

St Colman's Parish Church, Larne Road Carrickfergus



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Details of services

9.00am each Sunday Holy Communion - traditional language

10.30am each Wednesday Holy Communion - traditional language

Sunday Services at 10.15am:

November

Sunday 21 Nov All-age service
Sunday 28 Nov Service of the word with Sunday School

December

Sunday 5 Dec Holy Communion with Sunday School
Sunday 12 Dec Morning Prayer with Sunday School
Sunday 19 Dec All-age Christmas Service
Sunday 26 Dec Service of the word

January

Sunday 2 Jan Holy Communion
Sunday 9 Jan Morning Prayer with Sunday School
Sunday 16 Jan All-age Service
Sunday 23 Jan Service of the word with Sunday School
Sunday 30 Jan Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Services at 7.00pm

Sunday 5 Dec United Service
Sunday 12 Dec Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 19 Dec Contemporary service led by the Youth Fellowship
Sunday 9 Jan Contemporary service

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve, Friday 24 December

11.30 p.m. Candlelit Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - traditional language
10.15 a.m. Informal Family Service

(You are encouraged to come casually dressed to this short 30 minute service and children are invited to bring one of their presents with them to show us.)

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Rectory
29 Downshire Gardens
Carrickfergus
α 93362387

November 2004

Dear parishioner,

There is lot of truth in the saying that "you only get out what you put in." It's true in personal relationships. They work well when you put time and effort into them and they fail when you don't. It's true in leisure pursuits. If you want to be good at a sport or a hobby you need to commit time to it if you want to get the best out of it. Today, of course, people want instant gratification, the quick fix, the immediate thrill but that doesn't meet the deep needs of anyone. In fact it creates shallowness and makes other people something that we use for our needs. How different from our Saviour who was the servant of all.

It also very true in the life of faith and the church. You will only go deep in the things of God and experience more of him if you commit to making time for things that will minister to your Spirit.

People criticise churches and church people saying that if you go to churches you won't find any better people than outside. What do they expect? The church is a hospital for sinners not a sanctuary for saints. And yet when men and women, boys and girls come together to worship God, God blesses us with the reality of his presence and an understanding of his grace to we who are, and will always be this side of heaven, sinners in need of forgiveness, restoration and encouragement. St. Paul put it this way in Ephesians 3:17-19 "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." It only is possible "together will all the saints".

That's why I go to church and am involved in its life. Not because I have got it together but because I need what the church provides. I need God's grace and I have discovered that in some inexplicable way you can't find it on your own. You need others. That is the way God has ordained it. The more you contribute to the life of the church the more you get out of it in a reward that is not material, but which is real nonetheless, a reward which meets the needs of your spirit. People may say to you or me why do you spend so much effort on the church. Because in so doing I gain something so essential to my well-being. And I hope that in my involvement my contribution will enable others to find what they need from God to minister to their Spirit.

May God bless us all as we make our contribution to his people, the church of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Mike McCann

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



As of June of this year we have a new “Book of Common Prayer” in the Church of Ireland. The “Black Book”, the old BCP, and the “Blue Book”, the APB, have been incorporated into one book. From Advent 2005 the former books will no longer be permitted to be used. So we have begun to use the services as provided in the new book. It will take a little while to become accustomed to the new services. To facilitate this we have produced booklets to help us and particularly to help those who are new to Church of Ireland worship. On occasions we will provide sheets that will give the words of hymns, psalms and collects to augment the booklets.

The service of Holy Communion on Sundays at 9.00am and on Wednesdays at 10.30am will continue to use the form of Holy Communion using traditional language, which is reproduced in the new book worded as it was in the old BCP. Readings at these services will follow the Revised Common Lectionary. These can be followed in the pew bibles with the page numbers of the Epistle and Gospel being displayed on the boards at the front of church.

I am quite sure that in time we will become as familiar with the wording in the new book as we had been with the former books.

PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Thursday morning in the minor hall from 10.30am until 11.30am. We pray for all that happens in the church buildings: our worship, organisations which meet in the halls, their leaders and members. We pray for our church members particularly those who are ill or are facing difficult situations. We pray our parish and the town of Carrickfergus. We pray for the needs of our nation and the wider world. All are welcome to join us in this time of prayer.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The women' s fellowship group has started to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings of each month from 10.00am-11.30am in the creche room. The 1st four meetings of the New Year will be on January 11th and 25th and February 8th and 22nd. If you would like more information please contact Sarah on 93362387 or Ailsa on 93365972.

