

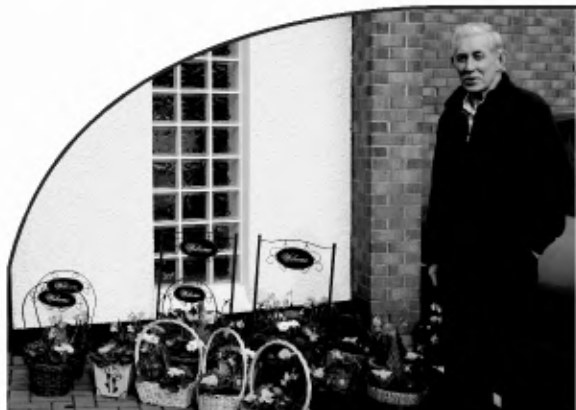
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Parish of Ballyholme



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The Rambling Rector

A few months back a lady called Isobel Whatrup from Kent wrote a snappy little letter to *The Daily Telegraph*: 'When applying for a driving licence, motorists are to be forced by the DVLA to decide whether to donate their organs. Alongside this question should be added: "Would you be willing to receive a donated organ in the event of illness or accident?" This might make drivers pause and think more carefully when deciding how to answer the first question.' Is there a chance it might also make someone reading these few words pause and think when deciding how to

respond to the cross this Easter? You could also ask yourself the question: is no response not also a response? There is so much to touch our hearts in the last week of Jesus' life and yet God doesn't just long to touch our hearts but to replace them with His own. We all know what we will want from Christ, in the end, and certainly the Saviour longs for us to come and receive all He has to give us. But how do we feel about what *He* might want from *us*, right here and now?



SED

Parish Family Lunch and Annual General (Easter) Vestry Meeting

Sunday 10 April 2011 12.45 in the Parish Centre

In accordance with chapter 3 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, our 2011 General (Easter) Vestry meeting in Ballyholme takes place at 12.45pm on Sunday 10 April in the Parish Centre. Following the success of the last two years our meeting shall be held in the setting of a parish family lunch in aid of the Home Straight Appeal. 2011 is a triennial year which means that, in addition to the usual annual business, we will also be electing Parochial Nominators and parish representatives to Diocesan Synod. At 12.45 the AGM will briefly be called to order and the elections for the Select Vestry will be conducted. At the point when the votes are ready for counting (hopefully no later than 1pm) we will break for lunch. After coffee and biscuits the meeting will reconvene to receive the results of the elections, to adopt the parish accounts, to hear any reports from parish officers and to deal with 'any other notified business' (which should be brought to the Rector's attention the day before the meeting at the latest).

Please plan to be part of this important day in the parish calendar and do consider the possibility of allowing your name to go forward for election. Rest assured, you will not be pounced on at the meeting itself. Constitutionally, we are free to conduct elections to the Select Vestry in whatever way we see fit. Last year's trial run of asking for written nominations ahead of the meeting seemed to work very smoothly. Several parishioners expressed an interest for the first time and some were duly elected to serve. Since no concerns were brought to the attention of the Vestry afterwards, either about the process or the practicalities, we intend to run with the same system this year. Accordingly, nominations are now open and will close on Sunday 3 April. Forms will be available from Sue in the Parish Office and from our Honorary Secretary Stephen Baird (91272134) and we will take a digital photograph to use on the voting paper – or as Sue christened it last year, 'The Wanted List'!

A “tidy” pair working behind the scenes

As a tireless “double act” Harry and Ann Browne work diligently behind the scenes ensuring that St Columbanus is always open for business.

Although neither Harry nor Ann is from Bangor, the former hails from Upperlands and the latter from Ballycastle, they have spent the vast part of their adult life here. Ann has been attending St Columbanus since she was a child. Both their children were baptised, confirmed and married there, while their six grandchildren were all baptised in the church. Ann revealed that they met after attending a Midnight Matinee at the Tonic but...not with each other! Ann had gone with a friend of Harry's while he was escorting a friend of Ann's.

As to how they got together - “It is lost in the mists of time,” says Harry who then asked Ann out and “the rest is history.”

This May they will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary - 50 years together and still going strong. But Ann said there were those who didn't think the marriage would be a success! “Some people said it wouldn't last. They didn't give it a chance because we were both so young,” she added.

