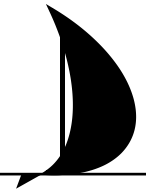


Church of

# St Columbanus

Parish of Ballyholme



February 2012



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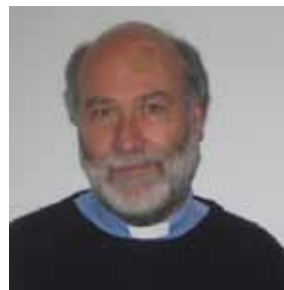
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## The Rambling Rector

Sheilagh Jebb's memorial service last November could only scratch the surface of her remarkable life of worship and witness. Retirement for Sheilagh was not, as it is for some, a time for self-preservation and doing less. Her twilight years were spent searching for more opportunities to serve. The powerhouse of her ministry was prayer and you have to wonder how different things might be if a few more of our parishioners took St Paul's call to 'pray without ceasing' as seriously as Sheilagh did. Think about it: Spike, Rory Wilson, Niall Manogue, Rachel Brittain (Manogue) and Sarah Caughey (Hutchinson) are the familiar St Columbanus names who took the vocational route to ministry with CMSI, all since Sheilagh joined us in 1989. Yet the truth is dozens and dozens of St Columbanus parishioners (100 plus?) have put their toe in the missionary waters and sampled short-term the life to which Sheilagh gave nearly 40 years. Coincidence? Last summer Sheilagh used the pages of this magazine to announce the end of her missionary prayer meetings. She issued a typically forthright challenge which I repeat here in honour of all that Sheilagh spiritually stood for: who now will do the praying?



### STOP PRESS!

As you will have heard in Church on Sunday 8 January, the Reverend

Stephen Smyth has been appointed incumbent of the parish of Inch and Kilmore near Downpatrick/Crossgar. Since joining us from Capetown in September 2008, Stephen has thrown himself into the life of Ballyholme and his joy, wisdom and wealth of experience will be sorely missed by us all. We can be grateful at least that the Smyths will be with us until the end of this year's 'A' level exam timetable! His Institution has been set for Tuesday 26 June. More details later but please remember Stephen, Debbie and Adam in your prayers over the coming months and please also pray that God will raise us up a new curate to join our ministry team when Stephen moves on.

### The Parishioner

As you know, the Parishioner comes to you free of charge.



To help with our overheads we always enclose an envelope with the February issue by which we hope you can make a contribution towards our running costs. If all of our 800 recipients gave £5 we would certainly cover ourselves, but please bear in mind that only 50% currently make a gift. Half of you are paying for the other half!

Please return your envelope by the collection plate on Sunday and do bear in mind that the full text of the magazine is now available on the parish website. If this is the format that best suits you why not consider cancelling your paper copy and you won't have to worry about the envelope at all!

## Sheilagh Jebb - A tribute

*On 7<sup>th</sup> November, we learned of the death of Sheilagh Jebb. Former General Secretary of CMSI Cecil Wilson pays tribute to a remarkable woman of faith.*

When I joined CMS Ireland in 1976, Sheilagh Jebb was already a legend in mission circles, having spent 26 years as a CMS missionary in Nigeria, nursing, training nurses and sharing the Gospel, which was her great passion. After this time in Nigeria, Sheilagh faced one of the biggest challenges of her mission career when she was transferred to a health project in the Yemen, one of only a small handful of western missionaries to serve in that country. She learned Arabic and for three years brought medical care to remote and mountainous parts of the country. Service followed in Sudan, Sierra Leone and the Gambia before Sheilagh retired to Bangor in 1989 where she became an active member of Ballyholme Parish.

I first met Sheilagh when she had just returned from Yemen and was enthusiastically preparing to go to the Sudan. But it was when she retired, or rather when her overseas service was finally completed, that I really got to know her. Scarcely had she moved her few belongings into her new home than she was in the CMS Ireland Office volunteering her services. Of all Sheilagh's many qualities, the one that stands out for me is her gift of hospitality. For many of CMS Ireland's visitors, her home became a haven. Every time that I arrived at her home with yet another guest there was always a warm, enthusiastic welcome and the smell of an appropriate cultural meal cooking in the kitchen.

