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# St Columbanus

Parish of Ballyholme



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# The Parishioner

The Church is open every weekday morning for private prayer and meditation

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## The Rambling Rector



'This magazine will change your life'. As someone in the life-changing business, I found this claim on The Guardian's New Year's Day colour supplement irresistible. It turned out they were being ironic. The articles insisted I should desist from over-exercising, stop crash-dieting, reject positive thinking and, at all costs, resist current trends towards frugality. It left me dubious on several fronts, but they did make one point that did strike a spiritual chord. Apparently, the whole idea of major, across-the-board change is exactly the wrong way to alter our personal habits. Assuming that we all want to be

a bit happier, slightly more productive and generally better people, a more fruitful approach is to adopt one small but good habit at a time while at the same time eliminating one small but bad one. This probably sounds like the most Anglican approach to Lent imaginable: what do we want? Gradual change! When do we want it? In due course! And yet most of those who take their faith anyway seriously say that the most profound and lasting growth they have made on their journey with God has been by baby steps rather than leaps and lurches.

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Recruitment is underway with training taking place between April and June, primarily in Dublin, with some sessions in Belfast.

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### Adult Confirmation Preparation: Monday 14 March 7.30pm

Every year in Ballyholme a few adults come forward who for, whatever reason have never been Confirmed ,(or Baptized and Confirmed). Perhaps they have come from another Church tradition, maybe it was something they just never got around to. As he did last year the Rector will be offering a course of preparation through Lent and classes begin on Monday 14 March. Please come to the Rectory (3 Ward Avenue) for 7.30pm - even if it's only to get a flavour of what might be involved. You may like to speak to the Rector for more information beforehand. (91274901).

## Scaling the dizzy heights with Rody

For many of us the dream of climbing Kilimanjaro will always remain just that. But last year Roden Ward made that dream a reality when he climbed the world's highest, free-standing mountain in aid of charity.

Rising 19,340 feet above sea level, Kilimanjaro represents a formidable challenge by any standards and Rody's remarkable achievement was the culmination of months of preparation. His interest was piqued after his niece had cancer and although she went through a

pretty hard time he said she was very well looked after by the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. She is now in remission.

Coincidentally, around this time, Rody happened to see a billboard urging people to become involved in fundraising for the charity by doing the Kilimanjaro climb.

"I came home and said I can do that - I think!" he added. In order to take part he first had to raise £3,000 and after finding out further information he decided to "go for it" as part of a group. The group met up on several occasions and Rody explained "They were all youngsters in my eyes, but I said that I would give it a go and then it took on a life of its own." They had to come up with various fundraising ideas and he was keen not to let anyone down. "That was the motivation and it also fitted in with my aim of keeping fit," he said. They had a number of training weekends and Rody slept under canvas for the first time since he was a Scout. He climbed Slieve Donard several times and he was able to keep up with "those youngsters" as he put it.

The group signed up with an Outward Bound company who handled the organisation of the trip and the training schedule.

July was picked as the time to do the climb and the group flew to Nairobi and then travelled through Kenya and Tanzania to their base camp.

There they met their guides who were blunt with them from the start, warning that some of them would inevitably be disappointed at not reaching their goal, due to altitude sickness. "It affects different people in different ways but we were warned that if the guides said someone had to come off the mountain there was no arguing with that

decision. Rody was amazed by the stamina and strength of their porters - the group were only carrying day sacs each day while the porters practically "ran" up the mountain, laden with all the

equipment for the trek. It took 5 to 6 days to reach the foothills but the actual climb to the summit took place at night in the dark - they started at 11 at night and arrived at the summit at 7 am.

"We went up in a line one behind the other. All you could see was a procession of lights and it was very cold at that time of

night," he recalled. It was the hardest part of the climb and it was just a matter of putting one foot after the other to keep going. Three members of their group had to come off the trek and Rody said they were fit guys in their 20s but they were suffering terribly with sickness, headaches and were unable to eat.

Luckily for him, apart from a spell of dizziness at one stage, he made it to the top unscathed. Although it was an amazing experience to be atop Kilimanjaro, the views weren't quite so amazing - they were above the clouds so therefore couldn't see anything! The descent was much quicker and after one night in camp, the next day they were back down at the bottom again. After such a remarkable achievement Rody admits he was a bit "hyper" for a while and although he has been thinking about what he might do next, he hasn't seen anything that excites him as much as that.

