerford)*

On the road from Limerick to Askeaton, Mungret is an attractive village that is quickly being absorbed into the city as a suburb. In recent months, Westward Ho, the only pub in Mungret has been refurbished and reopened as a restaurant bar.

For many people on their way from Limerick heading west to the port at Foynes or the beach at Ballybunion, the name Westward Ho! seems very apposite. But the name is also a reminder of Westward Ho!, the historical novel by Charles Kingsley published in 1855.

I still remember first reading Westward Ho! when I was a boy of 8. I still have a clear memory of the books I read that summer: my first attempted reading of the King James Version of the Bible, as well as Westward Ho! by Charles Kingsley, Kidnapped and Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, and Foxe's Book of Martyrs, which was attractive to a boy of my age not because of its religious fervour but because its ghoulish illustrations had a certain hold over a boy's imagination.

Westward Ho! was published eight years before *The Water-Babies* (1863), and ten years before *Hereward the Wake* (1865). If my parents were ever aware of Kingsley's alleged racism, they never alluded to it, and they never stopped us reading his books. Kingsley wrote to his wife from Ireland in 1860: 'I am haunted by the human chimpanzees I saw along that hundred miles of horrible country ... to see white chimpanzees is dreadful; if they were black one would not see it so much, but their skins, except where tanned by

exposure, are as white as ours.' These anti-Irish tirades continue in *The Water-Babies*, with references to 'pleasant lies' told by 'a poor Paddy' who 'knows no better.' In *Hereward the Wake*, the hero finds refuge in Ireland among the Vikings, who are civilised and live in cities like Dublin, Waterford and Limerick, while the native Irish are deceitful, dishonest and treacherous.

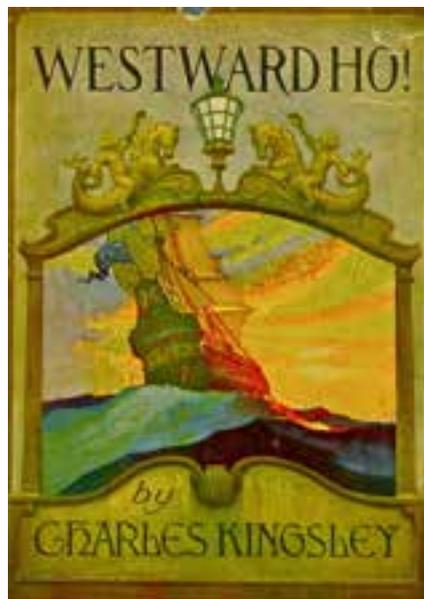
But my childhood excitement at reading *Westward Ho!* still returns when I pass through Mungret, and I have retained a respect for many of the values of the Revd Charles Kingsley (1819-1875), an Anglican priest, professor, social reformer, historian and novelist. He is particularly associated with Christian Socialism, working men's colleges, and labour co-operatives. He was a friend of prominent Victorians such as Charles Darwin, John Ruskin, Thomas Carlyle, Charles Dickens and Alfred Lord Tennyson, and was one of the first public figures to welcome Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* in 1859.

*Westward Ho!* tells the adventures of an Elizabethan corsair and is based on real-life events surrounding the Spanish Armada and an expedition in 1595. A prominent theme is the 16th-century fear of Roman Catholics, and the book describes repeatedly an English view of the worst excesses of Spanish Jesuits and the Inquisition.

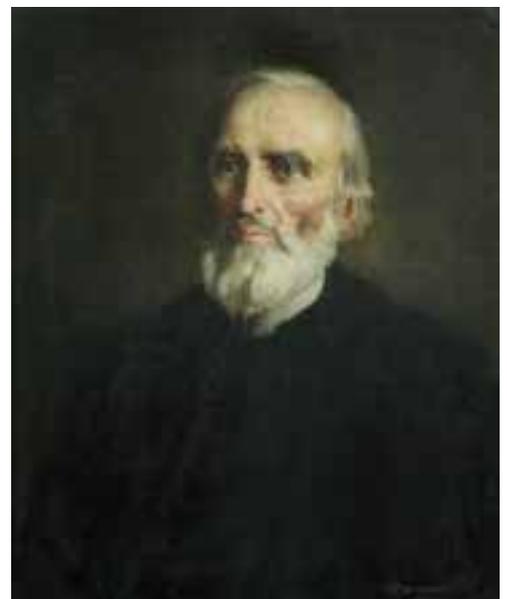
When I pass Westward Ho in Mungret, I also think of Kingsley's Irish-born friend and neighbour in Cambridge, the Revd Professor FJA Hort. When *Westward Ho!* was about to be published, Kingsley sent the printer's proofs to Fenton Hort, perhaps seeking not just a second opinion but approval too. Hort was particularly engaged with the descriptions of the Desmond rebellion in Limerick and Kerry, including references to Hort's ancestors in the FitzMaurice family and the destruction of Carrigafoyle Castle on the Kerry coast, between Ballybunion and Tarbert. Hort could hardly suppress his excitement and wrote eagerly to his friend the bibliophile Henry Bradshaw (1831-1886), a master at Saint Columba's College, Rathfarnham (1854-1856). Hort told Bradshaw he had 'just been reading in the sheets of Kingsley's *Westward Ho!*, a capital description of the attempt of the Spaniards to effect a lodgement in Munster in 1580.'



*Rev Charles Kingsley*



*WestwardHo!*



*Rev Prof FJA Hort*

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The first of our series of harvest services in our 5 churches took place on Sunday 16 September at St Flannan's Cathedral in Killaloe. The church was beautifully decorated and the flowers arrangements were beautiful. The address this year to the congregation was done by Jessica Brown. Jessica a native of Texas moved to Ireland with husband Simon and son Calder a few years ago and they have integrated into the community in Killaloe with great ease. So it was good to have one of our own address us at the harvest service this year. Jessica has a way with words, which is really her craft. So our thanks to her for highlighting the season of autumn and how it reminds us all to let go and let God.

Yonit Kosovske a harpsichordist living in the Killaloe area and Course Director of keyboard studies on the MA Classical String Performance programme at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance kindly did an un-ticketed performance of Bach's Well Tempered Clavier Book 1, which is a masterpiece of 24 preludes and fugues in the major and minor of every key. It was indeed a privilege having her perform before giving her solo harpsichord concert in Denmark in October. It is wonderful when there are such talented local people just offering to do something like this in the cathedral and giving the locals a chance to just walk in and enjoy.



*Manus McGuire & Emily Flack*

Jan Yard arranged a photo exhibition in the cathedral depicting St Flannan's over time and one can have a look at the changes to the building over the last 100 years or so. Jan has been attending the cathedral now over the past few years and will shortly be returning to live in the UK. Our thanks to her and for the effort she has made in this exhibition and in projects in the past. We wish her well.

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Fundraiser concert in St Cronan's, Tuamgraney, featuring Manus McGuire and Emily Flack who put on a great show. Special thanks also to our local businesses, Wilde Irish Chocolates, McKernans and Nualas who generously gave prizes for the raffle for those who had bought a ticket for the event.

Great turnout for the Heritage week Batwalk in Tuamgraney. Many thanks to Ruth Minogue who guided the tour and was a fountain of knowledge for all things bat related. John Cooke from RTE radio recorded some of the tour which was played on RTE radio.

