

# ST. COLMAN'S CHURCH - LARNE ROAD CARRICKFERGUS



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## MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2007

There are a number of special events organised for Holy Week and Easter.

1) Palm Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 10.15am

"Story of the cross" - readings to tell the story interspersed with special music from the choir

2) Wednesday of Holy Week, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion at 10.30am with a short address.

3) Good Friday "The Three Hours" from 12noon until 3pm.

Traditionally Christians have tried to set aside this time to reflect on the passion of our Lord. The church will have number of areas set aside for reflective interaction. On each half hour there will a short time of corporate bible reading, meditation and prayer. You are welcome to be present for the whole time but you may simply want to call in for even one of the half hour slots.

4) Good Friday evening

A short 45 minute united service in St. John's, Ballycarry, beginning at 7.30pm.

5) Holy Week Teaching Mission

A United Mission under the auspices of Mission Carrick will take place in St. Nicholas, Church of Ireland, at 7.30pm each evening from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The speaker will be Hadden Wilson, formerly pastor of Ballynahinch Baptist Church, on the theme "In the Upper Room with Jesus".

6) Easter Sunday

9.00am	Holy Communion
10.15am	Holy Communion

### EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry will take place this year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm in the main Hall. Everyone may attend with registered members eligible to vote. The evening will include a review of the year, consideration of the parish accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006, the election of a new select vestry and the filling of other positions.

### FEBRUARY 2007 VISIT TO BRAZIL

Ashleigh Stewart, Colin McVicker, Diane Sturdy (from St. John's, Ballycarry) and the rector had a very successful trip to the city of Uberlandia in Brazil. We were able to bring £4000 in gifts to support the projects of the churches there. Our thanks go to those who made donations. The group have decided that they will do some ongoing fund-raising. So watch out for that.

At the morning service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April we will make a short presentation and at a date yet to be decided we will make a fuller presentation at a midweek meeting.

### FETE MEETING

The date for the Annual fete has not yet finally been set but will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. An initial planning meeting will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All those interested in being involved in this are welcome to attend.

## KIDSZONE

Kidszone, the Sunday morning Children's work, will not meet on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March because most of the Kidszone leaders will be away on retreat. However the service in Church on that Sunday will have elements specifically designed to be of interest to the children.

## WALKING THROUGH CARRICK'S HISTORY

There is to be a Carrickfergus Churches History tour on the morning of Saturday 24 March. The tour will visit 4 churches which reflect the religious diversity of Carrickfergus: St Nicholas Church of Ireland, North Street Presbyterian Church, Mt. St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, and Gateway Church. The tour begins at the education room of the Civic Centre on Antrim Street at 10.00am finishing at about 11.30am. The tour will be conducted by John O. McIlvenna. All are welcome.

## PARISH RECORDS

### Funerals

28 January 2007	Freddy Stocker
9 February 2007	Carson Davis
3 March 2007	Joe Willis

## HIRE OF HALL

The Select Vestry has put in place a policy to allow for the rental of the main church hall and the minor hall to outside organisations. We already have two organisations that have agreed to take up this opportunity. If you hear of others who are looking for premises please tell them to contact us. Our existing organisations will continue to have their normal time slots. If they should wish to use the facilities at other times they should consult the list which will be placed on the notice board in the church hall and contact Ailsa McVicker (93365972) to book any additional time.

## FURTHER DIARY DATES

There will be no contemporary service on the second Sunday in April as this is Easter Sunday. However in co-operation with other churches we have been invited to help with the hospitality for a European church planters' conference and there will be a worship event in Carrickfergus on the evening of 22 April. It will be worth attending so keep that evening free. Further details will follow.

## PARISH WEBSITE

The parish has a new website designed by Daniel Gordon which will soon be active. The address is [www.stcolmanschurch.org.uk](http://www.stcolmanschurch.org.uk) Over time we hope to develop this. We would be delighted to have constructive feedback on the new site.

## SUMMER KIDS CLUB

The dates for the Carrick Circus kids club, which will take place in our hall, have been agreed. It will run from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Our friends from Dunmurry will be returning to help us and we hope to partner again with Mt. St. Nicholas in providing hospitality for the team. Please encourage children you know to come. It was great fun last year and is eagerly anticipated by those who attended before. We hope to gather up many more kids for 3 fun-filled days. Your support for this is appreciated.

## NORMAL PATTERN OF SERVICES

<b>Every Wednesday</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP form 1 - traditional language)
<b>Sunday mornings</b>		
Every Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP form 1 - traditional language)
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	10.15am	Holy Communion (BCP form 2 – modern language)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.15am	Morning Prayer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.15am	All-age service
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	10.15am	Service of the word
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	10.15am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday evenings (September to June)</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	7.00pm	Contemporary Service