Ann worked for a time in a fashion shop in Main Street while Harry was employed in a hosiery firm on the Clandeboye Road and they recall a very different era in Bangor.

It was a time when there was nothing built beyond what is now the Ring Road and the last houses on the outskirts of Bangor were on the Donaghadee Road. Both have seen big changes to the town they have lived in practically all their lives. Primacy, they recalled, was a village in itself and was regarded as the “back of beyond” while up at Chippendale there were green fields, a quarry and a piggery.

Harry looks back to a time when he could walk down Main Street and know everybody to see and quite a number to speak to as well. A great night out could also be guaranteed in Bangor with venues like the Tonic, the Tudor, Adelphi and Queens.

Harry recollected the Soapbox Derbies that used to be held along the Seacliff Road when different groups would turn up with their homemade soapboxes to race them along the road. “You have to move with the times,” is Harry's philosophical take on it. Ann too has her memories to share - her first school was a wooden hut behind our church, before Ballyholme Primary was built.



The couple decided to give life in Canada a go not long after they were married although Ann admitted that she wasn't keen on the idea. So off they went to

Ontario with two young children and, when asked what it was like, Harry's deadpan response was, “It was cold.”

“It didn't really work out for us,” explained Ann so she and the children came back first and Harry followed on later. Then in 1974 Harry had a change of career, moving to BT as an engineer and at his retirement he was Domain Administrator, in charge of those men who were working on the ground.

So how did Ann end up as Sexton in the church? A number of years ago, while working in Ballyholme, she happened to ask Alan Abernethy, who was then rector, if he would mind if she did a bit of “tidying up” outside the church.

That bit of “tidying up” led to Ann being offered the position of Sexton and almost 16 years later she is still there and still enjoying her role. She and Harry are both very familiar faces around the church and Harry, in his role of Glebewarden looks after the various properties, ensuring they are in a good state of repair. Ann joked, “It is nearly like a job share - whatever I can't do, Harry can do.” At times, she says, it is almost like putting on a show with all the work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs smoothly. “Every day is different, there is great camaraderie between the whole team and you get a bit of craic as well, you see people at sad times and happy times and you do whatever you can to help them,” she said.

Ann is rightly proud of the fact that the hall is seen as a community facility widely used by diverse groups of people throughout the year. Harry backed this up with his comment “Some people may think it is sitting there like a white elephant but it is very well used.”

Moving with the times is a popular theme for this young-at-heart pair who say they are delighted to see new blood coming into the church with fresh ideas.

Ann has also had a long association with the Brownies which started when she got roped in to help out after her granddaughter started 20 years ago. Harry has also served a term as Churchwarden and has been known to take part in the odd round of golf. The final word goes to Ann “I like to think that anyone coming in will find us warm, friendly and welcoming.”



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MU Spring Sale &
Coffee Morning



Confirmation Service - Easter Day



The wonderful group of young people shown above, and named below, will be presented for confirmation at an Area Deanery service in St Comgall's, Hamilton Road on Easter Day (24th April). We would ask for your prayers and support for these special young people, and our adult candidates, in the run-up to the service. At the time of writing the adult candidates have yet to meet.

We hope to carry full details of the service at St Comgall's, and a list of the final St Columbanus roll-call, in the May issue of the magazine.

The Bishop issues his personal invitation for prayer, support and your presence, in his letter reproduced below.

Full details are shown on the leaflet.

Please remember in your prayers :-

William Allen,
Sarah Hatch,
Peter Matthews,
Kalin Mitchell,
Emily Rohan,
Ellan Tompson,

Jonathan Hatch,
Andrew Kennedy,
Emma McKee,
Faye Moorehead,
Jemma Speers,
Jenna Tompson.