The Cathedral was open for visitors during Heritage Week and conducted tours were done each afternoon at 3.30. Visitors had the opportunity to go up the bell tower and have a go ringing the bells. Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped facilitate the week.



*Outside Tuamgraney Church during Heritage Week with Batwalk*

The Autumn series continues in All Saints Church Castleconnell with Amatis Piano Trio on 16 October at 8 pm and Hugh Tinney on Tuesday 27 November. Tickets available at the door at €15 or concession €10 or through Lime Tree Theatre Box office.



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### PRAYERS

We continue to remember Betty Eades, Pamela Edge, Pam Reid, and baby Saoirse in our prayers, and we now include Tom Hayes, who has been in the nursing home in Shinrone.

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to little Tighe Noah Bailey, and to his parents Thomas and Santa. Tighe was baptized by Canon Ruth Gill in the church in Birr on the 1st of September.



*Tighe Noah Bailey, his parents, Thomas and Santa, with family and friends*

### HARVEST SERVICES

By the time you read this, most of our Harvest services will be over. Our last one will be in St Ruadhan's Church, Lorrha, on Sunday, 14th October at 8:00 pm. The preacher will be the Revd Rod Smyth, Rector of the Nenagh Union of Parishes. All are welcome.

### UNITED DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

On Saturday, 22nd September, the UDYC held a M.A.D. Day (Multi-Activity Day) at the Birr Outdoor Education Centre, culminating in a service in the church in Birr. The UDYC has an ambitious programme for the young people of our Diocese for young people from 3rd class to age 18. Weekend retreats and summer camps include outdoor activities, games, religious instruction, and worship. The programme is dependent on volunteer help, as leaders (both young adults and those who are older), and people to help with transport, setup, and especially catering. If anyone is interested in helping, or wants more information, they should speak to the Archdeacon.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday falls on the 11th of November this year, which is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the First World War. Some 35,000 Irish soldiers were killed, from all parts of the island and from all religious traditions. Since Birr Church has, since before the present building was built, had a connection with the Crinkle Barracks and the Leinster Regiment, it seemed to be imperative that we do something special to mark the day. As a result, on the 11th of November, we will have an ecumenical service at 3:30 pm in the church in Birr, the only service in the group that day. The Birr Choral Society will lead us in singing, and we hope to involve children from the parish and Oxmantown School. It is

inspiring that, in Birr, Remembrance Sunday commemorations are no longer seen as Protestant gatherings, but as times to reflect on the loss of so many young lives, and as reminders to do all we call to make peace, between nations, in our communities, and in our homes.

## Roscrea Group of Parishes

*St Burchin's Church Bourney, Christ Church Corbally, St Molua's Church Kyle, with St. Cronan's Church Roscrea*

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Congratulations and heartiest congratulations are offered to Sonny and Marion Delahunt on their recent Diamond Wedding Celebrations. Sixty years ago they were married in Zion Church Rathgar and the reception was held in The Salt Hill Hotel, Blackrock. Most recently, family travelled from all over the country and France to celebrate with Marion and Sonny.

### SERVICES OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2018

Sunday September 23	3.00 pm.	St.Molua's
Sunday October 7	3.30 p.m.	St.Cronan's
Sunday October 14	3.00 p.m.	St.Burchin's, Bourney
Sunday October 21	3.00 p.m.	Christ Church

SERVICES OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING We look forward to special preachers Revd. Lesley Robinson in St.Cronan's Roscrea; Revd. Dr. Patricia Hanna in St.Burchin's Bourney and a speaker from Christian Aid in Christ Church Corbally.

DEAN GARY PAULSEN St. Cronan's Church Roscrea look forward to a visit of the Dean of St. Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe as the Rector takes her place on her canonical visit to St. Flannan's on Sunday October 21st.

COFFEE AND CHAT WEDNESDAY Do come on in and enjoy a chat on a subject yet to be determined but will be advertised locally in time...the date October 24th. the place Racket Hall, the time 11.00 to midday. This informal 'chat-in', is for you and your friends, so come and enjoy and hour or so, on a familiar topic.

Canon Jane was asked to contribute to a Methodist Church journal on how we are working towards the Covenant. The following is what she wrote.

*'We have many friends but at the moment only one Covenant partner'*

*Gillian Kingston makes the point in 'Working Out The Covenant - Guidelines for the Journey', published by the Covenant Council of the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland.*

*As would be expected in a small town with both church buildings and congregations living in close proximity, sharing is a familiar experience.*

*Considering the Covenant's ten points of declaration and encouragement, there are obvious points of mutual recognition of what it is all about...acknowledging one another's Churches as belonging to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ and as truly participating in the apostolic mission of the whole people of God...and the sharing of a common faith set forth in the scriptures and summarised in the three historic creeds.*

*There is close contact between the clergy, a sharing of service especially around festival times of the church year, there is a shared outreach to the wider community, in what is already a friendly ecumenically rich place, and there are new initiatives explored and led by the clergy of all the denominations in the town.*

*The pertinent question is, would all this be happening without the Covenant? The answer is an unequivocal, 'yes.'*

*So where lies the effecting of the Covenant? There is a sensitivity historically that requires careful examination. This is well rehearsed by the chief bodies of both churches, and would be foolish to believe that the many small and seemingly insignificant difficulties, do not exist locally. While it is a tremendous step forward and due acknowledgement is given for the years of hard work that continue by the Covenant Committee; and while it is extraordinarily useful to have the terms of the Covenant to work towards; it is at a point of awareness of sensitivities, often small and therefore deep, that I perceive our local churches find themselves.*

*Can we help one another to grow together so as to knit together a visible unity? Of course we can! I remain committed to that goal.*

## **Nenagh Union of Parishes**

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The harvest season is well and truly in full swing in most of our parishes. On Sunday 23rd September Killodiernan Parish Church celebrated its Harvest Thanksgiving Festival Service. The children from the parish brought forward the harvest gifts at the beginning of the service as the congregation sang the hymn, 'God whose farm is all Creation,' sung to the tune of, 'Now the Carnival is over,' made famous by the group The Seekers in 1967. The Rector, of course, only has a vague memory of his mother singing it to him! The lessons were read by Mrs Laura Clarke and the sermon was given by Rev Edna Wakely, Curate Assistant of St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. After the service refreshments were served by the ladies of the Parish.

On Sunday 30th September it was the turn of Templederry Parish Church to have its Harvest Festival service. As is the custom in Templederry, it was an evening service. Somehow there is always something just that little bit special about an evening Harvest Festival service out in the country, just as the light is beginning to fade. Rev Terry Mitchell from Cloughjordan was the preacher and after the service the large congregation was treated to a traditional harvest supper.

### **DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SERVICE**

The Rector was taken back to his early days as a teacher when, on Wednesday 26th September, the pupils of St Mary's National School, together with staff and helpers, set off for St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick by bus for the Diocesan Schools Service. A happy and educational day out was enjoyed by the staff and pupils, playing their part in the service, and then enjoying the tours and activities which had been organised by the Cathedral.

