



St Colman's Kilroot

### DETAILS OF SERVICES

**9.00am each Sunday**

Holy Communion - traditional language

**10.30am each Wednesday**

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#### **Sunday Services at 10.15am:**

Sunday 5 Mar	Holy Communion with Children's Church
Sunday 12 Mar	Morning Prayer with Children's Church
Sunday 19 Mar	All-age service
Sunday 26 Mar	Service of the word with Children's Church
Sunday 2 Apr	Readings and Music for Easter
Sunday 9 Apr	Morning Prayer with Children's Church
Sunday 16 Apr	Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 23 Apr	All-age service
Sunday 30 Apr	Morning Prayer with Children's Church
Sunday 7 May	Holy Communion with Children's Church
Sunday 14 May	Morning Prayer with Children's Church

#### **Evening Services 7.00pm**

Sunday 12 Mar	Contemporary service
Sunday 9 Apr	United Service
Sunday 30 Apr	Service of Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Connor
Sunday 14 May	Contemporary service

## RECTOR'S LETTER

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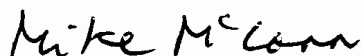
Dear Parishioner,

Easter is the high point of the Christian Year when we focus on the promise of God to us, salvation for sinners, and the working out by God of the means of fulfilling his promise by the death and resurrection of his son. This year there are number of different opportunities to connect with the story which you can read about in this newsletter. I hope that you will avail of some if not all of these and be renewed in your experience of the Easter story.

As St. Paul said "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?.....Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also praying for us."

For we who believe, Christ is praying for us. What an amazing truth! It should motivate us to honour him in all that we do and to trust him in the midst of our struggles. He can be trusted!

God bless,



Mike McCann

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Our thanks go to all who helped out and supported the Christmas Fair. The total raised was £864.67.

## **GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS**

Thank you to all who gave gifts for needy children at Christmas. We were able to direct them to Rev. Don Gamble's ministry in North Belfast. In that area there is a hostel for recovering alcoholics, run by the Salvation Army, and dads there who would have no other way of providing gifts for their children, were able to use our gifts to be able to give their children something at Christmas. Thanks again.

## **SALVATION ARMY**

In keeping with our new policy of charitable giving by the parish we collected £183.10 for the Salvation Army at Christmas. Thanks to those who supported this.

In March we will give parishioners an opportunity to support the work of the Leprosy Mission.

## **24 HOUR PRAYER**

All of us value prayer very highly but sometimes we find it difficult to know how to pray effectively into the world around us. Praying in a group can seem intimidating. We wonder "will my prayers be any good?" The time set for the prayer meeting may not suit us.

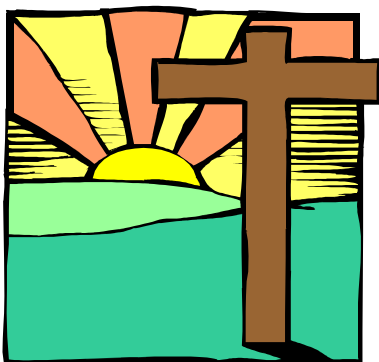
In recent times many churches have found that setting aside part of their building as a place for prayer and encouraging people to come and use that place for prayer either on their own or with others has been very helpful.



So in the week before Easter from Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> the choir vestry will be transformed into a prayer room with various items to stimulate our prayer. The room will be open from 9.00am to 11pm each day and the time will be split up into one hour slots when you can come and pray in solitude taking the time to be with God and to bring before him your own needs and the needs of the world. It is a marvellously releasing experience to take part in this, to make a little time for this, and you will find that it will transform you to be in this place which will have been soaked in prayer. All ages can take part.

## THE EASTER STORY

Easter can be a strange time in Church life. It is the high point when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus but it is also holiday time when many people go away.



In many European countries Easter is celebrated by society at large but in “religious” Northern Ireland many people even have to work on Good Friday!

To try to capture the Easter season better this year we are going to have special morning service of Easter music and Readings on “Passion Sunday”, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We hope everyone will take this opportunity to join us on this day.

### HOLY WEEK

As in previous years many of the ministers in the town have organised joint Holy week services. Rev. Trevor Morrow has agreed to come and speak and it should be a stimulating week. The services will take place each evening from Monday to Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Joymount Presbyterian Church. All will be welcomed.

### UNITED SERVICE

The next united service will be on the evening of Palm Sunday 9th April at 7.00pm in St. Colman's. This is an ongoing joint initiative of Gateway Church, Downshire Presbyterian Church, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church and ourselves although everyone is welcome. Please try to attend.

## EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry meeting will take place this year on Wednesday 26 April at 8.00pm. All are welcome. Registered Vestry persons will be able to vote and to serve on the select vestry, if elected.

## HOME GROUPS

There are three Home Groups.

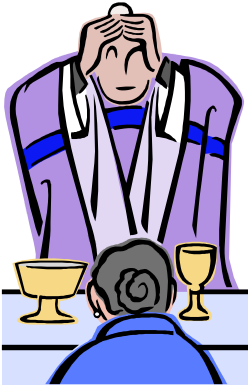
The first meets in Billy and Isabell Stewart's house on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm. Contact Billy on 93362145 for details.

The second will meet initially in the rectory on Thursday nights from 8.00pm. Contact Harold Love (93355985) for further information about this second group.

