



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:

May

Sunday 29 May Morning Prayer with Sunday School

June

Sunday 5 Jun Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 12 Jun Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Sunday 19 Jun All-age service to mark the end of the Sunday School year and parish picnic

Sunday 26 Jun Service of the word

July

Sunday 3 Jul Holy Communion

Sunday 10 Jul Morning Prayer

Sunday 17 Jul Service of the word

Sunday 24 Jul Service of the word

Sunday 31 Jul Morning Prayer

August

Sunday 7 Aug Holy Communion

Sunday 14 Aug Morning Prayer

Sunday 21 Aug Service of the word

Sunday 28 Aug Service of the word

September

Sunday 4 Sep Holy Communion

Sunday 11 Sep Morning Prayer with Sunday School

Sunday 18 Sep All-age service

Services at 7.00pm

Sunday 12 Jun Contemporary service

Sunday 11 Sep Contemporary service

RECTOR'S LETTER

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May 2005

Dear parishioner,

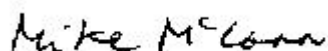
It is a foolish, but widely held, idea that somehow, this side of eternity, we will come to a point in our lives where all will go swimmingly from here on. Life just isn't like that. So what should we seek if not this perfect life? I think what we should be seeking is to find a life which has a still centre which is undisturbed by the chances and changes of our lives.

As Christians we believe that such a peace-centred life is possible. In fact as an old prayer says "our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee". To know **who** you are you need first to know **whose** you are. You need to acknowledge your belonging to your Father God. Secure in that you can face anything. Jesus above all else wanted people to realise that his way of acceptance and love of people was a reflection of his Father's heart. The Father accepts the child who comes to him. That is what fathers do!

But we have been trained by our life so far to think in other ways. Finding this centre in God proves to be harder than we imagine. For most of us our preconceptions need challenged. We need to know ourselves better and we have to want to change. So if you really want to find meaning in life then you have to go on a quest. You have to become a disciple, an apprentice, of Jesus. You have to seek answers and pursue truth. It doesn't come on a plate. There is no instant solution.

All this takes time and commitment. For some the autumn alpha course, which you can read about later in this newsletter could provide an opportunity to move further in this journey. I hope some who read this letter will be part of that course. Many people around the world have been launched on a renewed journey with God because of it. I'm sure we will be no exception. God the Father is looking to bring the peace only he can give to those who will make the effort to turn aside and spend time with him.

May God bless you,



Mike McCann

EASTER VESTRY MEETING

At the annual Easter Vestry on Wednesday 13 April 2005 the following people were appointed or elected.

Rector's churchwarden	Brian Sheilds
People's churchwarden	Isabell Stewart
Rector's glebewarden	Harold Love
People's glebewarden	Thomas Magill
Select Vestry	Audrey Alexander, Heather Burgess, Angela Cole, Anthea Crouch, Ailsa McVicker, Anne Sheilds, Heather Stewart, Chris Sturgess
Honorary Secretary	Anthea Crouch
Gift Aid secretary	Chris Sturgess
FWO recorder	Fred Cole
Honorary Auditors	Jim McStraw, Joy Warnock
Parochial Nominators	Ronnie Cromie, Anthea Crouch, Joy Warnock
Diocesan Synodsmen	Martha Cromie, Jim McStraw, Joy Warnock

At the meeting Ronnie Cromie indicated that he would be stepping down as Honorary Treasurer. The parish is deeply grateful to Ronnie for his fine work as Treasurer over the last 13 years. During this time he has guided the parish financially and the fact that the church hall was built and fully paid for during this time and that the parish is in a good financial state is a testimony to his wise leadership in this area.

PATTERN OF WORSHIP

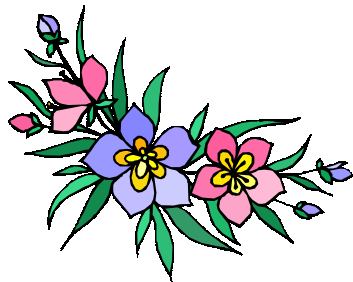
Since September last year we have been operating our new monthly pattern of services at 10.15am on Sunday mornings.