### **NENAGH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

And finally, advance notice has been given of this year's Nenagh Christmas Tree Festival to be held in St Mary's Parish Church, Church Road, Nenagh from Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th December. As usual the Festival will conclude with a Community Carol Service in St Mary's on Sunday 16th December.



## **Cloughjordan & Borrisokane Group of Parishes**

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Two BBQs were held in the Group of Parishes over the summer. The first one, on the 19th of August was a Parish BBQ. Thank you to those who helped on the day as we enjoyed a lovely summer's evening together.

The second BBQ, on the 8th of September, was organised by the Diocesan Youth Council and included a Car Treasure Hunt, followed by a disco. It was a great evening, though a little less summery, and we look forward to welcoming you all again next year.

### **WEDDING**

Congratulation to Sarah Harding who was married to Aidan Murray on the 23rd of August in the Borrisokane Church of Ireland. The reception was held in Ashley Park.

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES**

Templeharry – 23rd September at 3:00pm (Mr Clifford Guest)

Ballingarry – 7th October at 8:00pm (Rev. Rod Smyth)

Cloughjordan – 14th October at 8:00pm (Rev. Stephen Neil)

Borrisokane – 21st October at 11:30am (Rev. Patrick Towers)

Borrisnafarney – 26th October at 8:00pm (Rev. Shannon De Laureal)

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All our welcome at these celebratory services, as we come together as a community, to give thanks to God for the harvest.

THANK YOU to Averil and Ann Clarke for hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of North Tippersary Hospice on Monday the 24 September at their home at Knockshegowna View, Lissadonna Cross, Ballingarry

WHIST DRIVE will be held in the Borrisokane Church Hall on Wednesday the 10th of October at 8:15pm. All are welcome to attend.

## Shinrone Group of Parishes

*Shinrone, Aghancon, Kinnitty and Dunkerrin*

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### CHURCH SERVICES

Kinnitty at 10 a.m.

Aghancon at 11.30 a.m.

Dunkerrin at 9 a.m.

Shinrone at 10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion in Dunkerrin & Shinrone on the first Sunday of the month and in Kinnitty & Aghancon on the second Sunday of the month.

### VISIT BY MINISTRY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Committee have visited the Group of Parishes and parishioners met them in Cloughmoyle School in the afternoon when ideas and opinions were aired and listened to. The Rectory is looking good after getting a fresh painting and other works have been ongoing.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SHINRONE

After a long wait, the painting was done quickly and efficiently and the church looks really good. There was the minimum upset with the church closed on only one Sunday. Many thanks to all those who helped with the preparation and getting things back in place afterwards – it has been well worth it.

### VISIT TO UGANDA

Emma Mooney and family were able to raise the funds necessary for her to travel to Uganda next Easter. Wonderful support was received from neighbours, friends and parishioners who took part in a looped walk around the locality where she lives. Although it rained the craic was mighty! Many thanks from the Mooney family to all those who supported them in any way.

### COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WWI

Plans are well advanced for the ceremony on the 11th November in St. Mary's Church of Ireland. The Heritage Committee in Shinrone are very interested and committed to making this a suitable event to remember those from the locality who died in the First World War and those who served and did return home, sometimes deeply scarred by their experiences.

### AFTERNOON TEA

It was a fund-raiser for Aghancon Community Hall and it was fabulous! Everyone loved using bone china tea cups and saucers and table cloths and flowers added to the atmosphere. The food was lovely and such a variety! It was a great idea and thoroughly enjoyed by all those there.



*Mary, Veronica and Ann enjoying afternoon tea in Aghancon Hall*

### SWAP

Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick and Canon Ruth swapped places on the 16th September, Niall coming to conduct the service of Morning Prayer in Shinrone and Ruth celebrating Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral. The anthem the cathedral choir sang was divine.

### CONCERT

Friday 12th October in Aghancon Community Hall at 8 p.m., with Roscrea Community Choir and others. Proceeds to Aghancon Church and Offaly Special Olympics. Tickets €10 each.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Kinnitty harvest will have taken place by the time these notes appear. Due to another engagement in Limerick, the Revd. Paul Fitzpatrick was unable to preach. We will catch up with him again.

Shinrone harvest will be held on the 14th October at 8 p.m. when we look forward to welcoming the Revd. Isaac Delamere from Tullamore.

The date for Dunkerrin has been changed and will now be held on Sunday 28th October at 8 p.m., with the Revd. Denis Sandes preaching.

### BEST WISHES

To colleagues, Canon Bob Hanna who has retired from Ennis. To the Revd. Canon Liz Beasley and the Revd. Jim Stephens who have been appointed to the joint chapters of Limerick & Killaloe

## Drumcliffe Union with Kilnasoolagh

*Ennis, Kilfenora, Spanish Point, Kilnasoolagh and Shannon*

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### FINAL FAREWELL TO CANON BOB

It's a fact, Canon Bob has left the building. After 24 years of service to the Church of Ireland community of Mid and West Clare, Canon Bob Hanna has departed the parish grouping. His final service on the 26th of August was a shared service for the congregations of Christ Church Spanish Point, Kilnasoolagh church Newmarket-on-Fergus and St. Columba's church Ennis. In his reflection Canon Bob said he had no desire to leave Ennis, the Burren or the Shannon, but all his favoured landscape would be close by to his new home in the South Galway area where he intends living. He said he was blessed by all the friendships he had made in the area, both inside and outside the church. His earliest memories of Ennis was of his two children Amy and Peter climbing on the rectory gate. This was before Sophie was born, she came a little later on a snowy December evening just after Christmas. He compared his time as minister in the grouping as a tough journey with blessings. Sometimes life can be a struggle but

# Clonfert Diocese

## Aughrim & Creagh Unions of Parishes

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The first anniversary of the death of Josephene Sheppard was marked in Ardahan Church on Sunday 2nd September. We remembered the 4th anniversary of the death of Reverend George Flynn on September 17th. We extend our deepest sympathies to the people of Cappataggle Parish as they mourn the death Father Ned Stankard, who was buried on September 13th, and we remember with thanksgiving the ecumenical work which Father Stankard led in Aughrim as far back as the 1960s.

Many thanks to all who supported the annual Sale of Work for St Matthew's Church, Clontuskert on Thursday 6th September, which raised over €2,000 towards the upkeep of the church. It is thanks to those efforts that we were able to fit a new church carpet in time for the church's bicentenary celebrations on September 16th (see page 17). One parishioner there remembers the dedication of the previous carpet in 1966!

Congratulations to Paul Seale and Ruth Treacy who were married in Woodlawn Church on September 14th - we wish them every blessing for their married lives together.

with God's help we get through. He said he was strengthened by his experience in Clare and appreciated his many friendships. He said there are three essential words that all Christian people should know and use, please, thanks and sorry. With these three simple words, Amazing Grace brings us through.

At the end of the service glebe warden Tim Gibbons, on behalf of the congregation, gave a speech of appreciation and gratitude in which he thanked Canon Bob for his committed service to the church, his congregation, and the community in West Clare. Tim followed by reading a poem by WB Yeats "The Fiddler of Dooney". This poem reflects on the end of time when two clerks of Holy Orders and the poet stand at the gates of heaven and St Peter smiles and admits the poet first and then the 2 priests, one a brother and the other a cousin of the poet. Canon Bob then chose to sing hymn 93. "Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he". This traditional hymn written by folk singer Sydney Carter sang with gusto in appreciation of Canon Bob's 24 years in his favoured Celtic Landscape which is the West of Ireland.