DATE: Easter Day, 24th April **TIME:** 6.00

VENUE: St Comgall's, Hamilton Road

Please join with us in celebration and joy, in supporting and encouraging our candidates going forward in confirmation.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

"As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy." (1 Peter 1:14-16 MSG)

Diocese of Down & Dromore

April 2011.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The service of Confirmation on Easter Day is one of the most pivotal and important services to take place in the life of a parish. It is an occasion when the whole Body of Christ in a particular place surrounds, affirms and prays for those who will publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

I ask you to pray for the candidates each day during the coming month, and to make an absolute priority of being present with their friends and families on their Confirmation Day. I look forward to meeting all of you,

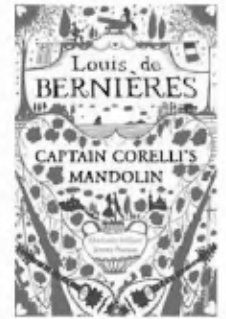
Sincerely in Christ

+ Herald Down & Dromore



BOOK REVIEW

Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernières



After deciding that the books I was reading weren't really of a high literary standard I decided to work my way through 'the big read' top 100 books as voted for in a poll a few years ago. This has led me to read Captain Corelli's Mandolin. Although I have heard that the movie was not Oscar winning material I could not help but fall in love with the book.

The book tells the story of the Italians invading the small Greek island of Cephalonia in the early days of the second world war. It focuses on a girl called Pelagia, her family and friends and how the invasion affected them. It also gives an insight into the life of the Italian soldiers and their Captain, Antonio Corelli with his unconventional approach to invading a country. Although this brief description sounds all doom and gloom it is not. Not only did I learn a lot about the history of the Second World War but this book was also funny, witty...and even made me cry (much to the annoyance of my boyfriend who didn't know why when he walked in on me sobbing uncontrollably!)

I feel the ending could have been improved in some ways but it does not take away from the fact that this book earned its place in the top 100 books and has definitely made it into my personal top 10, so it actually was worth tearing myself away from the chick-lit and easy read thrillers!

Nicola Todd

Published by Random House. Approx £4.89 paperback.



THINGS I LOVE
or
Why I love the Sea
Peter Robinson

"Saycuritay, saycuritay, saycuritay"

"All ships, this is Belfast Coastguard; the following gale warning is issued in Sea Areas Irish Sea, Malin, Hebrides"

Having spent a career at sea, this is a familiar message on VHF radio when at sea around the UK coast. I have a great respect for the sea - its tremendous power, particularly in rough weather, and yet it has an awesome beauty too in its ever changing state. As I walk along the beach now, the sea never has quite the same appearance from day to day. Sometimes it's calm and quiet, sometimes rippled; reflecting the sky - blue or green or perhaps grey or even white with spray and noisy - always changing. Having left the sea and when in the mood, I try to capture it in watercolour. So I guess I love the sea - and tomorrow?

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky.... (John Masefield)

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MISSION NEWS

Hello everyone

It's a great life for a baby in Kiwoko

My name is Gideon Mugisha Wilson and I am nearly 10 months old. I live at Kiwoko hospital with my Mum and Dad. I would like to tell you about my life here.

I get up about 6am and love to start playing right away. Mum isn't so excited about playing at this time of the day as I am. I have my cereal with Daddy before he goes to work. I like to watch Daddy when I sit at the table and sometimes I tell him about my dreams and if he isn't looking my way I shout and give him a big smile. He always gives me a scratchy kiss when he leaves for work. Eating is fun these days now I can hold some of it myself - like bananas and pineapple chunks. I love pineapple and apples- they are my favourites. Mum is always complaining now that the floor is messy after I am at the table. Sometimes Mummy takes me to 'staff prayers' in the morning. I love the music and especially the drums. When I grow up I am going to have drums!

My special friend Joyce comes at nine. I love Joyce - she helps Mummy with the washing and she plays with me, speaks and sings to me in Lugandan and sometimes even takes me out when she does the shopping. We have lots of fun. Joyce has a son three months younger than me and sometimes he comes to play. I also have made friends with other children. It is fun to be with people almost the same size as myself.



I love going out in the pram because so many people stop and say hello. I think it is because I am paler than all the other babies around here? There are chickens, cows and a pig to look at. Sometimes children come and help Mummy or Daddy push the pram a little. Some had never seen a pram until I came along. They called my pram a 'bike' or a 'car' at first. How funny! I have to put on a cream when I go out as it is very sunny here; I hate getting the cream on and try to wriggle out of it.

One of my favourite times of the day is bath time. (I can get pretty messy these days now that I can crawl) I love splashing and getting Mummy or Daddy and the floor all wet! Great fun! It is the only great part of getting clean! I go to bed around seven, but sometimes Mummy lets me watch ten minutes of Baby Einstein DVD first. It has all kinds of animals, shapes and colours on the computer screen. I wish I could get

pushing the buttons as well, but I can only reach when she isn't looking!