1 st Sunday	Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday	Morning Prayer
3 rd Sunday	All-Age service
4 th Sunday	Service of the Word
5 th Sunday	Morning Prayer

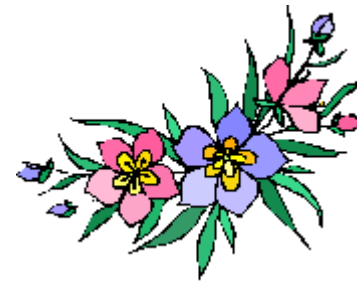
This has allowed a diversity of types of service each month both formal and informal. Alongside this we have maintained our Holy Communion services at 9.00am on Sundays and 10.30am on Wednesdays, which continue to use the language of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (which is now Holy Communion One in the Book of Common Prayer 2004). We also have a service of contemporary worship on the evening of the second Sunday at 7.00pm.

This arrangement has allowed the congregation access to a good range of worship opportunities. Naturally different people prefer different styles but generally most people have found that they can worship contentedly in a style which is not their preference as well as in the one they prefer. As the pattern provides a well-balanced set of services we will continue this as our normal pattern for the foreseeable future.

CHURCH FLOWERS



Joan Walker organises the church flower rota. She would appreciate some help with it. While many contributors prepare their own arrangements Joan also does some of the arrangements. If you enjoy arranging flowers and could help with this and delivering them to ill or housebound parishioners after church please contact Joan (93367340).



If you would like to provide flowers for the decoration of the church on Sundays contact Joan as there are some Sundays free on the list.

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 for 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.

BRAZIL TRIP - JULY 2005

Our final group to Brazil will consist of 8 people: the rector, his daughter Ashleen, Lorna McIlwaine, Angela Cole, Ailsa McVicker, Heather Burgess, Robyn Morton and Ashleigh Stewart. Our thanks to all who have supported our fund-raising for taking money to Brazil which will assist the local church there with their social projects. We had a great table-quiz evening on the 20th April. The rector completed the 26 miles of the marathon walk and Heather, Ailsa and Ashleigh completed 18 miles. We are grateful to those who sponsored us. Car boot sales have been operating on Saturday mornings and have been generating great interest and good funds. The brownies and Sunday School are donating their pennies which are amounting to a fair amount.



We will be bag-packing in Supervalu on Saturday 28th May. On Tuesday 21st June there will be an open day at the rectory when in lieu of your teas and buns you will be able to make a donation to the Brazil appeal fund. Come and enjoy some light refreshments and some chat between 10am-12noon, 2pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm. A bring and buy will operate throughout the day and there may be other items to interest you.

Up until the 20th of May we have raised £1300. Please keep the support coming! The group leaves on Tuesday 5 July and returns on Friday 22 July. We look forward to reporting back all our adventures!

PARISH VISITATION GROUP

The group of parish visitors continue to visit the housebound and more elderly members on the parish on a regular basis. As there are only five of them they are quite busy. Reading this you might be thinking, "I enjoy meeting older people and chatting with them". If that is so you might like to join the team and help with this part of the church's work. The visitors go out in pairs and there is a short training programme to help those who undertake this role of parish visitor. Contact Alison Inch (93366789), who co-ordinates the group, or the rector (93362387) for further details.

CARRICKFERGUS CROSS-COMMUNITY ALPHA COURSE



Continuing our "Journey in Understanding" to build bridges to all sections of our community a group of local ministers, clergy and leaders including the rector have put in place arrangements for an "Alpha" course in the Coast Road Hotel in the Autumn of this year. The course will be on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm beginning on 15 September and running through to 15th December. There will be an overnight residential 4th/5th November.

Alpha is a comprehensive introduction to the basics of the Christian faith. It is presented in such a way that it is accessible even to those who have no acquaintance with the teachings of Christ. Each evening consists of a light supper followed by a talk and then discussion in a small group on the theme presented that evening. It is entirely non-threatening and people are encouraged to ask their honest questions

without fear of criticism. It is a great opportunity to clarify the basics but also to invite someone who may be searching for spiritual answers in their lives. If people miss an evening there is video of the talk available.

Think about investing these Thursday evenings in the Autumn to take your faith a step forward.

Local ministers, clergy and leaders will give the talk each evening. There is no cost for the Thursday evenings and the residential will be subsidised.

FETE/AUCTION

The Annual Fete and Auction will take place on Friday 3rd June. Doors will be open at 6.00pm for the Fete and for viewing the items for Auction. The auction will begin at 7.30pm. Admission, which will include tea/coffee/orange and a bun or biscuit, is £1 for adults and 50p for children. The usual stalls will be available: Bric-a-brac, books, toys, tombola, There will be a bouncy castle and a penalty kick competition along with other things for the children. Burgers/sausages, drinks and sweets will be available to buy.