*Canon Bob Hanna is presented with a retirement gift by Drumcliffe Select Vestry Members*

This was followed by finger food prepared by the ladies of the parish with Miriam Gibbons playing a big part in preparations. Thank you Miriam for all the work and the beautiful 'retirement' cake. Parish Treasurer Maria Kerin made a presentation to Canon Bob on behalf of Drumcliffe congregation and a number of church members made speeches of appreciation.



*Last Signature in the Preachers Book*



*Cutting the Retirement Cake*

### CONCERT

On Friday 7th of September there was a concert in Kilnasoolagh church in aid of Limerick Suicide Watch. This concert was organised by Fina Wurm in association with Kilnasoolagh Select Vestry. Fina, daughter of congregation members Ekki and Michelle Wurm, is in fourth year at CIT Cork School of Music. The programme consisted of classical and traditional music played by Louise Sullivan, David Szabo, Aisling Lyons, Mary-Ellen Nagle, Caelainn Meaney, Brenn Liddy, and Sean Lyons. This was a wonderful selection of music in contrasting traditions expertly performed. The music could have been from any world stage. Well done to all concerned.



*Paul Seale Et Ruth Treacy, married in Woodlawn Church on September 14th*

### THE GLEBE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The senior students of the Glebe National School took part in the Diocesan Schools Service in St Mary's Cathedral Limerick on September 26th. The school and parish community sends our best wishes to Mrs Lisa Fenton and Mrs Nicola Waters who both began their maternity leaves in September, and welcomes Mrs Orla Delaney and Miss Alison Bonner as they take up the maternity teaching posts. We wish Mrs Carmel Murphy well as she starts her new secretarial post in West Galway and welcome Mrs Mary Stewart as our new school secretary. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs Anne Delaney, school cleaner, on the death of her sister Chrissie and to Mrs Jacinta McHugh, SNA, on the death of her aunt Mary Connolly.

Reverend Patrick Towers led the Mother's Union opening service on September 18th in St John's Church Ballinasloe, which included a collection of resources for our partner Sunday School in Malawi.

The Rector preached at the Ballinasloe Harvest on September 23rd – the sixth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood – giving thanks for the abundance of God's grace in our parish at this time, and for the resplendent harvest of apples in the rectory! We were delighted to welcome Reverend Charles McCartney as guest preacher at the Woodlawn harvest on September 28th.

The Rector helped to lead the Portiuncula Hospital Remembrance Service on September 27th in Gullane's Hotel – a bi-annual service in memory of those who died in the hospital this year.

Services in our own parish were cancelled on September 30th so that we could take part in the Diocesan Eucharist in Clonfert Cathedral on September 30th, at which the Rector was guest preacher. Much fun was had at the diocesan fun day and feast which followed.

The Ballinasloe October Fair began with "Celebrating Town Twinning" – an exhibition in the Library Gallery on September 29th, followed by a 3 Fairs Gathering that evening in the Shearwater Hotel, and the official festival launch on September 30th – and the Rector was honoured to be involved in those important community events.

We look forward to the harvest thanksgiving services on Ahascragh on Friday 12th October at 7.30pm, in Aughrim on Sunday 14th October at 11.30am and in Ardrahan Church on October 19th at 7pm.



*At the Harvest Festival in St John's Church, Ballinasloe*

## Clonfert Group of Parishes

*Clonfert, Banagher, Eyrecourt, and Portumna*

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September has drawn to a close, in our group we have seen several of our children starting school for the first time and a number returning to school, moving up a year and even new teachers. I have good memories of those days and indeed a sense of adventure. Arriving into College for the first time with a feeling of being smaller or perhaps it was just the larger building and the increase of students. Lots of change going on with our children, young folk and teenagers. Modern life today can be complicated and stressful, please be assured of our prayers and support.

We bring our last Thursday in the month Holy Communion in Clonfert Cathedral to a close and move back to Eliza Lodge during the winter months. We really enjoyed our Cathedral and thank you for your support.

The last Sunday in September showed us at our best in Clonfert Cathedral. Thank you to Dean Gary Paulson for Celebrating and Rev'd John Godfrey for the sermon, I led the prayers and with Isabel at the organ we managed to involve everyone present. Thank you to all who prepared the day around Clonfert, the Diocesan Council for

Mission for the support, Diocesan Youth for joining in. Having said all this we could not have managed without our own parish support and much back ground work. Thank you to Keith for the treasure hunt and Edward for pulling us all together.

Where could all this take us?

### HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS

Portumna Sunday 7th October @ 8.00pm Preacher Fr Mike PP Portumna.

Eyrecourt Sunday 21st October @ 7.00pm Preacher Canon Trevor Sullivan

A special invitation to our younger families with the earlier time.

### BANAGHER CONCERT & HARVEST

The Select Vestry in Banagher decided to have a Concert Saturday 27th October in the Church with Karen Cruise (Charles younger sister and international musician) leading a group of musicians from our home parish in Belfast. Various artists will perform and we look forward to a great evening. Tickets €10 or on the night.

This will lead us into our Harvest Service on Sunday 22nd @ 11.00am with the Silver Band Ensemble and Karen leading the praise. The Rt Revd Kenneth Kearan is our preacher. Bishop Kenneth will be with us again in November for 150 years in Eyrecourt.

Please make our Harvest Thanksgivings a great time together and we look forward to welcoming everyone in our community.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING -Thank you Elizabeth and Gibson, opening your home for afternoon teas in aid of Galway Hospice. It was also really good to meet with people outside our small Church Community.

ARCHITECTURE AT THE EDGE - Clonfert Cathedral will be part of the Festival this year on Saturday 20th October from 12.00noon to 4.00pm We will be joined by Dr Christy Cunniffe to help us understand the history. We also look forward to a musical quartet being present. A very interesting afternoon, please come along and enjoy.

# Limerick Diocese

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### FROM THE DEAN

As we journey through the season of Harvest may we take time to pause each day to give God thanks for 'all good gifts around us'!

### DEAN'S CLINIC

The Dean will hold a clinic in the Cathedral from 7-8pm on 23rd October.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Victor and Georgina Dreaper who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary

To John and Kayt Shier who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Anne Millar renewed their wedding vows at a service in St Michael's Church, Pery Square. This was to celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary. The service was conducted by the Rev'd Edna Wakely.



*Robert & Anne Millar renewed their vows in St Michael's on their 21st Wedding Anniversary*

## ST MARY'S 850TH

For the last quarter of the year a number of events will be held as we continue our 850th anniversary celebrations. Please consult the relevant brochure or visit [www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org) for more information.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are grateful to the leaders of our Sunday Club who have organised a wide range of events and activities for the coming months. Children who wish to remain in church can avail of the Children's packs at the back of the church and/or follow along in our Parish Communion services with the 'I can join in the Holy Communion Service' booklets.

Children are always welcome at our services and junior activities!

## EVENTS

A Calendar of Events is now available for events and activities taking place over the next 12 months. Copies available in the Churches or from the Parish Office.