Rody retired 6 years ago from his post as head of Human Resources with the First Trust Bank and since then has been thoroughly enjoying his retirement. He plays a bit of golf but jokingly remarked that he "hacks" his way around the course.

His "big passion" is rugby and he is a long time member of Bangor both as a player and on the admin side.

He and his wife Barbara are natives of Co Fermanagh but moved to Bangor in 1972, and have been members of St Columbanus right from their arrival here. All three of their children Jeremy, Catherine and Emma were baptised in the church and were closely involved in church life.

Rody himself was church warden during Canon Mercer's tenure.

Rosie Lawther



Please join us for the 2011 Lent Course starting in March, exploring the theme of Christ in the Old Testament.

The course will run over 4 weeks in the Kajiado Room and will be led by the Rev. Stephen Smyth.

10.30 am

Tuesday 8 March  
Tuesday 15 March  
Tuesday 22 March  
Tuesday 29 March

8.00 pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Lent



### WAGS AT THE WEB

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March the Wags are planning a theatre visit to The WEB THEATRE North Street NEWTOWNARDS. "Absurd Person Singular" is a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn. It is a story about three couples, and events that take place over three different Christmas celebrations. The play will be performed by Holywood Players.



This production is the opening night of a week long festival which is taking place in the theatre featuring a different show each evening.

Drama groups from all over Ireland are competing for points which may earn them a place in the All Ireland Drama Finals.

Wags will meet at the theatre at 7.00pm as curtain rises at 7.30pm sharp.

A free car park is available with direct access to the WEB theatre. (Ann Street).

We are delighted to offer Wags a special price of £5.00 which will include a ticket to the show and an interval drink. (wine/tea/coffee).

Friends of Wags are welcome to join us. (ticket £8.00)

To reserve tickets please contact Candice Foster 07719001366 / 91828234 or e-mail [info@webtheatre.biz](mailto:info@webtheatre.biz)

Further details of the festival and other upcoming shows are available on-line

[www.webtheatre.biz](http://www.webtheatre.biz)

God stir the soil,  
Run the ploughshare  
deep,  
Cut the furrows  
round and round,  
Overturn the hard,  
dry ground,  
Spare no strength  
nor toil,  
Even though I weep.  
In the loose,  
fresh mangled earth  
Sow new seed.  
Free of withered vine  
and weed  
Bring fair flowers  
to birth.





## St. Columbanus Walkers



Saturday 5 February dawned dull but dry as 13 St Columbanus walkers gathered for the journey down the M1 to Peatlands Park. Ideal conditions for walking, although a touch of sun on winter skins would have been welcome! By way of compensation our spirits were lifted when we were able to say 'hello' again to Maureen, Derek, Roy and Alistair who had not been able to get along for a time.

Peatlands Park, just off the M1's exit 13, proved to be an area of exceptional interest, combining a Nature Reserve, an Area of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation. The site was owned originally by the Verner family as part of their Churchill Estate but was acquired in 1901 by the Irish Peat Development Co. for the extraction of turf from the bog areas. Some idea of the size of the turf cutting operation can be judged from the existence within the estate of 10 miles of narrow gauge railway on which, until operations ceased in the 1960's, trucks carried the harvested turf to its departure point.



Navigation in the Park proved easy with several arrowed routes on offer with the longest of these (five and a half miles) chosen by the intrepid St Columbanus band! Underfoot the going was equally okay with a combination of softish peaty paths and wooden walkways proving less energy sapping than might have been expected. A further plus feature of the marked routes was the presence of frequent information boards, containing descriptions of the history of the area, along with details of its flora and fauna. Our one regret was that early February proved not to be the best time to experience the myriad of insect and other life which emerges later in the year. We did nevertheless decide on a

detour to the walkways of the Bog Garden, where among other specimens, we saw examples of the sticky insect eating plants for which the area is noted. Comments suggested a return visit could well be on the cards!

