

February 2005

St Colman's Parish Church, Larne Road Carrickfergus



St Colman's Kilroot

DETAILS OF SERVICES

9.00am each Sunday

Holy Communion - traditional language

10.30am each Wednesday

Holy Communion - traditional language

Sunday Services at 10.15am:

Sunday 13 Feb Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Sunday 20 Feb All-age Service

Sunday 27 Feb Service of the word – Guides thinking Day

Sunday 6 Mar Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 13 Mar Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Sunday 20 Mar Service of the word with Sunday School

Sunday 27 Mar All-age Easter Day Holy Communion

Sunday 3 Apr Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 10 Apr Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Sunday 17 Apr All-age Service

Sunday 24 Apr Service of the word with Sunday School

Sunday 1 May Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 8 May Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Services at 7.00pm

Sunday 13 Feb Contemporary service

Sunday 13 Mar Contemporary service

Sunday 20 Mar United Service in Mount St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church

Sunday 10 Apr Contemporary service

Sunday 8 May Contemporary service

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Rectory
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Carrickfergus
α 93362387

February 2005

Dear parishioner,

The work on the rectory that was begun in October is now nearing completion. I want to put on record Sarah and my thanks to the select vestry acting on the behalf of the parish in commissioning these improvements. In particular we want to thank Harold Love as Glebewarden for guiding us and assisting us over this period. My family and I will benefit from the improvements and it means that when the parish is seeking a new rector (which I hope will be a long time away) St. Colman's will have a house which is both spacious accommodation for a family and has good facilities as a place for a rector to work from. We have always wanted our home to have an open door and that remains the case. You will be welcome if you call. We hope to have an open day at the rectory in a few months time when you will be see the improvements, have a coffee and some chat and be able to give some financial support to the parish team going to Brazil in the summer.

The last number of months has seen the loss to the parish of a number of much loved older parishioners. We express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of all of them. If you were to tell the story of a parish one could write of the spiritual developments in people's lives fostered by the community of faith in a particular place as well as the practical tasks that were undertaken and accomplished. These both express people's commitment to God expressed through their support of his church. While it is unusual to do so I feel I must pay particular tribute to Winnie Cole who gave so much in time and energy for so many years to St. Colman's. A great amount of the infrastructure we see around us is down to her work and her enthusiasm for the success of this place. Her work is completed but her passion for this church's success is something we can all imitate.

May we continue to experience God's blessing upon us as we seek to know him better and to serve him wholeheartedly. May God take joy in our life together in him.

Mike McCann

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TRAIDCRAFT



We would like to thank everyone who supported Traidcraft throughout the past year. With your help we can ensure that disadvantaged producers in the developing world build better lives for themselves and their families in engaging in international trade.

We look forward to another year and trust that with your support St. Colman's will continue to make a difference in these people's lives by enabling them to retain their dignity and gain a better quality of life.

Alison Inch and Angela Cole
Traidcraft representatives - St. Colman's'

EDEN OUTREACH

Christmas now seems a long time ago but for myself and members of the Outreach Team the Eden Carol Service was a wonderful climax to the end of the year. The Service requested by Eden residents was attended by around one hundred people. The sound of two Eden Pipers summoned people to this event which went on despite a local electric power-cut. This plus the enthusiasm of Orange Lodge members and the Outreach Team made this a night to remember. Refreshments were provided in the Orange Hall where Santa paid a welcome visit to young and old.

The team appreciated the support of parishioners who supplied mince pies and lots of other festive food, those who attended the Carol Service, members of the Orange Lodge, Eden Pipe Band, local representatives who assisted us in ensuring that a decorated tree was provided for the event and the Kilroot Power Station Social Committee for a donation.

The Future.

The team will continue the presence in Kilroot Orange Hall on Wednesdays from 7.30pm - 9pm . In mid-March we will have a team breakfast followed by a workshop led by the Rev Don Gamble who, as some of you will know, has many years experience of outreach work in North Belfast. In the weeks following we will then begin our task of visiting each home in the Eden area.

Outreach is God's work. If you feel that God is calling you to serve in the development of His Kingdom speak to Mike or myself. You have knowledge and skills that God can use and we will welcome you into the Outreach Team. This could be part of God's plan for you.

Last but most important please remember the Outreach Team in your prayers. Ask God to use the team as in Christ's parable to the disciples in Matthew 13 verses 31-33.

Victor Latimer
Outreach Co-ordinator

GIFT DAY – SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

With your magazine you will have received a gift day envelope. This envelope is to give you an opportunity to make an additional gift to the work of the church over and above your regular giving. It is common in the Old Testament for people to bring a special offering of thanks to God and present it in the temple and in the New Testament to bring a special gift to the apostles to advance the work of the church.