There was another side to Sheilagh, one only seen by individuals. She had a ministry of generosity known only to those who were its recipients. There are many, including bishops in Christian service throughout the world today, whose education and

support was paid for by Sheilagh. Many mission projects have survived and many lives have been transformed because Sheilagh was there at a time of need.

Sheilagh truly made the Prayer of St Ignatius her own:

*Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.*



### *Extract from monthly letter from Rory Wilson in Kiwoko*

"On the other hand, one of the lowlights of this year was hearing of Sheilagh Jebb's death. Sheilagh is a lady from our home parish of Ballyholme. An English lady who spent her whole working life overseas with CMS, she then retired to Bangor. She was an amazing woman of faith, but particularly of prayer. I know that we miss her prayer support already - please be encouraged, those who do pray regularly for us. Prayer support is not the 'cheap option' for those who don't have much money to give for our physical support. We really value such support and would be grateful if others could be encouraged to take on this aspect of helping us with our work here. Thank you to everyone who does."

*CMSI have reprinted Sheilagh's book, **Going for God**. Contact the Belfast office of CMSI for more details. (A few are available from the Parish Office.)*



## The Wednesday Club

Our numbers in January were a bit depleted, because of the inclement weather and as various colds, hospital appointments, and family commitments after Christmas took their toll. However, the ladies who were able to be with us enjoyed a talk by Lesley Stewart from RNID. She was able to give very helpful advice and tips for communicating with deaf people and ways of coping with tinnitus. She brought with her several booklets that gave more help and useful addresses, where more help could be accessed if required.

We welcomed another new member this month, June Green, who, on her first visit won the monthly draw. Sue



*A letter from Kilmore Church, Co Monaghan after receiving unsold items from our Christmas Bazaar*

The minister and Select Vestry of Kilmore Church wish to thank you for your donations of clothes and items for our church sale. This is a great help in the running of the church, as there are only 20 members. Ruby Brown (Tres)



## The Team in Kajiado

Yvonne and I were so privileged to join other partners from across Ireland in a CMS Ireland team, led by Ronnie and Maggie Briggs to Kadjiado as we acknowledged Bishop Jeremiah Taama in his retirement service and to give thanks for his work in the diocese and the partnership he has helped develop between many of us and our partners in the diocese. True to

form Ronnie had planned a full week for us before the retirement service! Fourteen of us from many parts of Ireland travelled to a number of projects which we have supported.

We visited the Maasi Rural Training Centre where we saw encouraging sustainable farming of land, cattle, goats and sheep - and were treated to a surprise sighting of wild giraffes roaming on the land, much to our delight!

Day 2 saw us visit Nairobi Cathedral which was a wonderful oasis of calm and thriving with life in the middle of a busy, noisy city. From the Cathedral we were brought to the Kyoli slums where Yvonne has had contacts with Lucy and Lois through UDP and Marketplace. In Kyoli CMSI had provided a new water tank and guttering which was blessed by Bishop Alan. The women we met in Kyoli were inspirational, living and trying to earn some money to provide for their families in very basic living conditions which we were invited to visit. These women



Bishop Alan blessing the water tank and guttering in Kyoli



The Masai waiting to receive food aid

also gave us a delicious lunch. They were very keen to say how thankful they were for the continuity of our partnership.

Next day we took a longer journey to Torosei, an area in the bush where we were invited to provide some food relief for 200 Maasi families who were the poorest in that area, as decided by the rural chiefs. Many travelled by donkey or on foot up to 25 km to receive the aid. There were six bags of maize, a jar of oil and a packet of salt to give basic subsistence for these families till they could acquire more food. It was very humbling to physically hand out such basic food as people queued for this gift.