As always the conversation was as good as the walk, to the extent that one sub group managed to become so engrossed discussing the uses of birch trees and birch bark that the red route arrow was completely bypassed. A dog walking local turned out to be the saviour of the day, -'nuff said! Our outing would have been incomplete without the usual coffee stop, this time at the Linen Green in Moygashel where we chatted about our 5th March walk which will feature a guided Historical Tour of Dublin. As always the invitation to join us is wide open, why not come along! More information can be obtained from Leslie 91466689 or Betty 91465372.

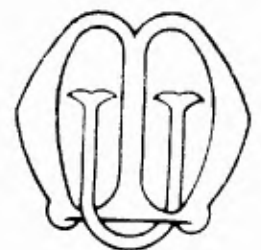
Leslie Adams

## Mothers' Union Notes

Michael Hill will be our guest speaker on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.

Michael will be telling us about FAIR TRADE and there will be an opportunity to purchase some of the items.

The M.U. Festival Service is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Dromore Cathedral. Lifts will be available for anyone who would like to go.



Coffee morning details elsewhere in this magazine



## Book Review



This is a wee gem of a book. Set in 1946 it tells the story of a writer, Juliet Ashton, who begins a correspondence with Dawsey Adams, a Guernsey resident and founding member of the eponymous Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, after he comes across a book that once belonged to her.

Told through a series of letters between mainly Juliet and her editor, and then Juliet and the members of the society, the story begins with how the bizarrely named society came into being, evolving into personal accounts of the German occupation of the island of Guernsey during the Second World War.

The slightly whimsical and light tone of the letters to begin with develops into a moving, yet unsentimental story of a perhaps lesser known chapter of World War II. It is easy to read, yet not easily forgotten. I really enjoyed this as a holiday read and I would recommend it, if for no other reason, than to rediscover the pleasure of reading a well-written letter.



Julie Monaghan

Published by Bloomsbury at approx £4.99 paperback

## The Wednesday Club

Our speaker this month was Ken Spence, a nephew of Doreen Graham, who was a regular member of our club before she passed away last year.

He took us all over the world, trekking - well, we were able to pretend, as he told us about his adventures in South America, South Africa and Australia to name but a few of the exotic

places he visited as part of a team of Belfast Firefighters. The slides he showed were lovely and all had a story attached.



We all, as usual, enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea, and the winners of our monthly draw were Lillian Finch and Rob Bingham. Sue

## Brandied Cranberries and White Chocolate Chip Cookies

*1 cup of brandy (to soak the cranberries in, then saving 1¼ teasp of it for later), 1 cup of dried cranberries, 1 cup (two sticks) of butter, room temperature, ¾ cup of granulated sugar, ¾ cup of lightly packed brown sugar, 2 eggs, room temperature, ½ teasp of vanilla extract, 1 teasp of baking soda, 1 teasp of salt, ¼ cup of plain flour, 1 cup of white chocolate chips*

Put the cranberries in a wide and shallow bowl, and pour in a bit of brandy. - enough so they're surrounded by it, but not drowning. Cover and place in the fridge for an hour or more. Afterwards, place a colander over a bowl and pour the cranberries and brandy through, putting the cranberries and the brandy they soaked in aside. Preheat oven to 375 F.

Beat the butter until light and fluffy. Add the sugars and beat again until light, fluffy and well incorporated. Add the eggs, vanilla extract.

Add 1¼ teaspoons of the brandy that the cranberries soaked in. Beat well until light and fluffy. Scrape down the sides of the bowl midway through to ensure even mixing. Sift together the flour, baking soda, and salt, then add to the mixture a bit at a time, beating until just mixed. Fold in the brandy soaked cranberries and white chocolate chips. Leave to chill for 15 minutes in the fridge.

Line a baking tray with parchment paper and place rounded spoonfuls on the sheet. Bake at 375°F for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for a minute, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.