PARISH DINNER

A parish dinner will be held in the Joymount Arms Bistro on the evening of **Friday 19 November** at a cost of £20 per person. At last report there were a few places still available. For further details contact Patricia Butler (93368805)

UNITED SERVICE

On the evening of **Sunday 5 December** at 7.00pm in St. Colman's we will be hosting a United Advent service. This service is part of an ongoing “Journey in Understanding” in Carrickfergus. This has involved a number of events during this last two years and further events are planned through to next summer. This is primarily a joint initiative of Gateway Church, Downshire Presbyterian Church, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church and ourselves although everyone is welcome at any of the planned gatherings. In the context of developing our understanding of people of different traditions I am delighted to say that Father Michael Cosgrove has accepted my invitation to speak at the service of 5th December and so we will have the opportunity to develop our understanding of him and the community of Christians he has the task of leading. We are all too aware that lack of understanding and lack of the will to try to understand have been a significant part of the problems we have suffered over many decades.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

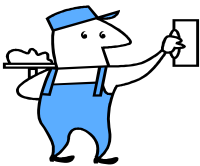
The youth fellowship will be leading the evening service on **Sunday 19 December** at 7.00pm. This is a first for them and it would be great if the parish as whole could be present to support them. The Youth fellowship meet in the church hall on Sunday nights from 7.45pm finishing at 9.15pm. All young people from Year 8 upwards are welcome. For more details about the youth fellowship contact Robyn Morton (93353779).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will run until the Children's Christmas service on Sunday 19 December. There will be no Sunday School on 26 December or 2 January. Sunday School will re-commence on Sunday 9 January. All primary school children are welcome along with children who will be going to primary school in September 2005.

RECTORY RENOVATIONS

Renovations to the rectory are ongoing at the moment and it is hoped that the building work will be completed before Christmas. Plans are on display in the church. The main changes are that the rector's study will move downstairs to allow the four bedrooms to be used as bedrooms. At present one bedroom is a study. The kitchen is being extended to make a kitchen/family room and new kitchen units are being installed. A downstairs toilet is being provided along with a shower room downstairs and a utility room. Mike and Sarah hope to have an open day next year so that parishioners can view the modifications to the rectory. That is, of course, after they move everything to their new places following the departure of the builders. That might take some time!



BRAZIL TRIP - JULY 2005

Plans are well in place for our trip to the city of Uberlandia in Brazil next July. Already 10 people have expressed an interest and the Brazilians be delighted to receive us and so we will July. While there we will spend about 7 days on social project work and 3 days £850 but with a church bursary this will be years can join the group. If you are give it some serious thought. There will 7th December in the church hall at flight in early January so people need to decide by then if they want to be part of the trip and will need to pay for this part of the trip then. In 2005 before we go we will try to raise some funds partly to support the group going but primarily to bring with us to bless the church in Brazil. If you want to know more contact the rector.



have indicated that they are ready and would leave probably around 5 July returning on 20th three days experiencing the church in Brazil, in Rio at the end of our time. The cost will be come down to £750 and for young people, approximately £600. Anyone from 14 to 94 attracted to the idea don't rule yourself out but be another meeting about the trip on Tuesday 7.00pm. We will be booking our international



PARISH RECORDS



BAPTISM

We ask for God's blessing upon Lachlan Ryan Mark Wright baptised on 12 September 2004

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following couples recently married in St. Colman's:

Frederick James McAuley and Michelle Elizabeth Cummings on 10 September 2004

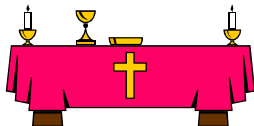
Mark Sidney Galbraith and Lindsay Donna Clarke on 18 September 2004

FUNERALS

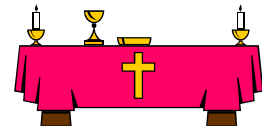
We offer our deepest condolences to the families of those whose funerals took place recently:

Margaret Shields on 8 September 2004

Robert Ian Adair on 21 October 2004



CHURCH INTERIOR



After considerable discussion and consideration the select vestry has come to the following decisions in respect of the interior of the church:

- 1) The central dais for the Holy Table and the choir will remain in the positions that they are at present.
- 2) On the angled section of the ceiling, which slopes from the centre down to the choir, an electrically controlled projection screen will be installed which can be retracted when not in use. This screen will emerge from behind a suitable banner so that it is not visible except when in use.
- 3) A roof-mounted projector will be installed which, given its height, will not be in anyone's eyeline.
- 4) In the left hand corner where the pulpit is at present a stage will be built for the piano, guitars, microphone stands and any other instruments. The stage height will be the same height as the present platform on which the pulpit stands. As the pulpit will be placed on this stage it will be at the same height as it is at present and the stage will be carpeted to match the rest of the building. The pews that are in this corner at the moment will be placed in other spaces in the building.