Next day we visited a water bore hole, money for which had been provided some years before, and saw a functioning compound which provided water for both families and animals. Nearby we visited a newly opened girls' secondary school designed by Mark McCullough. We then were hosted by Mama Bishop to a very welcome feast and a viewing of her wonderful vegetable garden.



Distributing food aid

Of interest to us all in Ballyholme was the tour of the Diocesan Headquarters which we have been helping fund in partnership with our own church buildings. Kadjiado still has to complete some building before it can become functional and self sustaining.

They need more funds for this and we will talk more about this hopefully. Meantime if anyone wants to discuss this we would be

delighted to talk some more, otherwise watch this space! The Kadjiado Health Centre is much further on than my last visit with about 2,000 new patients each year, and a good supply of medicines.

The last two days were wonderfully uplifting, first with an inspirational clergy teaching day and then with the retirement service (all 5 hours of it!). We met the new Bishop Elect Gadiel, who Simon will meet for his installation on January 15th. Overall we had a wonderful experience, witnessing much encouragement, life, laughter, and yet were very challenged by poverty, hardship, and the whole concept of partnership which we hope we can explore further as a church family. Elaine Elborn



Canon Johnstone

Bishop Gadiel



### What's on your iPod?

This month's iPod playlist has been compiled by Ruairi Lawther, a third form pupil at Bangor Grammar School. Ruairi and his family joined St Columbanus after moving to the area from Germany. At present, Ruairi takes part in a weekly traditional Irish music class, playing the guitar, and is a member of the Ards branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann. Drama is also another great interest of Ruairi's and each Saturday he participates in a dance and drama class at the Youth Lyric in Belfast. Ruairi has also been in several Bangor Grammar drama productions since he joined the school and he is a member of SU in school. Apart from the joys of homework (groan) in his spare time Ruairi can also be found twiddling his thumbs - on the controller of an Xbox 360.

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|----|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Open Arms               | Elbow                  |
| 2  | Born on a Horse         | Biffy Clyro            |
| 3  | Underdog                | You me at Six          |
| 4  | Sigh no More            | Mumford and Sons       |
| 5  | Dani California         | Red Hot Chilli Peppers |
| 6  | Umbrella (Christ Remix) | Coffey Anderson        |
| 7  | Below my Feet           | Mumford and Sons       |
| 8  | Lippy Kids              | Elbow                  |
| 9  | Mad World               | Tears for Fears        |
| 10 | Kids                    | MGMT                   |

Here is a healthy, vegetarian winter warmer from the Good Food channel.

#### Chunky vegetable chilli (serves 4)

Packed with flavour, this healthy, hearty chilli is guaranteed to warm the coldest day

*2 tbsp olive oil, 1 large onion, chopped, 2 courgettes, halved lengthways sliced, 2 large carrots, halved lengthways, sliced 1 red chilli, deseeded and thinly sliced, 4 fresh tomatoes, roughly chopped, 2 tbsp tomato purée, 300 ml vegetable stock, 400 g tin chickpeas, rinsed and drained, 400 g tin kidney beans, rinsed and drained, 6 tbsp chopped coriander leaves, plus a handful mixed with natural yogurt, to serve, brown rice, to serve*

Heat the oil in a large heavy based saucepan and cook the onion for 2-3 mins until beginning to soften. Add the courgettes, carrots and chilli and cook for 5 minutes more, stirring well, until softened and beginning to turn golden.

Add the tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes more, stirring until softened. Add the stock and beans, then season well to taste. Bring to the boil, cover, then reduce the heat and simmer for 20 mins, stirring occasionally.

Add the coriander and cook for a further 5 minutes, then serve with brown rice and natural yogurt mixed with coriander.