If Daddy is off at weekends, I help him in the garden- weeding and looking after the pineapples or doing other jobs like fixing punctures. Daddy says I am a great help. Mummy knows that I have enjoyed myself when I need an extra bath! Daddy has put a special seat on the bike for me and we go for picnics. At first I wasn't sure if I liked it but now I love it. Sometimes if I am tired I even fall asleep before we get home.

It's been busy recently. I got four new top teeth. Mummy took me to the antenatal clinic to get weighed. I am 9.2 kg. This was good but then the lady in the white dress jabbed my arm with something sharp - I only cried a wee bit. Mummy said that it was to protect me from the measles. I am tired now so I am going to say bye. My granda Billy is coming to see me soon so I need lots of sleep.

Byeee

Love, Gideon

What's on your iPod (or MP3 Player)?

GILLIAN HEASLEY

Gillian is an Assistant leader at Tiddli-winks Playgroup in the Parish Centre. She is married to Mark, and has two teenage children, Mark and Lauren. She can often be seen walking her pet greyhound Loughteen, a retired racing dog, around Ballyholme.

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| 1 The man who can't be moved | The Script |
| 2 Some kind of wonderful | Michael Buble |
| 3 Sex on fire | Kings of Leon |
| 4 Mercy | Duffy |
| 5 Hard to handle | The Commitments |
| 6 You're my first, my last, my everything | Barry White |
| 7 In the Midnight Hour | The Commitments |
| 8 Mony Mony | Billy Idol |
| 9 Rocks | Primal Scream |
| 10 I like the way you move | Body Rockers |



The Wednesday Club

On a lovely Spring day, 48 members of the Wednesday Club turned out to hear the speaker at our March meeting - Tom Robinson from Kids4School - a UK based children's charity working with rural children in Africa. He explained how, on retiring from the Leprosy Society, he helped set up a scheme which helped to give education to children in Tanzania. They started by sponsoring 60 children, and now, with increased giving, they sponsor up to 600. He told us that to educate a child for a year costs only £20, and to feed them while at school £17.40, a drop in the ocean to us, but to them a chance of living their dreams via education. Kids4School also send out a couple of teams a year to help build houses, school classrooms, toilet blocks and water storage projects. On one occasion they built a church for a local group of worshippers, who usually congregated in open air under the trees.

Tom gave a clear and very informative talk about the aims of the Society, and gave out sponsor forms so that anyone could pick a child to sponsor. Several of our ladies and helpers did just that.

After our afternoon tea (with hot cross buns for a change), Margaret Kerr was the winner of our monthly draw.

Sue



The Parishioner

Many thanks to all of the parishioners who have contributed towards the cost of printing the parish magazine. Many of you, however, have yet to return your envelopes with your donation, and we do hope that you will do so soon - it's never too late! We try to make the magazine as interesting and up to date as possible, and so, if you have any ideas that you would like to see included, please do not hesitate to contact us via the Parish Office.

In particular, we would like some good quality photographs which we could use for the front cover each month. We try to have a cover which is relevant to Ballyholme, either something topical in the Parish or a local scene. If you have anything you may think suitable, or any ideas for inclusion, please let us know. Thanks.

The Magazine Committee

Mothers UNION
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MU Notes

A big THANK YOU to every one who supported our Spring Sale and Coffee Morning. We are delighted to have raised £920 which will help projects overseas and the emergency relief fund.

Thank you also to the Brownies and their leaders for serving the teas and coffee.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th April at 8pm.

Everyone welcome

Pat

The Walkers in Dublin

In a departure from our normal type of walk, last month we left behind our boots and poles, and boarded the Bangor train at the unearthly hour of 6.57 to catch the 8 o'clock Enterprise to Dublin for a historical walking tour of the City. We were delighted to welcome Ann Adams and Ann Young, Myles Lindsay, and Vikki and Jill Hayes, making a party of 21.