GUIDES - THINKING DAY SERVICE 27 FEBRUARY 2005

The local Guide, Brownie and Rainbow units which meet in our hall are going to be involved in special service to mark "Thinking Day" on the morning of Sunday 27th February.

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.

HOLY WEEK

This Holy week a joint mission has been arranged in Carrickfergus that will take place in Holy Trinity, Church of Ireland, each evening from Monday to Friday. Philip Hacking, the Vicar of Christ Church, Fulwood in Sheffield, is to be the guest preacher for the week. It is important that we are part of this. So not to be in competition with the mission we will have the following services during the day in Holy Week.

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| 10.30am Wednesday | - Holy Communion with a short address |
| 10.30am Maundy Thursday | - Holy Communion with a short address |
| 11.30am Good Friday | - All-age reflection at the foot of the cross |

Good Friday is a special day in the Church's year and it is important, if you can, to take some time that day to think about the first Good Friday. This is equally true for children as it is for adults. We hope to have a quiet 45 minutes together as we think of the day our Saviour gave his life for us. Please join us if you are free.

ALL-AGE HOLY COMMUNION

On Easter Sunday we normally have Holy Communion at our main service and as this falls on the fourth Sunday of March we are going to have Holy Communion in a more informal all-age setting, a family meal if you like. We hope we can join as a whole church family for this service.

UNITED SERVICE

Following a number of united services over the last year there will be another united service in Mount St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church at 7.00pm on Palm Sunday 20 March 2005. The rector has been invited to preach at that service. The previous events, the most recent of which was in St. Colman's in December 2004, have been very inspiring evenings which have demonstrated the unity of the body of Christ. This unity is an absolute necessity for the Church as a whole to be effective in proclaiming the good news of Jesus to the world. If we are not at peace among ourselves is it surprising that the world suspects that our message of the peace of Christ is a hollow one?

BOWLING NOTES

The indoor bowling club starts at the beginning of September and finishes in mid-April, when the outdoor greens open for the summer. So as we now enter the last 11 weeks of the 2004/5 season it is time to reflect on what has been another reasonably good season. The club sits at the top of the Carrickfergus Churches' League and is going well in other competitions. Despite our successes over the last three years we would like to recruit some more members. There is no age limit for adults but young people between 11 and 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult or be sponsored by an adult member of the club.

New members do not initially need bowls as there are plenty on hand for instruction purposes. Why not join us, as bowls is a great game for couples as well as singles and also families every Friday night at 7.30pm.

It is with much sorrow that I have to report the deaths of two of our founder members Mrs. Winnie Cole and Charles McConnell, both of who bowled with the club for many years. To their families the present club members extend their deepest sympathy.

BRAZIL TRIP - JULY 2005

Plans are well in place for our trip to the city of Uberlandia in Brazil from 5 July until 23 July. At present 6 people are committed to going but we could take up to 4 more. If you might like to come contact the rector. The group will be organising some fund-raising activities in the next few months. We would appreciate your support in this. Look out for details.



EASTER VESTRY

The annual Easter Vestry meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th April at 8.00pm in the church hall. Only those who are registered can vote at this meeting and only those registered can be voted on to the select vestry or take other parish positions. Those wishing to register should complete a form which are available in church during the month of February.



PARISH RECORDS



BAPTISM

We ask for God's blessing upon

Kyle Edward Donald Baptised on 12 December 2004

FUNERALS

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

Charles McConnell on 19 November 2004

Violet McMaw on 4 December 2004

Joe Lawson on 17 December 2004

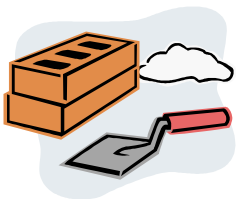
Winnie Cole on Friday 7 January 2005

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

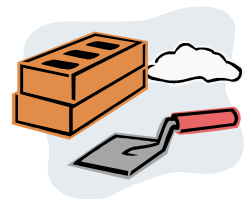
The Youth Fellowship meet in the church hall on Sunday nights from 7.45pm finishing at 9.15pm. All young people from Year 8 upwards are welcome. For more details about the Youth Fellowship contact Robyn Morton (93353779).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will recommence after Easter on Sunday 3 April 2005. All primary school children are welcome at Sunday School along with children who will be going to primary school in September 2005.