## DIARY FOR THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2018

- 5 October Open House
- 7 Harvest Thanksgiving, St Mary's Cathedral at 11.15am.  
Preacher: The Rev'd Andrew Orr

- 7 Harvest Thanksgiving, St John's Church, Abington at 3.30pm. Preacher: The Rev'd Aonghus Mayes
- 8 Mothers' Union, Richmond Terrace
- 8-10 Clergy Conference
- 10 Lunchtime Concert 10th Anniversary in the Cathedral
- 11 St Michael's Committee, St Michael's Church Hall
- Select Vestry, St Michael's Church Hall
- 13 Whist, St Michael's Church Hall
- 14 Harvest Thanksgiving, Saint Michael's Church at 10am.  
Preacher: The Rev'd John Ardis
- 14 Prison Sunday, The Cathedral. Service at 11.15am.  
Preacher: John Lonergan
- 14 Sunday School/Godly Play, St Michael's Church Hall /St John's, Abington
- 16 Lunchtime Talk & Tour, The Cathedral
- 16 MU Harvest Supper, Adare
- 17 Bach Concert for Schools, The Cathedral
- 21 Civic Service, The Cathedral at 11.15am. Preacher: The Bishop of Cork
- 21 Evensong at 4pm with Diocesan Readers, The Cathedral.  
Preacher: The Archdeacon of Cork
- 20-21 Limerick Open House
- 28 Sunday School/Godly Play, St Michael's Church Hall /St John's, Abington
- 25-29 Richard Harris Festival

## SAINT MICHAEL'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

News from our Parish School may be found on page 12.

## AN ABHAINN

The Autumn edition is now available. The deadline for submissions to the next edition is the 15th November.

## ST MICHAEL'S HALL

For booking enquiries please contact the Hall Manager, Suzi Eckhardt.

## HOSPITAL VISITING

The Clergy would appreciate being told if parishioners are in hospital, going into hospital, are being transferred or if they have been discharged, and will be pleased to offer pastoral support. A selection of prayers is available from them or in the Church porches.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Our sympathy and prayers are with all those who have been bereaved:

Lillian Okechukwu and her family on the death of her brother

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### CONGRATULATIONS

We have had two weddings in our parishes, a week apart at the end of August.

Dustin Popiel and Kathleen Young came from New York City to be married in St Nicholas Church, Adare, on 25 August. The church was full, and after the service, a bagpiper serenaded them across the street to their reception at the Adare Manor.

On 31 August, Hilary Long and Keith Wybrant were married at Kilpeacon Church, Crecora, where the Long family have a long history. Keith, who is from Co. Wicklow, and Hilary came home to Ireland from Australia, where they are living.



Hilary Long and Keith Wybrant after their marriage at Kilpeacon Church, Crecora

We congratulate both couples and wish them all the best in their married life!

### CONDOLENCES

Two long-time church members died in the past few weeks. Miss Joan Hunt, as she was affectionately known, died on 30 August in Adare. Her memorial service was on Saturday, 29 September, at St. Nicholas Church, Adare. The service was followed by a reception at the home that for many years Joan shared with her sister, Elsie, who died four years ago.

On 10 September, Lady Vivienne Lillingston died, surrounded by her four children. A member of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Kilmallock, she was of Mount Coote Stud. After cremation, a memorial service was held in Kilmallock on Monday, 17 September, followed by a reception at Mount Coote.

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to Wayne Buckley and Vicki Grima on the birth and baptism of their son, Paul Buckley. Paul was baptised at St Nicholas Church, Adare, on Sunday, 23 September, less than two weeks after his birth. Vicki's uncle, the Rev Alan Ruffi, assisted in the service and performed the actual baptism. He is Rector of Clondalkin and Rathcoole in the Diocese of Dublin. We welcome Paul into the life of Christ and into the Church!



Paul Buckley, baptised at St Nicholas Church, Adare, on 23 September by his great-uncle Rev Alan Ruffi

### HARVESTS

We now are getting ready for our Harvest festivals. The first was at St Nicholas, Adare, in conjunction with St Nicholas National School on Friday, 28 September, at 7.00pm, followed by the traditional auction of the offered produce.

Tradition is that 9 days later, on a Sunday, we have a joint harvest service of Croom, Kilpeacon, and Adare. The tradition is changing this year, so that we can celebrate the harvest with our neighbours from Crecora Roman Catholic Church. The service will be on Friday evening, 12 October, at 7.30pm at Kilpeacon Church, with Fr Richie Evans preaching. Refreshments will be held afterwards at the Crecora National School. This service is also our Second Friday event for October.

The Kilmallock Harvest Service will be on Sunday, 21 October, at 3.00pm, with refreshments afterwards next door in Coote Hall.

## Rathkeale & Kilnaughtin Group of Parishes

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Autumn has brought with it the return to school, harvest thanksgiving services, meetings of select vestries, school boards and the graveyard committee, and a new cycle of diocesan committees and church meetings.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL IN RATHKEALE:

Shirley Sheahan began new Sunday School activities in Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale, on Sunday 9 September. All children in the Group of Parishes are welcome at Sunday School in Rathkeale on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

### MINISTRY, MISSION AND HOSPITALITY:

The clergy and readers in the diocese are being encouraged to find ways of working closer together in Ministry, Mission and Hospitality, in identifiable areas or districts. Already, a number of meetings have taken place in both the Bishop's house and the Dean's office. Priests and readers in Co Limerick are being invited to a 'Ministry Lunch' in the Rectory in Askeaton on Wednesday 14 November.

### ARDAGH CHALICE:

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Ardagh Chalice and the Ardagh Hoard in West Limerick, one of the most significant archaeological finds in Ireland in the 19th century. The Ardagh Chalice is one of the greatest treasures of the early Irish Church. It represents a high point in early mediaeval craftsmanship

and its craftsmanship can be compared with the Tara Brooch and the Derrynaflan Paten.



*The Ardagh Chalice on display in the National Museum in Kildare Street, Dublin  
(Photograph: Patrick Comerford)*

The chalice is part of a hoard of objects discovered in Rearasta Fort on the edges of Ardagh in late September 1868 by Paddy Flanagan and Jim Quinn while they were digging potatoes in the fort.

The hoard consisted of two chalices and four brooches. Each brooch was up to 30 cm in length and three had elaborate Celtic designs; the fourth was called a thistle brooch.

As part of Culture Night on 21 September, the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Ardagh Chalice was celebrated in Ardagh with a parade from Rerasta Fort to Ardagh Church, and the official opening of the Ardagh Festival by Minister Pat O'Donovan at Ardagh Community Centre.



*Canon Patrick Comerford lifts the Sam Maguire Cup in Saint Molua's Church, Ardagh, during the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Ardagh Chalice*

**GREEK FIRE:**

The funds raised at the joint group service and parish summer barbeque have now reached €350, which is going to help the victims of the recent fires in the Athens region in Greece.

**MINISTRY TRAINING AND EDUCATION:**

The next Ministry Training and Education day takes place in the Rectory, Askeaton, on Monday 15 October, looking at how to plan for Remembrance Day on this year's centenary of the end of World War I.

**OCTOBER SERVICES:**

- Friday 4 October: 8 p.m., Group Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale, followed by Harvest Auction in Rathkeale No 2 National School.