The third is a women's group which has emerged out of the Brazil trip and is open to any women and will meet one evening every two weeks. Contact Ailsa McVicker (93365972) for details about when and where this will meet.

All these groups give you the chance to receive support and insight as we share our discoveries in the bible and our experiences of living by faith. Those who make the time invariably find it a great help

## CONFIRMATION 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm



The bishop will visit us on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April for the service of confirmation. We have a number of young people eligible for confirmation for whom there will be confirmation classes held.

There may also be some adults who would like to be confirmed. While we operate an open policy at Holy Communion many adults prefer to be confirmed and to undergo a period of preparation so they understand more adequately their participation in Holy Communion. If there are adults who would like to be confirmed then I will run a short series of meetings to prepare them to join the young people.



## PARISH RECORDS



### Baptism

12 February 2006      Jack Robert Guthrie

26 February 2006      Courtney Anne McIlwaine

### Funeral

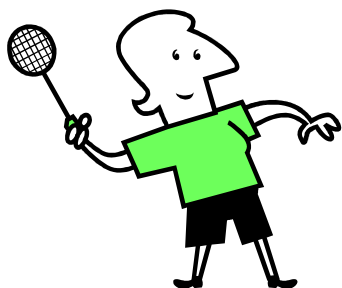
2 December 2005      M. Renée Goody

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## CRÈCHE

Crèche is staffed on all but one Sunday each month. There is no crèche when we all stay together at the all-age services. 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 at any time during the service if you feel they are getting a bit fractious.

## BADMINTON CLUB



The Junior badminton club has re-opened on Thursday nights from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. All young people from 10 to 16 years old are welcome.



## CHURCH MAGAZINE BY EMAIL

We can now send you St Colman's magazine by email.

This will mean

- You can keep copies on your computer
- you will receive the magazine as soon as it is finished
- you will be helping the environment – by helping us cut down on photocopying and reducing the amount of paper used.



If you would like to receive a computer copy of this month's magazine please email Ronnie Gordon at [wrgdbq@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wrgdbq@yahoo.co.uk).

Once you've seen it online then if you want to change to getting the magazine emailed to you in future, simply send Ronnie another email, making sure you provide your name so that we can update the distribution list that you no longer need a paper copy.

## FREEWILL OFFERING 2005

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3	£ 204.50	33	£ 46.50	63	£71.00	93	£ 109.90
4	£ 250.00	34	£ 99.50	64	nil	94	£ 78.00
5	£ 294.00	35	nil	65	£60.00	95	£ 410.00
6	£ 52.00	36	£ 340.00	66	£ 230.00	96	nil
7	£ 163.00	37	£ 115.00	67	£ 108.00	97	£ 240.00
8	£ 65.00	38	£ 42.00	68	n/i	98	n/i
9	£ 131.00	39	£ 105.00	69	£ 7.00	99	£ 510.00
10	£ 130.00	40	£ 370.00	70	n/i	100	£ 172.00
11	£ 315.00	41	£ 271.00	71	£ 910.00	101	n/i
12	£ 33.00	42	£ 169.00	72	£ 5.00	102	n/i
13	£ 103.20	43	£ 120.00	73	£ 345.00	103	£ 94.00
14	£ 200.00	44	£ 49.00	74	nil	104	£ 109.00
15	£ 225.00	45	£ 100.00	75	£20.00	105	£ 7.00
16	£ 84.50	46	£ 96.00	76	£ 100.00	106	n/i
17	£ 270.00	47	£ 133.00	77	£58.50	107	n/i
18	£ 503.50	48	£ 68.70	78	£ 210.00	108	£ 95.00
19	£ 18.50	49	£ 123.00	79	£ 6.00	109	£ 260.00
20	£ 480.00	50	£ 80.00	80	£ 200.00	110	£ 402.83
21	£ 445.00	51	£ 118.00	81	£23.00	111	£ 156.00
22	£ 43.00	52	£ 150.00	82	£ 187.00	112	£ 144.00
23	£ 169.50	53	£ 26.37	83	£93.50	113	£ 175.00
24	£ 235.00	54	£ 585.00	84	£ 110.00	114	£ 46.00
25	£ 79.00	55	£ 40.00	85	n/i	115	£ 200.00
26	£ 28.00	56	£ 260.00	86	£ 275.00	116	£ 150.00
27	£ 159.50	57	£ 200.00	87	£30.00	117	£ 255.00
28	£ 106.50	58	£ 124.50	88	nil	118	£ 192.00
29	£ 200.00	59	nil	89	£50.00	119	£ 125.00
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126	£ 222.00	156	£ 90.00	186	£ 109.00	216	£ 430.00
127	£ 46.00	157	£ 405.00	187	n/i	217	£ 242.50
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133	£ 6.00	163	£ 760.00	193	n/i	223	£ 205.00
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138	£ 260.00	168	n/i	198	£ 201.00		
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140	£ 540.00	170	£ 225.00	200	n/i		
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144	n/i	174	£ 250.00	204	£ 206.22		
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146	£ 90.00	176	n/i	206	£ 40.00		
147	£ 560.00	177	£ 220.00	207	n/i		
148	£ 151.70	178	n/i	208	£ 103.20		
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