

Mullavilly News

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Winter 2018

Mullavilly in Christmas Praise

A large crowd is expected, so please ensure you get your 'Invitation Ticket' – no charge for the ticket, but a retiring collection will be taken and will be divided between Charity and Mission.

Mullavilly in Christmas Praise

You are invited to a Christmas Celebration

on Sunday 9th December at 7pm
In Mullavilly Parish Church

With Musicians from The New
Irish Choir & Orchestra

Admission free:

Retiring Collection (after costs) will be donated
between Charity & Missions (suggested donation £10)



Refreshments of Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Shortbread etc
will be served in the Church Hall after the service



Sunday School

The Sunday School Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 19th December from 5.30-7.30pm in the Church Hall.
The Sunday School Nativity Service will be on Sunday 23rd December at 11am in Church.

Christmas Soup Lunch Thursday 12th December at 12.30pm.

This is a much looked-forward to event every year and this year is no different. Everyone is welcome and we will be enjoying lovely soups followed by a large range of desserts, tea/coffee, mince pies and shortbread.

The children from Mullavilly Primary School will be perform a short Christmas Programme at the end of the lunch. If you would like to come along, please let us know and tell us how many you are bringing with you so that we can arrange our catering.



Salvation Army Gifts and NSPCC 'Gift Tree'

As in previous years, we will be collecting gifts for children and teenagers on the first two Sundays in December. These can be left under the tree at the front (Salvation Army) or at the NSPCC Tree at the Baptism area. Thank you in advance for all your support in providing these items.



Sunday Worship in Mullavilly

9.30am Holy Communion each Sunday

11.00am 1st Sunday of month: Parish Communion
2nd Sunday of month - Family Service
3rd Sunday of month - Service of Holy Baptism or Morning Worship
4th Sunday of month - Morning Prayer
5th Sunday of month - Songs of Praise

7.00pm Evening Prayer (Holy Communion 4th Sunday evening)

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Mullavilly Boys Club

Approximately 25 years ago my sister Gillian and I started Boys Club. With nothing available to boys in our small community, this was a massive opportunity for local kids to meet and make friends, as well as games, squashed frogs and LOTS of footie!

Each week Gillian and I planned a small craft activity for the boys to give their parents or to decorate and make the church hall a little brighter!

As the years have passed, we have made many a memory. We've had educational visitors, trips to the pantomime and one of the boys' all-time favourites; McDonald's Night!

We have also had continued support from the youth in our congregation helping to run, organise and make the club as fun as possible. (too many names to mention but they know who they are!)

Sadly, we are not seeing the turnout we used to and with heavy hearts we have decided that Boys Club must come to an end (like all great things).

Thanks to all the boys who have made Wednesday evenings a lot more fun and to all the congregation that have supported us.

#SQUASHEDFROGSFORLIFE
Wendy and Gillian



On behalf of the Select Vestry and the whole parish, we would personally like to thank Wendy and Gillian and all the helpers and leaders over the years who have faithfully given of their time and talents in providing this very valuable organisation for the boys of our community. Sadly, there comes a time that, with so many other demands on family life and so many choices through school and sports for all boys, the Boys Club has decided that the time has come to close. I know that many of the boys who came through 'Boys Club' thoroughly enjoyed their time there and never wanted to leave when the time came. On behalf of us all, Thank you!"

Thank You!

The special **Harvest Appeal and Gift Day** this year raised (to date) £3,941. For those who 'Gift-Aided' their donation, an additional amount will be added at a later stage. As you know this is to go towards providing much needed extra car

parking space for our Church and Church Hall. Plans, including finance for this, are still in the very early stages, but need to be in place prior to seeking planning permission from the Diocesan Glebes Committee, Diocesan Council and RCB in Dublin. Thank you for all your support so far and we will keep you informed as to progress.

The **Country and Bluegrass Concert** raised £798. Again, thank you to all who helped in anyway in organising and planning for this event.