- Sunday 7 October (Trinity XIX): 9.30, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Saint Mary's Church, Askeaton; 11.30, Morning Prayer, Saint Brendan's Church, Kilnaughtin, Tarbert.
- Sunday 14 October (Trinity XX): 9.30, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Castletown Church; 11.30, Morning Prayer, Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale (with Sunday School).
- Sunday 21 October (Trinity XXI): 9.30, Morning Prayer, Saint Mary's Church, Askeaton; 11.30, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Saint Brendan's Church, Kilnaughtin, Tarbert; 2.30, Holy Baptism (Beatrice Susan Langford), Saint Mary's Church, Askeaton.
- Sunday 28 October (V before Advent; Saint Simon and Saint Jude): 9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Castletown Church; 11.30, the Parish Eucharist (Holy Communion 2), Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale (with Sunday School).
- Thursday 1 November (All Saints' Day): 11 a.m., the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Saint Mary's Church, Askeaton.
- Saints days in October: 11, Saint Philip the Deacon; 18, Saint Luke; 23, Saint James, the Brother of our Lord; 28, Saint Simon and Saint Jude.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

Remembrance Sunday Service: Sunday 11 November, 11 a.m., Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale. This is a united service for the group of parishes, with a time of silence and commemoration at 11 minutes past 11, on 11 November.

# Ardfert Diocese

## **Tralee & Dingle Unions of Parishes**

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**FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

Victoria McCarthy, the heritage officer for Kerry County Council, organised a Festival of Architecture in Tralee on the weekend 29th to the 30th September. She very kindly included St. John's on the itinerary, and Donal O Sullivan - a great friend of the Parish - facilitated a tour of the Church on the Saturday. The Links Ladies began their Autumn Schedule by attending the talk.

Healer Prayer services continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, prayers for those experiencing illness or distress, followed by tea and fellowship.

**SUNDAY CLUBS**

The Ballymac club began its season on the 9th September and St John's began on the 23rd of September.

**BOYS BRIGADE**

The BB resumed their activities on Friday 28th in Teach an tSolais after their summer recess. They were delighted to have new members and new leaders.

## ALL AGE SERVICE

An All age family type service was held on 16th September in both Tralee and Ballymac. The service in Tralee was in the context of The Holy Communion and the one in Ballymac was in the context of the word. The children and teenagers played a big part in this service and it was lovely to see so many young children in attendance and contributing to church life.

## REUNIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

September has been a time for families in St. John's.

We had the Giles family gathering in Tralee on the first weekend in September. Family members travelled from San Francisco, London, Yorkshire and Tipperary for the reunion. They participated in the morning service in St John's, reading lessons and bringing up the offertory. The Giles family have worshipped in Tralee for several generations and the sound system was presented many years ago in memory of William Hill Giles. The cross on the Holy Table was presented by him.



*The Giles family, gathered at St John's Church, Tralee*



*Jean and Trevor Mills-Smith cutting their 25th Wedding Anniversary cake*

Then there was the celebration to mark the 25th Wedding Anniversary of regular church goers Jean and Trevor Mills-Smith. Their friends from the Wednesday morning service surprised them with a lovely bouquet and a special Chocolate Biscuit cake (the Groom's favourite!). This was followed by a lunch for family and friends of the happy couple later in the week.

## PALATINE GATHERING

A small group of visitors with Palatine ancestry visited the parish on the 30th September. They attended the morning service in Tralee at 10.45 am, which was followed by refreshments in Teach an tSolais, They visited Ballymac and Ballyseedy churches in the afternoon. Padraig O' Conchubhair spoke on the Palatines during the service. It was an

opportunity for parishioners who are of Palatine descent to learn more about their history. Palatine names include Poff, Gleasure, Hoffmann, Fitzell, Switzer.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The first of these services was held in Camp on the afternoon of the 23rd September. This is an ecumenical event and the preacher was the well-known Dominican priest and columnist, Fr Michael Commane. This was followed by refreshments in the old school house in Camp.

The next harvest celebration will be in Ballyseedy on the 14th October and in Tralee on the 21st October. More details in the next edition.

## FUND RAISING

A Bingo Evening was held recently to raise funds for the restoration of St. James Church, Dingle. This enjoyable evening was organised by the ladies from the Quilting Group and raised €609 which was very welcome.

A table quiz was held in O'Riada's Ballymac on the 21st September. A lot of hard work was put into the organisation of this event. We are very grateful to the hospitality provided by O'Riada's and to Mrs Groves who set the questions and to all who sponsored spot prizes and gifts. Above all we are most grateful to those who came on the night.

## Killarney and Aghadoe Union of Parishes

*Killarney, Aghadoe and Muckross*

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## CULTURE WEEKEND:

Killarney, like all towns and villages across Ireland, celebrated the culture weekend with a myriad of events, which included a well-attended Afro-Irish concert in St Mary's on September 21st. On Saturday September 22nd we also welcomed the Cork Georgian Society for an hour long visit and they were very appreciative of the history of the current building. They were particularly entranced by the short history of Protestantism in the Killarney area and the biblical stories depicted by the stained glass windows. Later that afternoon the local Lutheran community had a service and get-together in the church and Aghadoe Room, so all-in-all a very busy weekend.

## ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION:

On Saturday September 1st we celebrated the Care of Creation day with a series of prayers led by Venerable Simon on the lawn of St Mary's. Noleen and Simon had a handout giving the shocking statistics of just how mankind's use of plastic, in particular, is affecting the planet and everything that lives on it. Although the attendance was poor those who did participate were particularly upbeat about how our individual actions can bring about change for the better. Some of the non-Anglican visitors who joined us were very interested to learn that we are attempting to become the first plastic-free church in Ireland and agreed that this is a very worthwhile initiative.

## SPIRITUAL WALK:

On Saturday October 6th the Community of Brendan the Navigator will hold a walk from Ardfert Cathedral to Wether's Well – the reputed baptismal place of St Brendan – and back with reflection and prayer along the way. This will be jointly led by Archdeacon Simon and Fr Tomás O'Caomh and will include time for a packed lunch at the Cathedral.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE & NATURE WALK:

The annual Harvest Service will take place in St Mary's at 11am on Sunday October 7th and it is hoped that we get a good turn-out as we celebrate what has been for many in agriculture a very difficult year. Later in the month, on Sunday 21st of October, Mike O'Sullivan will lead a walk by the Deenagh River following a shortened Sunday

Service in the church. This walk – which is very suitable for both children and adults – is not unconnected with the foregoing items in that it will focus on the seasons and nature's place in them. Nature is often viewed as being in decline at this time of the year, but nothing could be further from the truth and we will see rutting deer, our earliest bird migrants who spend the winter in Killarney along with trees, shrubs, flowering plants and insects a-plenty. The main focus of the walk will be to explain the life cycles within the river itself and how critically important clean safe water is to every living organism on the planet and why we need to look after it. After all, despite the fact that the population of the planet doubled in just 35 years, peaking in the 1960s, God has no intention of making any more fresh water, so we really do need to look after it!

#### KERRY FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS:

Finally, St Mary's has been chosen as one of the venues for screenings during this year's Kerry Film Festival. For details of what's on offer from October 19th – 21st see the Kerry Film festival website.