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



**BILLY DAVIDSON**

Hello, I'm Billy and I've been a member of St Columbanus Church for over 30 years. I'm married to Patricia and we have three grown-up daughters, Elaine, Angela and Laura. I was a Scout leader with 3<sup>rd</sup> Bangor Cubs for 10 years and have fond memories of our meetings in the old wooden hall. At present I'm a member of the newly formed Table Tennis Club whose members are increasing weekly and I also help out with lifts for our elderly parishioners whenever possible. I like a wide variety of music and the reason I have chosen these particular songs from my I Pod is for their meaningful lyrics.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 These Are The Days                  | Van Morrison    |
| 2 Pretty Amazing Grace                | Neil Diamond    |
| 3 There's a Hole In The World Tonight | The Eagles      |
| 4 Beautiful In My Eyes                | Joshua Kadison  |
| 5 Give Me Hope                        | Eddie Grant     |
| 6 San Francisco                       | Scott McKenzie  |
| 7 Here Comes The Sun                  | George Harrison |
| 8 Dignity                             | Deacon Blue     |
| 9 When Will I Ever Learn              | Van Morrison    |
| 10 The Galway Girl                    | Steve Earle     |



Photo Courtesy Spectator Newspapers

### Launch of Book *Travels with Columbanus*

Rev Stephen Smyth, Marsden Fitzsimons,  
Mayor John Montgomery, Canon J.J.G. Mercer,  
Chief Executive Trevor Polley.

*The Rector was absent owing to a funeral service*

### M.U. Spring Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00am - 12.00pm



There will be a variety of stalls and something for everybody, including

Cakes, Crafts, Books, and a Tombola.

Items for the sale will be gratefully received and can be collected by committee members or may be left in the Parish Office.

£2 per adult, children free

Please come along and bring your friends!



### Things I love by Robbie Miller

(studying Business at SERC and a member of the youth fellowship)

**S**ocialising, Becca Marsh, youth events, making people laugh, money making activities, thinking of new prospects for the future.

A 6 inch turkey breast and ham sub, with lettuce red onion and south west sauce from Subway, AND - most of all, YF and all the lovely heroes at Ballyholme Parish.







## All black and white on the Night

Another great social night organised by Timothy and Jane Smith! Following the success of last year's Carols and Curry, they held a black and white evening. Those lucky enough to have tickets for the sell out event arrived to find the main hall beautifully transformed by subdued lighting, flickering candles, floating bouquets of black and white balloons and a lowered ceiling effect, created by lengths of black and white ribbon, to give the perfect atmosphere. All the guests also entered into the spirit of the night with a fine selection of black dresses, black shirts, white socks, white ties, black and white skirts, not forgetting Sam's cricketing trousers. For those who remember photography before colour, digital cameras and memory cards, it was like looking at a set of negative prints from a Brownie Box camera. Sheets were provided for a short table quiz which gave everybody the chance to show their general knowledge, their musical knowledge and their ability to recognise photographs and articles shown from unusual angles, but above all their ability to copy other people's answers.

A chip van had been hired to provide each guest with a choice of fish, chicken, or sausages, together with chips, apart that is from Simon, who had fish and chips, and sausage and chips, and chicken and chips, as he undertook the role of Official Food Taster, and declared that everything was delicious.

While we dined, Sam and his band, Funky Company, provided background music with their own very fine arrangements of a number of standard classics.

After the meal, they upped the tempo and soon everyone was on the dance floor. Their broad repertoire, including excellent versions of Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl", the Commodores "Easy", Michael Jackson's "Blame it on the Boogie", Gnarles Barclay's "Crazy" and "Gangsters Paradise" by Coolio in which we all joined in, was appreciated by all. The instrumentalists Mark, Stephen & Pete, and vocalist Sam Johnston truly deserved the applause as they finished the evening with a rousing delivery of the Proclaimers' "I'm gonna be (500 miles)" complete with Scottish accent!

Many thanks to all concerned and especially Timothy and Jane for a terrific night's entertainment, which also raised over £300 for the Building fund.

WMB



Marsden FitzSimons would like you all to know that he has bought this beautiful print of Cushendun with the voucher that he was pleased to receive from the Parish on occasion of his retirement as Lay Reader.

## Annual Glenada Visit

Fancy a break? Now you can as the dates for this year's trip have just been finalised. **Tuesday 17th May - Friday 20th May** are the dates for your diary, so now is the time to get your name down.

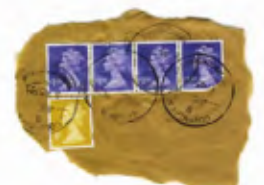
More details are available from Karen or Ann, so give them a ring at the Parish Office.

Come on, why not join us?



## Used Stamps

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the wonderful hauls of used stamps which will make a considerable donation to Mission Funds. Stamps still needed!