The **Annual Hospice Appeal** envelopes brought in an additional £610 (to date) and this will be added to the £500 allocation from the Parish and forwarded through the Diocesan Office to support the very valuable work of the Hospice.

Mullavilly Parish Church and The Great War

On Friday 19th October, we had a wonderful evening in the Church Hall to launch the book written by Mrs Donna Fletcher and to hear the stories of some of the men from our Parish who went, served and died in the Great War of 1914-18. We had songs from Rowena Cairns and Denver Pearson. Hannah Hollywood, Jackie McIntyre and Rosemary Neill read war poems. A lot of work and research has gone into this book, not only by Donna, but also by Rowena and Jim Cairns who spent many, many hours going through records and registers, compiling and collating as much information as possible. Thank you to all who came along on that evening.

There has been a great deal of interest in the book, locally and across the world! Copies are available from Donna, Rowena, Shortt's shop at Ballylisk, Sam's shop in Laurelvale and Hamilton's in Tandragee. The cost is £10. The proceeds, after costs, will go towards the erection of the new War Memorial in Church, to be in place by Remembrance Day 2019.



This year, as part of the commemorations of the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War 1914-18, a temporary war memorial has been put in place, listing the names of the 23 men from the parish who lost their lives during, or as a result of, the

First World War. We had a wonderful service on Remembrance Sunday, with visitors from Glengormley, Dublin and Co. Laois, some of whom had connections to names on the memorial.

Sermon Series - 'Teach us to Pray'

During the autumn, in Church and in our Sunday School, we followed a series called, 'Men of Faith in the Bible'. I know from talking to quite a few people that they enjoyed hearing, maybe for the first time or maybe as a reminder, the stories about these men of God. They were by no means perfect, but still God was able to use them in so many different ways. At times he changed and moulded them to lead His people and speak on His behalf to great nations of that time.

After Christmas, we will begin another series. This time it will be on Prayer, but more specifically on the most well-known prayer of all, The Lord's Prayer. We will spend 8 weeks discovering afresh what this prayer has to teach us. Just as the disciples asked Jesus, 'how to pray', we too can learn from the answer Jesus gave in the words of 'The Christian Family Prayer', 'The Lord's Prayer' or 'The Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples'.

This series will begin on the first Sunday in January.

1. Our Father who art in heaven
2. Hallowed be thy name
3. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as in heaven
4. Give us this day our daily bread
5. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
6. And lead us not into temptation
7. But deliver us from evil
8. For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever, Amen

Sunday School and 'JBC' - Junior Bible Class

Our Sunday School and Junior Bible Class continue to meet each Sunday, apart from the second Sunday of the month, when they all stay in church for our Family Service.

Sunday School begins in church at 11am and then the children leave with their teachers to go to the hall. Church attendance cards are stamped on the way in to church each Sunday. Remember to get your cards stamped! If you (or your young person) are hoping to be confirmed, you need to be attending Junior Bible Class (JBC) each week. Alwyn will take you through some general Bible teaching which will lead into Confirmation teaching. So, if you are 2nd or 3rd year (or will be) at Junior High School, and wish to be confirmed, it is really important that you attend church and JBC on a regular basis.

'Lost for Words'

If there is one thing that I find with most people, it is that they are never 'lost for words'. If anything, most people have a lot to say. And that is great! There is nothing worse than being in the company of someone who is so quiet, or so shy, that talking to them is like drawing blood out of a stone.

Sometimes we find that, when there is a group of people, there is one who does most of the talking and others who sit quietly in the corner, hoping not to be noticed, perhaps feeling that they have nothing to say worth contributing to the conversation.

Help is at hand.... We will be running a course in the New Year, called 'Lost for Words.' It will run over six consecutive weeks and will be a tool to help us to find out about our faith, learn what it is about, and be able to speak gently and confidently about it.

It is for everyone, but especially for those who would like to find out a little bit more about how to talk about their faith in a simple and straightforward way. It is also for those who made a personal commitment at our recent mission or feel they would like some encouragement in their faith and daily walk with God.

