



St Colman's Kilroot

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### RECTOR'S LETTER

The new worship pattern has commenced. The new pattern of Holy Communion at 9.00am, a traditional service of worship in the church at 10.15am and an informal service for all ages in the church hall at 11.30am appears to be working reasonably well. The approach of the new 11.30am service, which is more visual, interactive and informal, helps children and parents. The naturally higher level of noise will not be to everyone's taste but it certainly helps parents relax and enjoy church along with their children. I am sure some parents will take the opportunity, from time to time, to avail of the more meditative atmosphere of the 9am and 10.15am services. That diversity of service style is of great value. Of course the children are missed at the 10.15am service. However the time for tea/coffee/juice between the services allows for crossover and a chance to interact with the children. If your preference is for the quieter service come and try the livelier one from time to time.

While I believe the 10.15am service has been and will be well conducted by myself, Billy, Gina and Valerie Murray, a lay reader from Mossley who is involved with David Jardine in Divine Healing Ministries, practically for me the new pattern has some challenges. The main thing is that formerly I would have noticed if someone was missing for a few Sundays or someone would have spoken to me if they knew someone was unwell or in need of support. That is more difficult now as I am only present at the 10.15am service once a month, normally at the service of Holy Communion, which is now on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. However I am in the hall from 11.15am on the other Sundays if you need to speak to me. Moreover if you are in need of a pastoral call for any reason, even if it is just that you need to chat to someone, do not hesitate to contact me. I will be only too delighted to call with you. In particular if you find yourself in hospital get someone to contact me directly so that I know as soon as possible. I can then visit you in hospital or at home soon after if you are discharged.

James in his letter says "Draw near to God and he will draw near to you". Let us draw near to him in whichever service of worship we attend and I am sure we will find that he will draw near to us.

May God bless you,

Mike McCann

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS (For the next 6 weeks)

4 October

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer  
11.30am Informal All-Age worship

11 October

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer  
11.30am Informal All-Age worship

18 October

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer – Harvest Service  
11.30am Informal All-Age worship

25 October

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Holy Communion  
11.30am Informal All-Age worship

1 November

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer

8 November

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer with “Act of Remembrance”  
11.30am Informal All-Age worship

PARISH RECORDS

There were no Baptisms in the parish of Kilroot since the last magazine.

Funerals

21 August 2009	Malcolm Goody	62 Craigowen Road
10 September 2009	Bill Zebedee	5 Rathmoyle Park
18 September 2009	Jack Carr	Formerly of 40 Craigowen Road

We extend our prayerful sympathy to those who are bereaved.

Marriages

19 September 2009 Pamela Canning and Thomas Tourish

We ask for God’s richest blessing on this newly married couple.

## HARVEST 2009



Our Harvest Sunday this year will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October when we will have a special service of Morning Prayer with Choir anthems and a selection of favourite harvest hymns.

Decoration of the church for harvest will take place from 11.00am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. All gifts of materials for decorating the church and any help with the decorating will be much appreciated.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



We will have our traditional Morning Prayer with “Act of Remembrance” on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am

## PRAYER GROUP/HOME GROUPS

The prayer group has been meeting on Thursday mornings for some years now. However the morning time made it impossible for those who are at work to attend so we have decided to try a Wednesday evening at 8.30pm twice a month.

Ladies group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month so there will also be a monthly home group in the rectory on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (and the 5<sup>th</sup> where it occurs) also at 8.30pm. The pattern will be as follows:

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday | Prayer group in Billy and Isabell’s home (63 Victoria Road) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday | Home group in Mike and Sarah’s home (29 Downshire Gardens)  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | Prayer group in Billy and Isabell’s home                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | Home group in Mike and Sarah’s home                         |

The study group that meets in Alan and Gina’s home (13 Downshire Drive) on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm will start again on 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you are interested, please come along to discuss the programme for this term, you will be very welcome.



We are pleased to announce the proposed re-establishment of Cub Scouts in St. Colman's Larne Road. There is currently one Scout Group in Carrickfergus (4<sup>th</sup> Carrickfergus) who meet at St Nicholas church hall. They have waiting lists for most sections and have been working with us to re-establish Cub Scouts with the support of St Colman's.

### **What are Cub Scouts?**

Cub Scouts are one of the five sections of the Scout movement which is a part of the world Scout movement.

*'We believe that through adventure we challenge individuals so that they learn and experience new things that enrich their lives.'* – UK Scout Association.