CHURCH MAGAZINE ON AUDIO TAPE

In September's magazine we mentioned that an Induction Loop has been installed in the Church to help people who are hard of hearing to follow the Service by turning their hearing aid to the T position so that the sound is brought straight to the hearing aid.

We would also like to try offering the magazine on audio cassette tape to anyone whose level of vision makes reading difficult. All you will need to listen to the tape is an ordinary cassette player.

If you are interested in getting the magazine on tape or know anyone who might like to receive it that way please ring Ronnie Gordon on 02893 368015 and we will arrange for you to get a copy on tape.

If there is a demand for the Magazine on tape then we will try to provide it this way on a permanent basis.

CHURCH HUMOUR

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His dad asked him 3 times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,

"The Minister said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with both of you!"

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "Why is it necessary to be quiet in Church?"

One bright spark replied, "Because people are sleeping".



CHILDREN'S SECTION

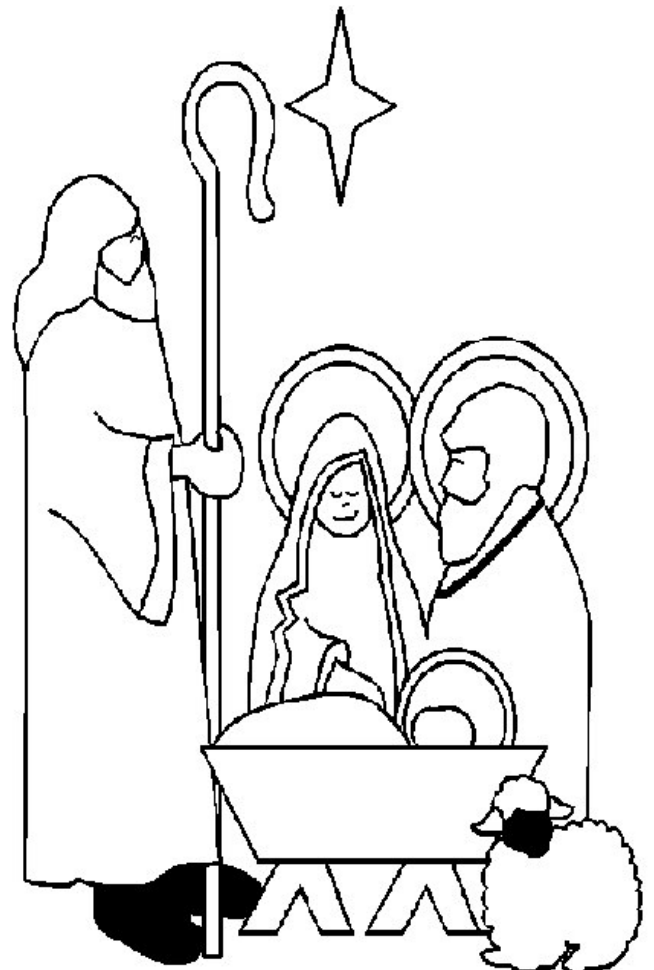
Christmas Wordsearch _____ Find the words below

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| shepherd | joseph |
| stable | star |
| manger | gold |
| kings | myrrh |
| frankincense | baby |
| jesus | |

Colour the Christmas Picture →



Useful information - tear off and pin up for handy reference

Day	Organisation	Age	Time	Contact person	Phone
Sunday	Sunday school	Primary school age	10.15am	Heather Burgess	93372236
	Youth fellowship	11+ years	7.45pm	Robyn Morton	93353779
	Home group		6.30pm	Rev W. Stewart	93362145
Monday	Brownies	7-10 years	6.30 –7.45pm	Gillian Wilson	93363783
	Guides	10+ years	7.45 –9.45pm	Katie Branagh	93367208
Tuesday	Women's Fellowship		10.00 –11.15am 2 nd and 4 th Tues.	Sarah McCann	93362387
	Scouts	10-13/14 years	7.30 –9.30pm	David Branagh	93369023
Wednesday	Friendship Club		11.00am -12.30pm	Isabell Stewart	93362145
	Choir	Open	7.00pm	Heather Rea	93382508
	Ladies' Group		8pm 1 st Wed. of month	Ada McCrory	93329133
Thursday	Rainbow Guides	4-7 years	4.45 -5.45pm	Marion Magill	93365182
	Junior Badminton	10-16 years	7.00 –8.00pm	Mark Branagh	93372293
	Senior Badminton	16+years	8.00 -10.00pm	Mark Branagh	93372293
	Praise Group	Open	7.00 -8.00pm	Rector	93362387
	Home Group		8.15pm	Harold Love	93355985
	Friday	Bowls	Open	7.30 -10.00pm	Joan Walker
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