We would love to see you come along and join us. Bring a friend if you wish, especially if you feel shy or unsure about what it is all about and you need someone to come along with you. That would be brilliant!

Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January
Tuesday 5th & 12th February
Meetings at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Church Mice

It is an absolute delight and pleasure to see parents bringing their little ones to church every Sunday and to see how parents are teaching their children the importance of coming to be part of the family of God in Mullavilly.

For those who are new, or not sure, we have a little group called 'Church Mice'. It's a crèche for little ones who are of pre-school age. We have a rota of people who go out each week to look after and care for them in the choir room, where there are lots of toys and activities.

We continue to encourage you to bring your wee ones to church, and then at the same time as Sunday school, to bring them out to Church Mice.

Also, if your very little one becomes upset during the service, again, please feel free to take them over to the Church Mice in the Choir Room, where you can settle them, feed them, change them, and let them play for a little while with other children.

If you would be willing to help out with the Church Mice, on a rota basis, then please speak to the Rector or to Carolyn Mayes.

Rainbows and Brownies

Rainbows and Brownies meet on Monday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

Mullavilly Bowling Club

The Bowls Club meets on Monday & Thursday at 8pm.

Mullavilly Badminton Club

Badminton is played on Wednesday evenings at 8pm.

Bumblebees: Parent and Toddler Group

Bumblebees meet each Tuesday (School Term Time) from 10am. It is great to see all the mums, dads and carers come along with their babies and toddlers. We would love to see you all and you will be made very welcome.



Mullavilly Kids Club

Kids Club meets on Tuesdays between 6.30 and 7.30pm. All Primary School aged children are welcome.

Monthly Soup Lunch

The timing of the monthly soup lunch will change from the 3rd Wednesday of each month to the 3rd Thursday, with effect from January 2019 (Thursday 17th January, 21st February, 21st March). The time will remain the same at 12.30pm. Again, this is open to everyone in the community, especially our senior citizens.

Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship Group (13+ years) meets on Sunday evenings in the Church Hall. Contact Alyn Jones, Peter Stewart or Matthew Walsh for more information.

Mullavilly Friendship Group

The Friendship Group meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome for a cup of tea, a chat, quiz, games and more. 'No strangers here - just friends you haven't met yet!'



Mission Trip to Paraguay

Matthew Walsh, one of our Sunday School Teachers, is making a return trip to Paraguay to work alongside Ron and Nicky in Asuncion during July 2019. Matthew was one of the team members

who went out with SAMS as part of our Mission Team in the summer of 2017. Please come along and support him at these events.

Big Breakfast.

Come and enjoy a lovely cooked breakfast! Sunday 13th January 2019 between 10am and 11am.

Table Quiz

We had great fun at our last Table Quiz. So, rally the troops! Gather the families! Plague your friends to make up a team and let's see who wins! Friday 8th February at 7.30pm, £5 per person. Maximum of 6 per table.

Choir

We have a great wee choir that helps to lead us in our worship each Sunday. We would love to see more singers join, especially some of the younger members of our congregation. Why not come with one or two of your friends? We know that some of our young folk, boys and girls who have recently been confirmed, have beautiful voices, so why not encourage them to use to them to the Glory of God? Our choir members would be delighted to see you. Choir practice is usually on a Wednesday evening (or as arranged).

Rector's Notes

The Rector will be taking her Christmas break in February! She will be on leave from 20th February until 9th March. Rev. Rosie Diffin will be dealing with any sickness or emergency calls during this time. Her telephone number is: 028 38398721

Rural Dean: On the 1st October 2018, the Archbishop appointed me to be the new Rural Dean for the Mullabrack Rural Deanery. It is an honour to be asked to fulfil this role after the previous Rural Dean, Canon Neville Hughes retired. His will be hard shoes to fill, as he was a wonderful Rural Dean and kept us all right in our Parishes.