#### March 2012 Lenten Course Exploring Christ in the Old Testament II

Tues 21 February	10.30am	Repeated
Wed 22 February	8pm	
Tues 28 February	10.30am	Repeated
Wed 29 February	8pm	
Tues 6 March	10.30am	Repeated
Wed 7 March	8pm	
Tues 13 March	10.30am	Repeated
Wed 14 March	8pm	

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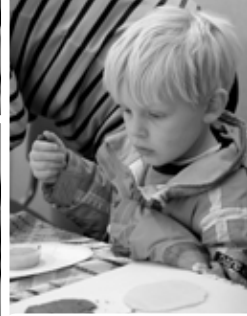
#### Mothers' Union Notes

Our "Overseas" Night is on Monday 6th February. We are looking forward to having Dr Sandra Hill tell us about her trip to Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us.

This year the branch will be collecting towels, toiletries, baby products etc to support Bangor Womens' Aid. All items will be gratefully received.

Pat

# Festive Photos



Christmas Bazaar



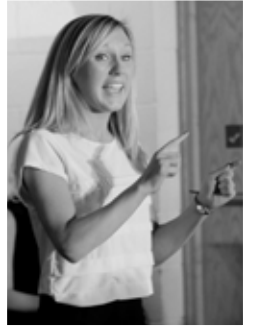
Sunday School Party



M.U. Christmas Dinner



Back to Broadway



Nativity Photos



New Year's Walk



Wednesday Club Dinner



Towerview P.S. Choir



## Le jeu avant tout

The Rector's team avenged their defeat by Sam's Youth team in the cricket match last June when they ran out 5-0 winners in the annual Boxing Day match. However, there was some disappointment for those supporters hoping to see our cricketing clerics career about a football pitch as Stephen took a holiday and Simon cried off with a broken eyelash. The players of the day have obviously lost the ability of their predecessors to deal with the effects of over indulgence on Christmas Day, so full marks to the two nine-a-side teams that Sam and Robbie managed to put together. For the record, the goal scorers were Kris (2), David, Robbie and Stephen, whose annual goal was followed by a typical understated Man. Utd celebration.

Highlights of the match included David's sixty yard dribble to score the goal of the match, Craig's sixty yard dribble for the youth team which just failed to result in a goal, an excellent diving save by Connor, matched by one from Jamie at the other end, Stephen's over ambitious overhead kick at goal and performances by Robbie and Alan, the last two forty or fifty somethings still playing. Sam has now six months to prepare for revenge in the June test match, when Simon should have recovered

from his tactical injury.

WMB



## Oliver

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November was the start of five nights and one matinee of Oliver. We had all worked really hard and it was very exciting. I played Noah Claypole. Shaun Allen was Oliver and Ben Redden was the Artful Dodger. It was a great experience with a lot of pick-pocketing fun for

everyone. The funniest characters were Mr & Mrs Bumble (Gorman Hagan and Susan Stockton). These horrible people were always making everyone laugh! So was Fagin (John McFarlane). Bill Sykes was played by Adam Bell and he was a great villain and everyone loved Nancy (Alex McFarlane). It was quite different to last year's Joseph performance because there was more acting and this time we performed in the Web Theatre instead of the Parish Centre. Everyone played their parts really well.

Thanks to Ian and Timothy Bell. Upstage Downstage Youth Musical Company was a great success again this year and really fun to be in. I am looking forward to taking part again next year.

Conor Johnston (aged 11)



Susan & Gorman



## Walkers' comings and goings over the Christmas Break



In December, a shorter than normal walk of four miles along the Tide Bank at Newtownards with a stop at the Craft Shop at the allotments on the way back whetted the appetites of the 25 strong group for the now traditional lunch at Coyles. It was good to welcome new member Heather Johnston and to have Maureen Johnston (no

relation) with us again. With a surprise present of high vis jackets for Leslie and Betty, there's no excuse for straying from the tracks!

The hot chocolate and scrumptious doughnuts/donuts were a most welcome sight for the fifty Parishioners who took part in the annual New Year Walk. It was bright but very cold but that didn't deter the crowd of all ages including babies in prams and dogs, from enjoying an invigorating outing. Thanks to Karen, Ann and Harry for organising the refreshments. We raised nearly £100 for church funds.