For more information, including information including some words from the UK Chief Scout Bear Grylls (adventurer, international speaker and best selling author), see the UK scout website at <http://www.scouts.org.uk/parents> The Northern Ireland Scout website can be found at <http://www.scoutsni.com> including details of the Northern Ireland Scouting resource activity centre at Crawfordsburn.

There is a demand for Scouting in the Carrickfergus area, but this cannot be filled at present due to lack of facilities, and we intend to meet that need. The intention is to establish a Cub Scout Pack in St Colman's on a Tuesday evening from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.

### **How are Cub Scouts organised?**

They are organised under the leadership of volunteer adults who are all vetted through Access Northern Ireland child protection and are trained to work with young people.

Part of the success of Scouting is derived from the involvement of parents, and parental input is always most welcome.

The Cub Scouts follow a recognised national programme to encourage their physical, mental and spiritual development so that they take a constructive place in society.

*'Scouting isn't just about activities for their own sake. We encourage young people to try something new, feel the buzz of the challenge and then reflect on what that means.'*

### **Facts:**

**Age:** The Cub Pack at St Colman's is open to boys and girls aged 8 to 10½ from all faiths and traditions.

**Meeting Time** – the Cub Pack will meet throughout the year (except school holidays) on a **Tuesday** night from **6:30pm until 7:45pm** (unless other arrangements are made).

**Medical forms and parental consent** - These ensure that the young people have a safe and enjoyable time so when requested should be returned as promptly as possible.

**Costs (and gift aid)** – Attendance at 5<sup>th</sup> Carrickfergus Scout Group costs £39 per year. This covers membership fees, insurance and most activities and is collected in three instalments. On completion of a gift aid form the Scout Group is able to reclaim tax on all payments through the gift aid scheme. Please note that Cub Scout leaders are volunteers and do not get paid.

An **information evening** was held at **7pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** for parent/guardians and children of Cub Scout age to ascertain the level of interest in offering Cub Scouting in St Colman's hall. If you were unable to attend but are interested please email or telephone to register your interest.

**Directions:** Coming from Carrickfergus town centre towards Eden on the main Larne Road, St Colman's church hall is on the left, 50m beyond Downshire Gardens.

### **Other sections and expressions of interest:**

We are opening a waiting list scheme for young people aged 6 – 25 who are interested in Scouting in the area. Once numbers are sufficient, beavers, scouts and squirrel sections will open (subject to sufficient adult leaders). Please email or telephone to register your interest. (see contact details below)

*There is no doubt that parents value what Scouting does for their children. In an independent survey of over 2,000 parents of Scouts, 9 out of 10 parents said Scouting is worthwhile (7 in 10 very worthwhile) and 9 in 10 said their children find Scouting enjoyable (6 in 10 very enjoyable). Parents say Scouting gives their children more confidence, responsibility, a broader set of friends, a chance to pursue things they might not get to do otherwise, adventure and an extended family. – UK Scout Association*

Yours in Scouting,

David Branagh

**5<sup>th</sup> Carrickfergus Scout Group**

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### YOUTH CELL GROUP

Twice a month a small youth bible study and discussion group will meet at the rectory on a Thursday evening at 8.30pm for about an hour. All teenagers are welcome. Contact Mike directly for details of which evenings it is on each month. (93362387)

### 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 a number of organisations that have taken up this opportunity. If you hear of others who are looking for premises please tell them to contact us. Our existing organisations continue to have their normal time slots. If you wish to use the facilities at other times when it is not already in use please 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 so that there is no double-booking

## ROUND THE WORLD WITH RAPID RESPONSE MARION

I feel that I have your attention already .... !!!

This year's Brownie pack holiday was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May @ Gannaway in Millisle and our theme this year was, guess what - Round the World.

Our Brownies went on virtual tours of lots of countries; they visited: America and had a great work out with the "Line dancing". They also visited Belgium and made Chocolate Truffles. They stopped on route in England, India, Mexico, Scotland and even Japan (for a spot of "Origami").

Our base for the weekend was in 2 Traditional wooden lodges with a car park in between. Each Brownie unit had a lodge as their base but we came together for activities and dining.



But why the "Rapid Response" - I hear you ask

As you know our 1<sup>st</sup> Aider is our very own Marion Magill and very late on the Friday night we were presented with a Brownie who was feeling unwell, so we thought we would ring Marion to request paracetamol. No sooner had we made the request when we saw a flash of white zoom past the window, Calpol in hand. Talk about "Rapid Response"!!!!