My area will cover the following parishes: Mullavilly, Clare, Mullabrack, Kilcluney & the Chapel of Ease (Markethill), Loughgilly, Drumbanagher & Acton, Camlough (Bessbrook), Mullaghglass & Ballymoyer Union (St. Luke's & Belleek). At present, I am overseeing any emergency or sickness calls during the vacancy for the Mullabrack & Kilcluney parishes. But the role also includes carrying out the annual glebe inspections of all the churches, rectories and buildings in each Parish, as well as any other tasks requested by the Archbishop.

As you will imagine, it will be a new and challenging role and I will have a lot of things to learn as I go along. I will appreciate your continuing support and prayers as I endeavour to carry it out to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Calendar and Sunday Rota

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES - ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

| Date | Sunday | Church Mice | Welcome Team | Flowers | 9:30 Scriptures | 11:00 Scriptures |
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| 02/12 | Advent Sunday 9:30 and 11am Holy Communion 7:00pm Evening Service | Anna Neill Valerie Doyle | Jim King | Pauline Martin | Susan Hannam | Jean McClelland |
| 09/12 | Advent 2 9:30 and 11am Services 7:00pm Christmas Praise | Joanne Milligan Jayne Hollywood | | Jane King | Brett Hannam | Anna Neill |
| 16/12 | Advent 3 9:30 Holy Communion 11:00 Morning Service 7:00pm Evening Service | Carolyn Mayes Helen McClenaghan | | Dinah McClelland | Andrew White | Sheila Hamilton |
| 23/12 | Advent 4 9:30 Holy Communion 11:00 Sunday School Nativity Play 7:00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols | Jayne Hollywood | | Roberta Rafferty | Edward Wilson | Sunday School |
| 24/12 | 11:15pm - Christmas Eve Service | | | | | |
| 25/12 | Christmas Day (Tuesday) 8:30am Holy Communion, 10:30am Family Service | | | | | |
| 30/12 | Christmas 1 11:00am Holy Baptism with carols and readings. NB: Only one service on this day. | | | | | |
| 06/01 | Epiphany | Kerrie Shortt Yvonne Neill | Tanya McKitterick | Wendy Hazley | Susan Ferguson | Rosemary Neill |
| 13/01 | Epiphany 1 Family Service at 11am | | | Mandy Wright | Helen McClenaghan | Sunday School |
| 20/01 | Epiphany 2 | Lesa Gibson Susan Hannam | | Brenda King | Raymond Hill | Mary McKee |
| 27/01 | Epiphany 3 | Carolyn Mayes Christine Neill | | Mandy Close | Jaqui McLoughlin | Carolyn Mayes |
| 03/02 | Epiphany 4 Family Service at 11:00am | Lisa FitzPatrick Helen McClenaghan | Adam Magowan | Yvonne Craig | Susan Hannam | Natalie Mayes |
| 10/02 | 4th before Lent Family Service at 11:00am | | | Yvonne Cushley | Brett Hannam | Sunday School |
| 17/02 | 3rd before Lent | Linda McCammon Elaine Neill | | Ann Robinson | Andrew White | Fiona Mayes |
| 24/02 | 2nd before Lent | Kerrie Shortt Valerie Doyle | | Caroline Whitten | Edward Wilson | Georgina Stewart |
| 03/03 | Sunday before Lent | Lesa Gibson Jayne Hollywood | Jackie McIntyre | Paula Neill | Susan Ferguson | Adam Magowan |
| 10/03 | 1st Sunday in Lent Family Service at 11am | | | Judith Pentland | Helen McClenaghan | Sunday School |
| 17/03 | 2nd Sunday in Lent | | | Donna Fletcher | Raymond Hill | Jean McClelland |
| 24/03 | 3rd Sunday in Lent | Carolyn Mayes Susan Hannam | | Valerie Milne | Jaqui McLoughlin | Anna Neill |
| 31/03 | 4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday Songs of Praise at 11am | Lisa Fitzpatrick Yvonne Neill | | Julie Magowan | Andrew White | Various Readers |