Saturday 7 January saw an great turnout of 21 walkers arrive at the car park near Loughbrickland alongside the main Belfast to Newry dual carriageway a few miles beyond Banbridge. Armed with the excellent booklet produced by Banbridge District Council describing the Loughbrickland Historic Trail we set out on a journey of discovery which took us back to a time when Loughbrickland was very different from the sleepy residential village we see today. Our first piece of interesting information concerned the island (or Crannog) in the centre of the lake which dates back to around 500AD and in days gone by would have been much bigger, extended by a type of decking, and probably boasting a castle from which one of the early Ulster tribes ruled the surrounding countryside.

Heading North through the A1 underpass we arrived in Loughbrickland's main street and immediately noticed a succession of stone horse troughs. These continued the length of the town and confirmed our booklet's description of a busy 16/1700's coaching stop on the main Dublin to Belfast road hiving with hostelries and associated trades. Many of the houses on the main street turned out to have their origins back in the 1700's as Coaching Inns but as times changed were adapted to uses as varied as Doctors Surgeries, Market House and Police Barracks. Religion as always played a central role in the lives of the early Loughbricklanders and as we progressed along the half mile or so of the main street we stopped to admire the architecture and hear the stories of the Reformed Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic churches and their associated residences.



Gaining the northern end of the town our route took us past the gate lodge and into Whyte's Estate. Once again our booklet was full of information and on our trek through the woodlands we stopped at two earthen ring forts, probably around 1000 years old. Later we passed 'the football field' so called because the game was played there by Belgian soldiers billeted in the Estate - over 25,000 came to Northern Ireland for training following the liberation of Belgium in 1944! Leaving Whyte's estate we trekked back through Loughbrickland to the lakeside for our usual packed lunch and later had time for a stop in Hillsborough and a stroll round the lake as we headed back to Bangor.

Next month's walk is scheduled for Saturday 4 February, meeting in the Church car park at 09.15 am. Why not pack a lunch and join us on a stroll round the Southern Shores of Strangford Lough on St Patrick's Trail? For more information ring Betty 91465372 or Leslie 91466689.

## Take me to the River - The future of youth ministry in Ballyholme

**E**ighteen months in, and I'm three quarters of the way through my time as Ballyholme's fifth Youth Worker. Looking ahead to when I've gone, I've been reflecting on the past twenty years or so of Youth and Children's ministry in Ballyholme. It's been fascinating to take a bird's eye view, especially since I came up through the St Columbanus ranks myself.

Might a useful metaphor for the life of any church be that of a river? As time passes, the river flows through ever changing scenery. There are twists and turns, lakes and rapids, perhaps even floods and droughts, but it's still the same river, flowing ever onwards to the sea.

The waters of youth ministry flow quickly, with a rapid turnover of faces, fads and approaches. Certainly this has been the case for Ballyholme. I was in my early teens in 1997, when Spike was appointed as our (and Bangor's) first full time youth ministry co-ordinator. Back then Ballyholme YF was *the* place to be, with 150-200 young people regularly turning up, and a team of 40-50 young leaders running the program. We've seen Niall Manogue, Katie Purvis, Richard Gullen, Dave Cavan in the role since then, and now me. Over the years, numbers have fluctuated, programs have come and gone and many people have moved on to the next stages of their lives. Bangor has changed too, with many churches employing their own youth workers.



At its peak, only a small percentage of those involved in the youth program were a visible presence in Church. Because the numbers involved were so large this overflow probably seemed healthy to the wider church family. But the truth is while many of the young people were strongly connected to our youth program they had little if any connection to our worshipping congregation.



Disconnection between young people and the rest of society is a growing problem in the West, and we can see it in our own church today. Going back to my river metaphor, it's very easy for youth ministry to break off as a side stream and then struggle to find its way back to the main river.