Next year's special centenary Brownie holiday is already booked for 21 May 2010 to the Kilcronaghan Activity Centre in Tobermore so please stay tuned for more tales. We have photographs displayed on the notice board outside the Minor Hall of our Brownie trips; please feel free to have a wee look at what we get up to while we are away.

Anne Shields

## **LADIES GROUP**

The Ladies group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in the Minor Hall. The following interesting and varied programme has been arranged for this year. New members are always most welcome. Just come along, or ask Katie Love or Katie Branagh for more information.

On September we had our opening meeting with a short service of dedication and heard about this year's programme.

7 October: Travels in India with Cathy McClintock

4 November: Hats by Maureen

24 November: Outing to Lisburn on 10.00am train from Carrickfergus station – use your Smart Pass!! (Note this is a Tuesday)

3 December: Christmas Dinner at St Colman's Bistro with a special menu supplied by YOU!!

6 January: Possible outing to Ballyearl for the pantomime

3 February: Fun, Friendship and Fellowship with the Three Ladies

3 March: Talk about Leprosy Mission, Rev Colin Ferguson

5 March: Friday - Women's World Day of Prayer, Congregational Hall, Whitehead

7 April: No meeting Easter week

15 April: Thursday – outing to Bangor or Ballymena

5 May: AGM with a Bring and Buy sale of your unwanted gifts etc, proceeds to our chosen charity.

## **CIRCUS HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB.**

This was a great success this year with over 210 children attending over the 5 days. A team of 25+ came from Dunmurry to run the club for us. They joined with 9 young people from Carrickfergus (including 5 from our parish). We also saw our young leaders from church growing in their faith and leadership skills. More young people have started Remix – the joint youth fellowship with St Colman's and Gateway.

An event of this kind requires a huge team effort both in prayer and physical help so I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone from St Colman's who gave help of any kind for Circus.

Sarah McCann

## SUMMER MADNESS JULY 2009

A group of young and not so young from the Parish and a group of our Brazilian friends attended the Summer Madness festival at the Kings Hall at the beginning of July. As always everyone very much enjoyed the experience.

Worship twice a day in the Kings hall with excellent, challenging speakers; seminars on every subject you could imagine and some you never thought of; activities of all sorts or just chilling out with friends, all contributed to an amazing five days.

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are needed to see this picture.

Feeding time in the Cowshed!

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Beth, Ruth and Eloise at Summer Madness

## ALL ABOARD

The Choir trip on the Steam train took place again this year, thanks to George Moore's organisational skills!

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We boarded the train at Whitehead along with other passengers and railway preservation enthusiasts, and seated ourselves in the carriage reserved for us.

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Some of us took a lot of trouble to be suitably attired for the occasion!  
While refreshments of a high standard were shared among us.

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Heather, our Organist, went beyond the call of duty to ensure we all had a clear view!

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I am not sure why the train pushed rather than pulled the carriages all the way to Portadown and back, but it coped well with its task!

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At least two of the choir showed off their dancing skills, along with many others, at the stops on route. Who's that dancing with George? Answers please to any of the choir!

### **EDEN DROP IN**

The team have been greatly encouraged by the super start to the new term, with regular faces returning and new ones appearing.

After many good years in the Orange hall we have now moved to No 183 Larne Road, a few doors down.

Everyone is welcome to 'Drop in' on Wednesdays between 12pm – 3pm. The kettle is always on the boil!

Your prayers for this outreach would be much appreciated.

Audrey Alexander.

### **SMILE FOR YOU**

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu.  
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.  
I thought about that smile then I realized its worth;  
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth.  
So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected,  
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

## **PARABLE OF THE SPOONS**

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what heaven and hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors and the holy man opened one and looked in. In the middle of a large round table was a large pot of stew that smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back in their mouths. The holy man shuddered at their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen hell." They opened the next door and looked into the room. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew that made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple", said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see these have learned to feed each other."

## **A DAILY PRAYER**

All this day, O Lord,  
Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;  
And every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,  
Whether through the word I speak,  
The prayer I breathe,  
Or the life I live.  
Amen

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union.

## **S.O.S**

Do you feed the hungry?  
Visit the sick?  
Or just pray for them?

Do you befriend the stranger?  
Help the afflicted?  
Or just pray for them?

Let us be doers of the Word.  
Showing how we care.  
Let us give help where there is need.  
He gave us the lead.  
Words and prayers are not enough.  
Let's be made of active stuff!