## Kilcolman Union of Parishes

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We had great excitement when Revd. Isabel and Revd. Ann-Marie went into the school to take assembly on 6th September. In the end we spent the whole morning with the school for a very special reason. It turned out that on the 6th September 80 years ago Kiltallagh School came into being. We led a back to school assembly, after which the children sang some jazzy, modern worship songs, followed by a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to themselves! Their head teacher Paula Ni Bhriain then told them that this was such a special day that there were treats in store, like a visit from the ice cream man, and a raising and celebration of their green flag, and best of all no homework that day, a surprise for pupils and teachers! A very different programme no doubt from that first day of school in 1938 which was the result of long and hard negotiation. We learned a lot more about the children as we spent the whole morning with them rather than the hour or so when we normally take their assembly each week.

The children are so fortunate now, with excellent, dedicated and compassionate teachers. And so many people had prepared a wonderful newly painted school. The next stage in their celebrations was when our Bishop Kenneth arrived on Saturday the 22nd September to lead us all in a special service, at 12th noon, and an opportunity for anyone with connections to the school over the years, to enjoy the display of books and photos and memories which the school has been preparing for the last few months. Everyone was welcomed and Paula Ni Bhriain had asked us to put an invitation on our web site as the school could not afford to send out individual invitations. A report of the happy occasion will be included in next month's Newslink

There is a wonderful book that the school has published full of memories from past pupils, and stories from present pupils, not to mention old photographs from many different years. Who knows your name might be mentioned or better still photos you have forgotten about or would rather forget could be found there! So please do support the school by purchasing your own copy with a donation, as this will help the school in so many ways.

No doubt all of you have seen Riverdance in the flesh so to speak, but as new comers to Kerry, we had only seen them on TV. We have

been very busy recently and looks as if it will continue to be right through to Christmas, so we treated ourselves to a performance of Riverdance in Killarney. Only the man sitting next to us, and Isabel and myself managed to dance our way through the whole thing tapping out the rhythm with our feet. It was quite definitely a Wow experience. On the way home we realised that for us the Riverdance experience is a fitting image of the church. Originating in the tightly disciplined and controlled Irish Dance tradition, it has now evolved over the years. Even since Riverdance burst onto our stages, it has continued to change, develop and to meet the needs of our time and its audiences. An encouragement to us all to ensure that our church life while valuing the past continues to renew, adapt and spring into action in fresh and creative ways.

## Kenmare & Dromod Union of Parishes

*Kenmare, Sneem, Waterville and Valentia*

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And now, as Autumn arrives in the Kingdom of Kerry, so too do the grandparents in their motor caravans, taking their off-season holiday break after having been budget childminders throughout the Summer holidays. At the same time, the swallows decide that they prefer South Africa to Ireland. Apparently, it will take them about six weeks to get there, depending on traffic. That's about the time it takes to get to Waterville from Kenmare on a Sunday morning at this time of year. At least swallows don't have to put up with three-abreast cyclists.

What did we do in September? Well, in addition to welcoming the aforesaid grandparents to our Sunday Services, we baptised James Graves in Valentia, Ethan Crawford in Kenmare and Samuel, Noah and Jacob Hickman in Sneem; we enjoyed a wonderful traditional evening of music, song and dance from Manus McGuire and Emily Flack in St Patrick's; the annual Friendship Day (somewhat later than usual this year) in Sneem's Church of the Transfiguration; the Charlie Chaplin Film Festival service in Waterville; a concert by James Nelson, the 'Celtic Tenor' and Friends in aid of Cheryl's Children's Home in Nairobi; and started planning a special Community event commemorating the 1918 Armistice – with an emphasis not just on remembering, but looking forward. More to come on this next month.

# Methodist News

## Adare & Ballingrane Methodist Circuit

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As I write this the National Ploughing Championships for 2018 is just over after having a day postponed because of storm Ali and the damage caused. I, fortunately, had chosen to go on Tuesday so was able to experience the Fair in some of the best conditions there have been for some time. The ground was mostly dry, the rain showers were few, and the sun shone every now and then! I had never been before and one of the reasons I wanted to experience it this year was that I had been over to see my brother in Minneapolis at the end of August and had attended the Minnesota State Fair. It's a bigger affair, going on for 12 days each year with over 2 million visitors in total this year and is held in a permanent facility in the city suburbs. I wanted to compare the two!



*National Ploughing Championships*

Both had some things in common (the animals on show, the vintage farm vehicles, etc.) and yet were very different. Our show is still very much geared to the farming and rural community, the one in Minneapolis is geared much more to the city population with different foods being one highlight, innumerable craft stalls selling lots of small and big things another, and evening concerts that went onto midnight a third.



*Minnesota State Fair*

Two similar events, starting out gearing to two similar clientele, yet quite different as held in 2018. Was one better than the other? Was one more correct than the other? Does one deserve more praise than the other? No. Did I enjoy one more than the other? Maybe (but I'm not telling which). And this is true of our different denominations, our different churches. There is no 'one' way of being church, or of being a Christian. There are many ways to worship God, many forms of service (both inside and outside the church buildings), many places where we can gather in praise. None are better than the other even if we enjoy one more. So, side-by-side and far-apart, we worship God, we give our service to Him, and we gather in praise. Let's enjoy God, and let us not put the other down!

#### SERVICES FOR OCTOBER:

- Services on the 7th, 21st, and 28th at the usual times of 10:15 in Adare & 11:45 in Ballingrane.
- Sunday 14th United Harvest Family Service in Ballingrane @ 11am Harvest Supper service with auction afterwards on the Monday evening at 8pm

## **Christ Church Limerick, united Presbyterian & Methodist and Christ Church Shannon, joint Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland**

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The Central Buildings Community Project enjoyed its first go at Culture Night this year, holding not one but two events to mark the occasion.

Inside Christ Church, Sara Cross held court with a host of crafty folk and invited visitors to learn about patchwork, make artist trading

cards and spin yarn from wool. Free of charge, Sara has already been organising workshops and demonstrations from local artisans all year for the benefit of her weekly knitting group, Knitters 4 Life. Culture Night saw these skills being offered also 100% free to anyone and everyone who ventured inside the doors of Christ Church United Presbyterian & Methodist.

Inside CB1 Limerick community art gallery, Piotr Nalewajka entertained Culture Night visitors with a special selection of his art photography. With a variety of beautifully executed shots, Piotr combines new perspectives on the old, alternative views of personal tourism and even images that left people wondering how a camera could possibly have taken them at all. A keen and professional interest in philosophy could also be found in thought-provoking comments and quotes that he had placed beneath many of his pictures.



*Sara and Piotr looking fab on Culture Night!*

Mrs Nalewajka kept count during the bustling evening, in addition to providing some delicious homemade refreshments, and reported that we received over 300 visitors! Not bad for our first ever Culture Night. We were delighted to be officially involved in Ireland's annual explosion of arts and entertainment and we will most assuredly have another crack at it next time... roll on 2019!

Knitters 4 Life can be found in CB1 Limerick community art gallery on Mondays and Tuesday from 11am to 2pm. It is free of charge and materials are provided, though donations are greatly appreciated. Visit [facebook.com/knitters4life](https://www.facebook.com/knitters4life) or call Sara on 085 1533968.