If you have items for the auction please contact Billy Stewart (93362387), Mike McCann (93362387) or Brian Sheilds (93365393) who will arrange a suitable time for you to deliver the items or for them to be collected. In any case items for sale can be brought on the afternoon of the Friday 3rd June. Smaller items can be left in a box at the back of church any Sunday. We hope to see you at the Fete.



PARISH RECORDS



BAPTISM

We ask for God's blessing upon

Matthew Ryan Johnston	baptised on 6 March 2005
Elijah Shenoy	baptised on 27 March 2005
Andrew Robert Brindley	baptised on 10 April 2005

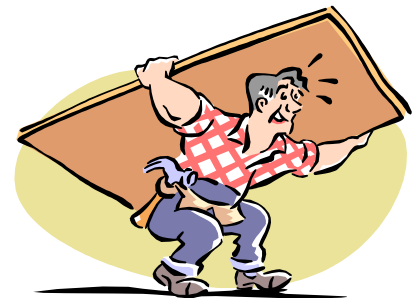
FUNERALS

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

Muriel Kennedy on 7 February 2005

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

The separate stage area for the musicians and singers will, we hope, be completed by the end of the summer. Also by the end of the summer we intend to put new lighting in the car park. We are at present arranging to tarmac the car parking area to the left as you come in, which at present is stoned.



CRECHE ROTA

Sunday	29 May 2005	Anne Shields & Nicola Irvine
Sunday	5 June 2005	Irene Stewart & Angela Cole
Sunday	2 June 2005	Sarah McCann & Angela Wilson
Sunday	19 June 2005	All-age Service

There is no staffed crèche in July and August but the crèche room is available for parents to use. Children are always welcome in church but the crèche is available for those who wish to use it. When the crèche is staffed, volunteers are there from before church begins so you can leave your children with them. If you prefer to have your children in church with you can take them to the crèche during the service if you feel they are getting a bit fractious.

END OF YEAR SERVICE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 19 JUNE AT 10.15am



We usually end the Sunday school year by having a special service including prize-giving for the Sunday School children followed by a picnic lunch together in the church hall, or outside if the weather is good. We encourage you to participate in this as it is a chance for the church family of all ages to be together. Everyone brings some food, roughly enough for their family, which is placed on a large buffet table before church and then after church we share together all that has been provided. Try to be with us if you can on this day.

CHURCH MAGAZINE ON AUDIO TAPE

Last November we offered to provide the magazine on audio tape for anyone with visual impairments. A couple of people took up the offer and feedback so far has been good. So we will continue to produce an audio version of the magazine. If you know of anyone who might like to have the magazine on tape please let Ronnie Gordon know on 93368015.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND MENTORING PROGRAMME

The select vestry is piloting a student scholarship programme. Our young people going to university today face the prospect of increasing costs to fulfil their desire to be educated. Inevitably this means that they must undertake part-time work to try to keep their level of debt down. Consequently they have less time to be involved voluntarily in church life.

The parish is offering two scholarships at any one time to young adult parishioners who are over 18, have completed their secondary education, are pursuing full-time further or higher education and are willing to fulfil the following conditions.

- 1) The scholar will attend worship weekly in St. Colman's, Kilroot.
- 2) In consultation with the scholar the rector will appoint a mentor for the scholar who will meet with the scholar at least monthly to guide and advise the scholar about their personal spiritual development including their prayer life and personal bible study.
- 3) The scholar will serve in the parish of Kilroot in a voluntary role agreed with the rector and the mentor for a minimum of 5 hours per week.

The scholarships are for six months at a time which may be renewed at the end of the six month period. Those wishing to obtain further information about the scholarship programme for the six months beginning on 1 September 2005 should contact the rector.

How well do you know your old testament?

Can you find the 25 Old Testament books listed below?

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Genesis	Samuel	Proverbs	Joel	Judges
Leviticus	Kings	Song of Songs	Obadiah	Esther
Numbers	Chronicles	Sirach	Micah	Baruch
Deuteronomy	Ezra	Isiah	Nahum	Job
Joshua	Tobit	Jeremiah	Ruth	Hosea