## **HOLD MY HAND**

Hold my hand, Lord.  
Walk me through the loneliness  
And the valley of my sorrow.  
Hold onto me when I am too afraid  
To think about tomorrow.  
Let me lean on you, Lord,  
When I am too weary to go on.  
Hold my hand, Lord, through the night  
Until I see the dawn

## **CHUCKLE CORNER**

### **Wrong Number**

Customer: "I've been ringing you on 0700 2300 for two days. Why didn't you answer?"

Travel agent: "Where did you get that number from, sir?"

Customer: "It's there on the door to your Travel Centre"

Travel agent: "Sir, they are our opening hours!"

### **Sermon preparation**

A boy was watching his father, a Rector, write a sermon.

"How do you know what to say" he asked.

"Why, God tells me," replied his father, hoping to teach the boy about listening faith.

"Oh. Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

### **Always the Bridesmaid**

"Something's wrong with me", sighed a young lady after a wedding. "I've been a Bridesmaid twice, I even caught the bouquet, too; but I am still single."

"Next time", advised her grandmother, "don't reach for the flowers; reach for the Best Man."

### **A Selection of Church Notices**

The peacemaking conference scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our Church and Community.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche downstairs.

## **OCCASIONAL DONATIONS**

Some years ago the select vestry decided that as a Parish we would contribute significantly to the work of a number of organisations – typically three or four each year. As far as possible, we would wish to include organisations with whose work one or more of our parishioners are directly interested, and who would describe that work during one of our morning services. A basket would be available at the church door, for several weeks, into which donations could be placed.

So far this year the following amounts have been collected in this way:

Disabled Christian Fellowship	£148.17
Divine Healing Ministries	£205
Carrickfergus Methodist Church – Rebuild	£100

Thank you to all who have contributed. We would be pleased to hear parishioners' suggestions of other appropriate organisations, particularly if they would be willing themselves, or know of someone else from the organisation who would be willing, to speak to us briefly about its work.

Alan Hibbert (Hon Treasurer)

## **FROM THE MARANATHA NEWSLETTER**

(Submitted by Muriel Briggs)

The vision of the Maranatha community is of “The people of God united, healed and renewed, walking the way of Jesus in love, simplicity and poverty with the fire of the Spirit burning in their hearts”. It is the vision of the Church of Christ united across the globe – believers from all nation, tongues and traditions – not only in the present, but united with the saints who have gone before us and those who are yet to come. It is the vision of the Body of Christ, alive and active, reaching out to heal the sick, raising up the downtrodden and gathering in the lost. It is the vision of the Bride of Christ, beautiful and pure, waiting for Jesus our Bridegroom to return.

The vision is huge but it is furthered every time an individual reaches out the right hand of fellowship to another brother or sister in Christ. Every time we unite with another believer in prayer the Body of Christ is built up, especially when the “bond of peace” transcends previous division.

A church historian and member of Maranatha asserts that there is greater unity now within the Body of Christ than at any other time in the history of the Church. During the life of this community we have seen a transformation in the attitude of Christians from all traditions, many of whom now accept that unity is a priority in the heart of God. However, the unity that Jesus prayed for is the oneness that he shares with God the Father. We are called to be one in the “fellowship (koinonia) of the Holy Spirit” – we belong to one another.

There can be no true oneness in the Church without embracing the cross. The way of Jesus is the way of personal sacrifice, dying to all the attractions and ways of the world, to unite with his resurrected body. As we see the beginnings of Christian persecution in this country it is time to reach out and unite with those suffering both here and overseas, whose self-sacrifice releases power into the Body of Christ. Let us hear the call of Jesus afresh as he beckons, “Follow me!

### **Prayer for unity in Christ**

Lord Jesus,  
Who on the eve of your death,  
Prayed that all your disciples might be one  
As you in the Father and the Father in you,  
Make us feel intense sorrow  
Over the infidelity of our  
Disunity.  
Give us the courage to recognise,  
And the courage to reject, whatever indifference towards one another,  
Or mutual distrust, or even enmity,  
Lie hidden within us.  
Enable us to meet one another in you.  
And let your prayer for the unity of Christians,  
Be ever in our hearts and on our lips,  
Unity such as you desire and by the means you will.  
Make us find the way that leads to unity in you,  
Who are perfect charity,  
Through being obedient to the Spirit of love and truth.  
Amen  
(Paul Couturier)