So what is our solution? Last month I wrote about the joys of our church family at Christmas. I love to see the family dinner table as a picture of how we might be as a church -

*At its best, the church meets together like an extended family around a dinner table. Children, parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents and cousins are all happy to be present. Each family member is from a different sub-culture, with different experiences and opinions. Crucially, the meal itself doesn't try to cater to each person's individual preferences but, each family member is willing to make compromises in order to be together.*

We'll be exploring this idea in Church on the first Sunday in February. This will be followed up by an information evening where you will have the chance to come along, ask questions, and explore the future of Youth and Children's ministry in our Parish.

*May he rule from sea to sea*

*and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

*Psalm 72:8 (NIV)*



## The Quiet Corner

For just over a year now, I have been researching my family history. It has been quite an absorbing experience and the bit I enjoy the most is the “detective work” aspect of it. There is a bit of a buzz when you find that elusive birth, marriage or death recorded in the middle of a long list of the names of all the wrong people. Family history research begins with what you know and can lead to all sorts of surprising discoveries, some of which may have been suppressed deliberately. It is common knowledge in my family, for example, that my Granda only had a sister. However, the records show that he actually had six siblings, five of whom all died in infancy, with none living more than eighteen months. Infant mortality was of course much higher in previous generations than it is today. In the 1911 census, my great-great-grandmother declared that she had borne fourteen children, but only six of them survived into adulthood.

The book of Ecclesiastes says:

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1: 9).

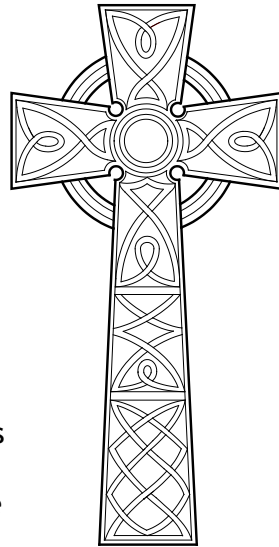
My research has shown me that as many people today go through painful experiences, many of my ancestors went through very similar things. Many parents are deeply concerned about their children serving as soldiers overseas in the like of Afghanistan and Iraq: three of my great-grandfathers fought in the Second Boer War in South Africa at the turn of the twentieth century. All of them survived this, but one of them lost a son, who died of wounds received during the First World War, just one month and three days before the Armistice was signed.

My research has turned up ancestors who died young of conditions such as cancer, leaving a young family; one ancestor who abandoned his wife and children; a worrying tradition of heart conditions in one family line; and one or two mental health issues as well. In many ways, things have changed for the better in terms of medicine, technology and general understanding. In other ways, there is nothing new in terms of what any of us can potentially face and which can turn our lives upside down in a heartbeat. On the one hand, the transition between the 31st December and the 1st January is no different from any of the other 364/365 such transitions in any given year. On the other hand, however, this particular transition does mark for us the start of the cyclical nature of life, giving us a chance to review what has happened in the past year and to reflect on how things will go for us in the next year.

All cultures have this, even if they don't mark it on January 1st: Chinese New Year will be on 23rd

January; Jewish New Year, or Rosh Hashanah will begin at sundown on the 16th September; Islamic New Year will be on 15th November.

As this year opens up before us, I have no doubt that there will be a cocktail of issues facing us all,



not all that dissimilar to those faced by my ancestors whose names and lives I am discovering through my research.

As Christians, we believe that we do not make this journey alone. We believe that there is a higher being or reality that we call God, and that God is revealed to us through the human face of Jesus.

In life, Jesus knew all about the pain caused illness, bereavement or family tensions. He knew what it was to be let down, to be disappointed and betrayed. He knew what it was to be hungry, homeless, tired, frustrated and angry. As a small child, he would have experienced displacement and lived as a refugee in a foreign country.