BRICKS & MORTAR ENVELOPES - 2004



Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given
9	£41.00	42	£60.00	82	£20.00	129	£20.00	177	£50.00
10	120.00	51	£15.00	94	£10.00	140	£100.00	186	£120.00
11	£5.00	63	£120.00	112	£10.00	147	£35.00	190	£15.00
28	£35.00	67	£80.00	113	£120.00	170	£65.00	208	£60.00
29	£240.00	81	£100.00	128	£10.00	174	£130.00	221	£35.00

FREEWILL OFFERING RETURNS FOR 2004

Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given	Envelope Number	Amount Given
1	£86.00	46	NIL	91	£104.00	136	£70.09	181	£240.00
2	£20.00	47	£104.00	92	£64.00	137	£122.00	182	£110.00
3	£186.00	48	£102.00	93	£103.00	138	£400.00	183	£30.00
4	£265.00	49	£122.00	94	£77.00	139	£39.55	184	£59.00
5	£194.00	50	£75.00	95	£286.00	140	£545.00	185	NIL
6	£68.00	51	£106.00	96	£43.00	141	£110.00	186	£120.00
7	£125.00	52	£170.10	97	£265.00	142	N/I	187	N/I
8	£50.00	53	£23.36	98	NIL	143	£41.00	188	£109.00
9	£159.00	54	£492.00	99	£485.00	144	N/I	189	£105.00
10	£110.00	55	£65.00	100	£180.00	145	N/I	190	£55.00
11	£275.00	56	£255.00	101	£90.00	146	£40.00	191	£139.00
12	£48.50	57	£205.00	102	N/I	147	£505.00	192	£373.00
13	£102.00	58	£171.50	103	£96.00	148	£283.00	193	£8.00
14	£200.00	59	£7.00	104	£148.00	149	£104.00	194	£79.50
15	£279.10	60	£160.00	105	£35.00	150	N/I	195	£217.00
16	£54.90	61	£37.00	106	N/I	151	N/I	196	£210.00
17	£260.00	62	N/I	107	£40.00	152	£70.00	197	£20.00
18	N/I	63	£70.00	108	£100.00	153	£226.00	198	£205.00
19	£5.50	64	£10.00	109	£260.00	154	NIL	199	£650.00
20	£440.00	65	£70.00	110	£394.00	155	£20.00	200	N/I
21	£270.00	66	£245.00	111	£156.00	156	£135.00	201	£171.50
22	£260.00	67	£98.00	112	£152.00	157	£251.00	202	£130.00
23	£155.00	68	NIL	113	£115.00	158	£230.00	203	N/I
24	£240.00	69	£29.00	114	£41.00	159	£53.50	204	£208.00
25	NIL	70	£250.00	115	£100.00	160	£40.00	205	£270.00
26	£92.20	71	£712.50	116	£161.00	161	£8.00	206	£63.00
27	N/I	72	£4.00	117	£240.00	162	£150.00	207	N/I
28	£97.00	73	£257.00	118	£123.00	163	£780.00	208	£103.00
29	£193.00	74	£4.00	119	£100.00	164	£264.00	209	£251.00
30	£165.00	75	£20.00	120	N/I	165	£13.00	210	N/I
31	£101.20	76	£60.00	121	£435.00	166	N/I	211	N/I
32	£84.35	77	£17.00	122	£276.00	167	N/I	212	NIL
33	£55.00	78	£316.00	123	£160.00	168	N/I	213	£102.00
34	£105.00	79	£16.00	124	£50.00	169	N/I	214	£200.00
35	£2.00	80	N/I	125	£120.00	170	£250.00	215	£130.00
36	£380.00	81	£82.00	126	£239.00	171	£75.00	216	£390.00
37	£96.00	82	£169.20	127	NIL	172	N/I	217	£207.00
38	£44.00	83	£91.50	128	£180.00	173	N/I	218	N/I
39	£103.10	84	£97.00	129	£1.00	174	£280.00	219	N/I
40	NIL	85	£73.50	130	NIL	175	N/I	220	£147.00
41	£190.00	86	£230.00	131	£250.00	176	N/I	221	£245.00
42	£155.00	87	£32.00	132	£195.00	177	£200.00	222	£66.00
43	£180.00	88	£5.00	133	£29.50	178	NIL	223	£170.00
44	£215.00	89	£102.00	134	£102.70	179	£225.00	224	N/I
45	£46.00	90	£61.00	135	N/I	180	£103.00	225	£10.00

N/I ----- ENVELOPES NOT ISSUED

ANY QUERIES REGARDING RETURNS CONTACT FRED OR EILEEN COLE
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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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