'Three Photographic Projects' is on display in CB1 Limerick community art gallery until Friday 5th October, open Monday to Friday, 11am to 5pm. Visit [facebook.com/cb1limerick](https://www.facebook.com/cb1limerick) or call Patrick on 085 1720747.

Patrick Lynch - Gallery and Community Project Manager

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The Lighthouse MILLSTREET  
Sunday Service 6.30pm  
Bible Study Tuesday 7.30pm

KILLARNEY  
Sunday Service 11am including Sunday School  
Soul Food Bible Study Friday 11am followed by Drop-in lunch 12pm

Parent and Toddler (term time) Tuesday 10am  
Kids Ministry Club as arranged

#### THE GATEWAY KENMARE

Sunday Service 11am Including Sunday School (preceded by tea/coffee)  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 9.15am  
Bible study Wednesday 10am  
Drop in for coffee Wednesday 11am  
Contact Rev Karen Spence for further information.

The church in Killarney is planning an event called 'Illuminate' which will happen on 31st October 7.30pm – 9pm. This will be for all the family and will include games, food, lights, music, story and much more as we seek to be and show light!

Shoe boxes for Team Hope will be prepared during October and we know that many children will be blessed by this ministry. Millstreet and Kenmare continue to enjoy deepening fellowship with each other as we learn how to be effective disciples everyday! The Castleisland Group resumed in September and there is potential for groups to meet in other parts of Kerry.

## North Tipperary Methodist Circuit

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#### SUNDAY SERVICES:

10:00am – Borrisokane

11:30am – Cloughjordan on 1st & 2nd Sunday's

10:15am – Cloughjordan on 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sunday's

11:45am – Roscrea

7:00pm – Shinrone



*Our afternoon ecumenical prayer retreat with 30 women from different Christian backgrounds*

The North Tipperary Circuit has a long-standing commitment to ecumenism, living out God's call to get to know and love the people in our communities. Our circuit recently held two ecumenical women's retreats: one over the length of a weekend and the second over a Sunday afternoon. Both retreats were led by Louisiana United Methodist retreat leader, Lisa Frost, at Mt. St. Joseph's Monastery in Roscrea. Nineteen women gathered for the weekend retreat while thirty women gathered on the Sunday afternoon. We all gathered to learn more about prayer and the different ways in which we can pray. At both retreats, the women were Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist and their involvement in their churches varied, ranging from very active to inactive. As we focused on prayer and communing with the Risen Christ, our differences seemed to fade away. Wisdom from scripture spoke to everyday joys and struggles. We drew strength from one another. My prayer is that as our friendships deepen, may our differences enrich our faith so that we

support and encourage each other to live faithfully for Christ, loving our neighbours as ourselves.



*Our prayer "clothes line!"*

Everyone's welcome to our Ecumenical Harvest services. In October, we will gather in the following places:

Friday 5th October at 8pm – 150th Anniversary and Harvest Service in Borrisokane

Sunday 7th October at 7:30pm – Harvest Service in Cloughjordan  
Rev. David Cooper is preaching at both of these services.

We give thanks to God for the baptism of Ciara Sophia Hannon who was baptized on Sunday 23rd September in our Roscrea Church. Proud parents are Aoife and Eugene Hannon of Brosna and proud big sister is Arya. Proud grandparents are Heather Christie from Clonakilty and Eugene and Anne Hannon of Brosna.



*Baptism of Ciara Hannon with proud parents, Aoife and Eugene and big sister Arya.*

#### MEETINGS IN OCTOBER:

- Monday 8th October at 7:30pm – Child Protection Training with MCI at Roscrea Methodist
- Wednesday 17th October at 8pm – Circuit Visioning Night in Cloughjordan Church Hall
- 10th and 24th October at 10:30am – Women's Ecumenical Bible-study in Cloughjordan Church Hall. No prior Bible-study experience required. All are welcome!

Our Boys' Brigade will resume later this month. Leaders will contact members with details of first meeting. If you're interested in joining, please contact our captain, Alison Hayes, at 086 603 0225 for more information.

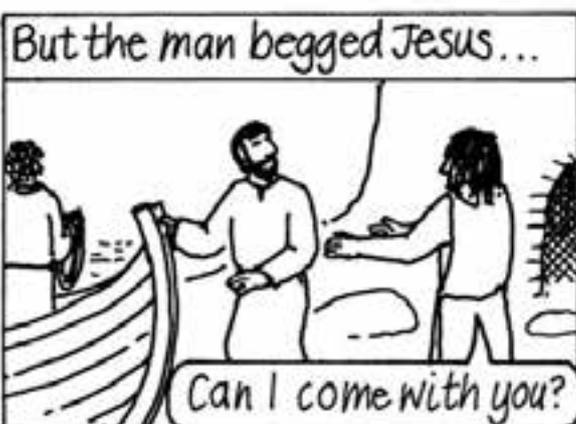
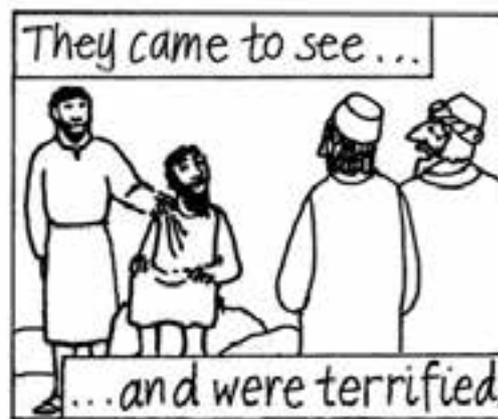
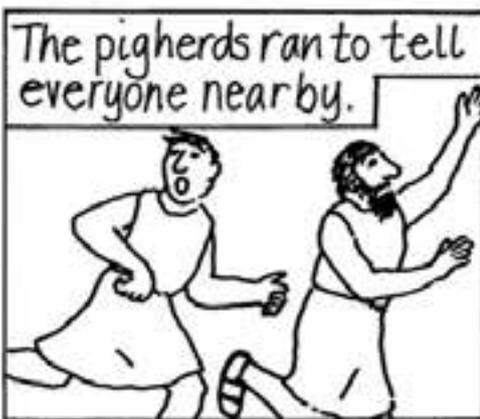
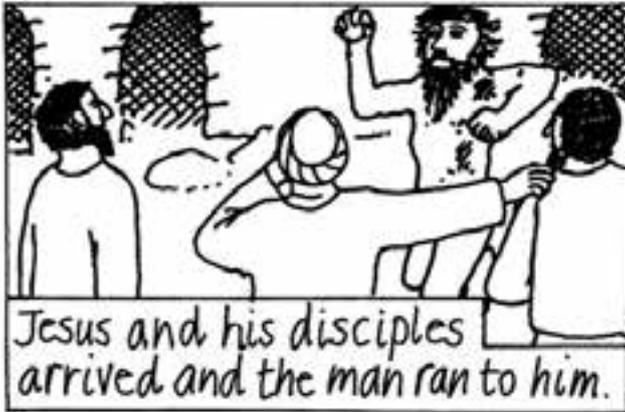
Faithfully,  
~ Rev. Shannon

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons  
He tore off any clothes or chains put  
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



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