We met Gavin our guide, at College Green for the first stop at

Trinity College. He is a History Graduate of the university and obviously passionate about his subject. A potted history of the four hundred year old university highlighted some of its most famous students (until 1904 only men were admitted!). During the 18th century Trinity was the university of the Protestant ascendancy but by 1793 Roman Catholics had been permitted to enter and to take degrees. Most of the outstanding Irishmen of the eighteenth century, including Swift, Berkeley, Burke, Goldsmith, Grattan and Tone, were Trinity graduates. Across the Green we stopped at the Bank of Ireland, formerly the Irish Parliament. Built in 1729 it was to be the first purpose-built two-chamber parliament building in the world and after the Act of Union in 1801, it was sold off to the Bank of Ireland.

From there it was off to the famous Temple Bar down by the Liffey. Unlike the areas surrounding it, Temple Bar has preserved its medieval street pattern, with many narrow cobbled streets. It's famous for its diverse

collection of all things arty - unusual cafes, the Irish Film Centre, an Arts Theatre, a Photographic archive and an attractive street

market where we grabbed refreshments on the hoof. In 1742 it was the location of the first performance of Handel's Messiah. From there it was a short walk to the City Hall in Dame Street. Built in 1769 as the Royal Exchange it was bought in 1852 by the City Corporation and restored early this



century. It still has bullet holes from the 1916 rising in the front wall.

Behind it is Dublin Castle - not like a castle at all but built in red brick. Until 1922 it was the fortified seat of British rule in Ireland, and is now a major Irish government complex. Most of it dates from the 18th century, though a castle has stood on the site since the days of King John.

Our last stop was Christ Church Cathedral, located in the former heart of medieval Dublin. The cathedral was founded probably sometime after 1028 and built on the high ground overlooking the Viking settlement at Wood Quay. Unfortunately we couldn't enter as a Special Synod was in session. Many thanks to Leslie for all the hard work in organizing the outing. You'll find info at

www.historicalinsights.ie

Our next walk on 2nd April is to the Robbers Table in Gortin Glen. It's about 9 miles on off-road paths and hills. Meet at 8.30am in the Church Car Park.



WAGS

invite you to our April Meeting

Tai Chi

with Pamela McNutt

On Mon 11th April 2011 at 8pm

Come along to find your inner calm and balance!!

All welcome

So... does the rabbit lay the eggs ... or...?

A few years ago, as Easter approached, I was asked by my friend Dan to explain a few things. We were students at the time and being both a Jew and an Israeli, Dan was getting a little confused. For him, pretty much nothing he saw of Easter seemed to make sense. I think he was trying to draw lines in his head between eggs, the church, bunnies and Jesus, and was coming up with a giant question mark.



As adults, we take many complicated things for granted, but we're all liable to encounter new challenges. Anyone who has recently dipped their toe into the plunge pool of modern technologies will testify to the depth of the task that lies before them. Many people learn a series of step by step procedures to, for example check email or visit a website. But what happens when something goes wrong? What if an error message appears, what if the software changes and what if the screen freezes? There is a wide gap between doing something, and knowing why you are doing it.

Children seem to have no problem with new technologies. As the saying goes - 'If you want your computer fixed, just ask a 6 year old'. Perhaps its because children are often more interested in the *why*, and just pick up the *how* on the way past. To most young people however, the world is still full of mystery and confusion. Church can be one of those places. From the way we do things, the buildings and festivals, to the people and traditions.

It's not easy to explain complicated things in simple terms, especially if we're not 100% sure of the facts ourselves. When confronted with this scenario, we have a few options. We can gloss over, admit our lack of knowledge, or try and get to the bottom of the issue. I've always found that in order to explain something to a younger person, I've had to strip back my understanding and look deeper, before being able to talk clearly about the subject.

Those of us with the greatest knowledge may be in the best place to explain things plainly. The God of the universe came into the earth as the man Jesus. He spoke simple wise words that confounded the greatest scholars of the age, he outwitted the craftiest minds around, and cut right to the heart of those that followed him. He explained the majestic, glorious mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, using simple stories about coins, fish, sheep, parties and plants and he invited little children to come to him.



It's a real privilege that many of us have young people around us, in our families and in our church. We have wonderful opportunities to share the things we hold dearest with them. Holy week and Easter can be really challenging to explain. It was tricky enough for me with Dan, how much more so with a young person. When it comes to the centrepiece of our faith, are we ready to share the things we feel are really important?