Sheilagh Jebb



**A**ndrew Hamilton has been part of Youth Fellowship here in Ballyholme Parish for many years, both as a member and now as part of the leadership team. It is difficult to stress just how brilliant a youth leader Andrew has become, although any young person he has worked with will testify to it. Just ask them if they know “Pea Head” (as he is often affectionately known). As part of his University course, Andrew is currently on placement in the United States. Before leaving, he wrote the article found below.

As well as being a YF leader, running our Thursday night football and leading at Jumpin’ and X-cess, Andrew leads at his home church in Ballyholme Presbyterian, including Sunday school, YF and BB. He also continues on a weekly basis to help in both Ballysillan and at Ballyholme Crusaders. Andrew will be missed by many over the next few months.

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 I am travelling to America for the first time to the State of Illinois, living in a place called Rockford approximately an hour’s drive outside of Chicago. I head off on February 10th to spend ten weeks living in Rockford and working in Rock River Valley YMCA as part of my course, studying Community Youth Work, in the University of Ulster.

The justification for this escapade overseas is to gain experience of working with young people in an area which is culturally, socially, historically and politically distinct from what I’m used to at home. Chicago certainly fulfils that criteria for me and I’m sure to experience a culture shock for the first week or two. The weather for one will take a little getting used to with the temperature currently sitting at -13C and 16 inches of snow (and there was me thinking I wasn’t going to be sledging again until next December!) Throwing snowballs at people, however, is not the only thing I’m looking forward to. I love working with young people, learning from them and teaching them and I relish the challenge to build meaningful relationships with teenagers in settings that I don’t feel naturally comfortable in. Thousands of miles removed from the young people I know and love in Ballyholme, I’m certain that the young people in Rockford will both share some of the same issues yet also present some difficulties that are unique to their setting. Some issues don’t discriminate over geographical location, things like self-esteem, confidence, understanding where you fit in the world and how to attribute meaning to your experience. How young people respond to these questions however, will be influenced by their experience of growing up and what message they are being given in the culture they live in.

One of the projects I will be involved in at the YMCA is a mentoring programme called ‘Big Brothers Big Sisters.’ The idea is fantastically simple yet offers profound support for young people. Adults volunteer to meet up with a young person for one hour a week and just ‘hang out.’ Over this time young people and their mentors grow to trust one another and the young people soon feel comfortable to disclose their worries, anxieties, frustrations, their hopes, dreams and desires. I admire the concept of mentoring and have seen it work. David Cavan invested a lot of time and energy into mentoring me and I seek to do the same with the young people in Ballyholme. Rock River Valley YMCA identifies the outcomes of their mentoring project as: increasing confidence; enhancing academic achievement; developing better relationships with others and increasing self-esteem. I have witnessed these as the impacts of someone mentoring me and can see them playing out in the lives of the young people I hang out with.

I am eager to get to Rockford and throw myself into experiencing life and youth work outside of Northern Ireland, outside of Ballyholme. I will miss Church in all its forms while I’m away, from the welcome at the door on a Sunday morning to the banter of Thursday night football and the marvellous individual characters who make up our youth group. In everything I do I seek to maintain my perspective on Jesus, something I often fail at...I would appreciate your prayers for safety and health while I’m away, but most of all prayers that I would be effective in sharing the love of Jesus, in the many forms that takes, with the people I meet, a love which I experience in the Church communities here in Ballyholme.

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 Please pray for Andrew as he spends time abroad over the next three months. Please also remember in your prayers Katie Smyth and Suzanne Beech, who together with Sam will be carrying on with YF missing him.







## The Quiet Corner

*Don't walk before me  
I may not follow*

*Don't walk behind me  
I may not lead*

*Just walk beside me  
and be my friend*

**G**od uses us in many different ways. We can make a difference to other people's lives and they can make a difference to ours. We all have a story to tell, each one special. We have our good days and not so good. Sometimes we just need someone to listen; sometimes a hug is all that it takes. With our own life experiences we can encourage each other - give reassurance when someone is worried. When love is shown, faith and hope are renewed.

Renee Bradley



Why not join us on our Parish Quiet Day at  
Corrymeela Retreat Centre  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011  
With Bishop Harold Miller  
Put the date in your diary now, details to follow.