In his teaching, Jesus gives us the guidance, and indeed the challenge, of how to live no matter what we encounter in the coming year.

In his death and resurrection, Jesus gives to us a hope that goes beyond the boundaries of this life. I don't know how many of my ancestors had faith in Jesus. I hope that they did and I hope that it sustained them in the pain and challenges they faced. As I hope that it sustains us, whatever lies ahead.

In his Christmas address in 1939, when the country was in the darkness of the early years of the Second World War, King George VI quoted this poem by Minnie Louise Harkins.

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the  
unknown.'*

*And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your  
hand into the hand of God  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than  
a known way!'*

*So I went forth and finding the Hand of God  
Trode gladly into the night He led me towards the  
hills*

*And the breaking of day in the lone east.  
So heart be still!*

*What need our human life to know  
If God hath comprehension?*

*In all the dizzy strife of things Both high and low,  
God hideth his intention."*

Whatever this year brings, be it nothing new under the sun or more of the same, may we all know the presence and blessing of God in all that we do and encounter.

Jim Murdock

## OUR WORSHIP

**Sunday 5th February 3rd before Lent**

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

**Sunday 19th February Sunday before Lent**

8.30 Holy Communion  
 10.00 Morning Worship & Children's Church  
 11.30 Morning Prayer  
 7.00 Deanery service - Donaghadee

**Wednesday 8th February**

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

**Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday**

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

**Sunday 12th 2nd before Lent**

8.30 Holy Communion  
 10.00 Morning Worship & Children's Church  
 11.30 Parish Communion  
 6.30 6-8

**Sunday 26th February Lent 1**

8.30 Holy Communion  
 10.00 Parish Communion & Children's Church  
 11.30 Morning Prayer  
 6.30 Taizé

**Wednesday 15th February**

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

**Wednesday 29th February**

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

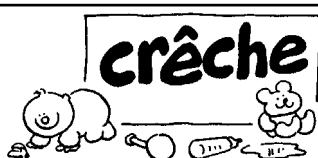


**February**

**5th** Daphne Hamill  
**12th** Ann McMurray & Marie McKee  
**19th** Betty Rainsford  
**26th** Ann Browne

**BAPTISMS**

**20th November:**  
**COCO JEMIMA SMITH**, daughter of Stephen & Jodi  
**20th November: KATIE TOOGOOD**, daughter of John & Karen  
**11th December: OLIVER JOHN BELL**, son of Stephen & Judith  
**1st January: IMOGEN ALEXANDRA MCILWAINE**, daughter of Peter & Paula  
**1st January: MEGAN SARAH MARKWELL**, daughter of Stephen & Catherine  
**1st January: LOUIS ROBERT SMITH**, son of David & Aileen



**February**

**5th:** No Crèche  
**12th:** Heather Glasgow, Maureen Alken, Pauline Carson  
**19th:** Julie Monaghan, Paula Foye, Rosemary Thompson  
**26th:** Katherine Newman, Fiona Oliva, Rachel Brittain

**Childrens' Church Helpers**

**February**  
**12th** Gillian Jones, Gail Kerr & Gerry McCaughan  
**19th** Caroline Larmour, Mark Larmour & Lynsey McDermott  
**26th** Janice McDonagh, Trish McGrugan & Grace McLaughlin

**FUNERALS**

**3rd December;** Doris Stokesberry, late of 21a Windmill Rd  
**22nd December:** Elizabeth Pritchard, late of 24 Robinson Rd



**February**

**5th:** M. Harvey, G. Moran, A. Skarmoutsos  
**12th:** F. Oliva, M & L Colgan  
**19th:** A. Shaw, V. Hayes, J. Hewitt  
**26th:** M & S Hatch, Y. Manogue

**Third Order of the Society of St. Francis Annual Retreat**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Venue:** Dromantine Retreat Centre Newry  
**Conductor:** The Rev'd Linda Pollock  
**Cost:** £155.00  
 For more details, contact Nancy Baker 91453513

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