The Quiet Corner

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

At the beginning of practically every service of the Holy Communion in the Anglican Communion, we pray this prayer, known as the *Collect for Purity*, or in Common Worship, the *Prayer of Preparation*. It is a very ancient prayer: much beloved of Thomas Cranmer and translated into English by him in his revision of the liturgy of 1549. And it has survived. It is still a prayer of preparation, for priest and people alike.

In this prayer we ask for the Holy Spirit to renew our jaded spirits for the task which is ahead of us, that of worshipping God in the Sacrament. We ask for the breath of the Holy Spirit to blow away the cobwebs of deceit, distraction and temptation and to draw us into a place of calmness and peace where we can leave behind our stresses and daily occupations and concentrate afresh on the living God.

The *Collect for Purity* also demands of us

what we might think of as impossible; that our love for God may be perfect: *Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you...* It is true that as imperfect humans, our love will always fall short of total purity. But, this does not mean that God desires our love any less; imperfect as it may be. One of several ways in which God consecrates our love is through the medium and action of prayer. We often talk of 'the sacrifice of praise' and this means that our offering of prayer and devotion is made holy through the very encounter, no matter how hollow or 'unholy' we may feel. It is, furthermore, precisely this depth of God's presence in us when we pray, that no fissure of our psyche, or conscience can be hidden way from Christ: *from whom no secrets are hid*. This can be quite a fearsome truth to be faced with and often means that we balk from prayer. This, then, is why we are necessarily directed to be vulnerable in our worship. For it is only when we open ourselves honestly, can the grace of God flow into us and peer into our innermost being.

Rev Christopher Woods (Chaplain Christ's College, Cambridge and Secretary of the Church of England Liturgical Commission, whose parents belong to St Columbanus')

Holy Week 2011
Ballyholme Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday Praise at 6.45pm
 Monday 18 - Friday 22 April at 8pm
Walking The Road Of The Cross
 Guest Speaker: Rev David Montgomery
 Minister of Greystones Presbyterian, Dublin

Third Order of Society of St. Francis Annual Retreat

Date: 17th -19th May 2011

Venue: Dromalis Retreat Centre
 Larne

Conductor: Brother John SSF

Cost: £105

*For further details,
 please contact Nancy Baker
 91473513*



Our Worship

Sunday 3rd April Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.30 Family Service
 11.30 Morning Prayer
 6.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th April

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 10th April Lent 5 & Easter Vestry

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Morning Worship & Children's Church
 11.30 Holy Communion
 6.30 Six Eight

Wednesday 13th April

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Morning Worship & Children's Church
 11.30 Morning Prayer
 6.45 Ballyholme Presbyterian

Wednesday 20th April

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

Friday 21st April - Good Friday

12.00 Family Service




Sunday 24th April - Easter Day

6.30 Dawn Service at Ballymacconnell followed by breakfast in Ballyholme Presbyterian
 8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Holy Communion
 11.30 Holy Communion
 6.00 Deanery Confirmation
 St Comgall's, Hamilton Road

Holy Week Services

in Ballyholme Presbyterian
Walking the Road of the Cross

Monday 18th: 8.00 pm
 Tuesday 19th: 8.00 pm
 Wednesday 20th: 8.00 pm
 Maundy Thursday: 8.00 pm
 Good Friday: 8.00 pm

<p>Sunday 10th April 12.45 pm Annual General Vestry Meeting Parish Family Lunch in aid of the Building Fund</p>	 <p>April 3rd: Fiona Oliva, Maureen & Lorraine Colgan 10th: Ann Shaw, Vikki Hayes, Dawn McFerran 17th: Janice Hewitt, Michael & Sharon Hatch 24th: Easter Day - no coffee</p>	<p>FUNERALS</p> <p>11th March: Elizabeth McCartan, late of 4 Churchill Park</p> <p>19th March: Elaine Perry, late of 73 High Bangor Road</p>
<p>Date for your diary The Parish Walk and Picnic Sunday 15th May after Church Scrabo Country Park Details later</p>	 <p>April 3rd: Irene Long 10th: Margaret Magee 17th: Eleanor Bell 24th: Easter</p>	<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>20th February: DYLAN JAMES KENNETH LOOKER, son of Paul and Kelly 13th March: EMILY REBECCA BOYD, daughter of Gary and Sarah</p>
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