## St. Patrick's Day

**T**he Bishop of Down & Dromore, the Right Reverend Harold Miller, invites you to join him at Down Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day, **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 11.45am** for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival Service followed by lunch in the marquee in the Cathedral grounds

You are also welcome to attend the Holy Communion Service at Saul and join the pilgrimage from Saul to Down Cathedral.

9.30 am Holy Communion at Saul (Preacher Mr. Dominic Breen)

10.30 am Pilgrimage from Saul to Downpatrick

11.45am Festival Service in Down Cathedral (Speaker The Rt. Rev. Norman Hamilton - Presbyterian Moderator)

1.00pm Wreath laying ceremony at St. Patrick's Grave

1.20pm Irish stew lunch in the marquee

## Nominations for 2011-2012 Select Vestry



**I**n accordance with Chapter 3 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, our annual General (Easter) Vestry meeting in Ballyholme will take place over a parish family lunch (in aid of the Home Straight Appeal) at 12.45pm on Sunday 10 April in the Parish Centre. Constitutionally, as you know, 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 and resulted in several parishioners expressing an interest for the first time and some being duly elected to serve. Since no concerns were brought to the attention of the Vestry afterwards, we intend to run with the same system this year.

Accordingly, nominations will be declared open at the March Select Vestry meeting (10 March) 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'!

# Our Worship

## Sunday 6th March Sunday before Lent

8:30 Holy Communion  
10:00 All Age Worship  
11:30 Morning Prayer  
6.30 Taize Reflective Service

## Ash Wednesday 9th March

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

## Sunday 13th March 1st Sunday in Lent

8:30 Holy Communion  
10:00 Morning Worship & Children's Church  
11:30 Parish Communion  
6.30 6-8

## Wednesday 16th March

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

## Sunday 20th March 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 Holy Communion  
10:00 Morning Worship & Children's Church  
11:30 Morning Prayer  
6.30 Holy Communion

## Wednesday 23rd March

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado room

## Sunday 27th March 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 Holy Communion  
10.00 Parish Communion  
11.30 Morning Prayer  
6.30 Evening Prayer

## Wednesday 30th March

10.30 Holy Communion - Kajiado Room

## FUNERALS

**20th January:** Clodagh Lyttle, late of 45 Beverley Gardens  
**27th January:** Iso Aiken, late of 5 Fruithill Park  
**4th February:** Brian Baxter, late of 240 Donaghadee Road  
**12th February:** Jean Chalmers, late of Edgewater Nursing Home Donaghadee

## COFFEE TIME

**March:**  
**6th:** Sandra Hill, Grace McLaughlin,  
**13th:** Jackie Devlin, Ella Walker, Samantha & Robin Gouk  
**20th** Susan Stockton, Pat Davidson, Irene Bell  
**27th:** Maaïke Waegemans, Gem Moran, Angela Skaramoutos



**March**  
**6th:** NO CRÈCHE  
**13th:** Heather Glasgow, Michelle Savage, Rachael Brittain  
**20th:** Julie Monaghan, Sarah Davidson, Maureen Aiken  
**27th:** Katherine Newman, Trish McGrugan, Dianne Dornan



**March**  
**6th:** Ruth Ruttle  
**13th:** Vikki Hayes  
**20th:** Sybil Robertson  
**27th:** Sue Bleakley

## March Sunday School helpers rota

**13th:** Jane Nickell, Michelle Savage & Nikki Talbot  
**20th:** Kathryn Taylor, Stefan Andresson, Janice McDonough  
**27th:** Sarah Benton, Heather Dickey & Gillian Fletcher

**Sunday 10th April 2011**  
**12.45 pm**

## Annual General Vestry Meeting & Parish Family Lunch

**in aid of**  
**the Building Fund**  
**In the Parish Centre**

Parish Office: 91274912  
Rectory: 91274901  
Curacy: 91271922  
Prayer Line: 91470438  
Transport: 07599794968  
Church Readers  
Sarah 91454826 or Freda 91467624



## Fishy

The minister greeted a young lad at the church door one Sunday morning, and was impressed when the lad explained that though his father was going fishing, his father had insisted that his son come to church that morning. "And why is that, my boy?" The lad replied, "Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."