

The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral



# CATHEDRAL NEWS



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*“...magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ (Matthew 2: 1-2)*



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## OUR VISION

**Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community  
Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love**

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## The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

The New Year begins with the season of Epiphany. The term '*epiphany*' means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing, "reveal" Jesus to the world



as Lord and King. But scripture doesn't tell us who they were or how many of them came. We do not know why, but I would suggest that all of this detail is left out of the picture in order that the full emphasis may be placed on the one thing that is central to this story, namely their statement '**we have come to worship**'. That is the main point of this particular story as St Matthew tells it to us – '**we have come to worship**'. The challenge for us today, is whether we will be wise men and women. I believe that wise men and women still seek Him, wise men and women still serve Him, and wise men and women still worship Him!

### Wise men and women still seek Him.

This year we had record breaking attendance at all our Christmas Services, but as always there is room for improvement! For those who do not come - we cannot drag them out - it has got to be voluntary, but isn't it sad that some people have no desire to worship! Well it was no different 2000 years ago. The Apostle John says (The 9<sup>th</sup> Lesson at our Carol services) that, 'Jesus came to his own but his own did not receive him'. Literally, he is saying that Jesus came into this world that He had specially prepared for Himself. He came into the world He had created, walked the land He made and came to the people He had chosen as his special people, and He was rejected. However, the good news is that St John went on to say 'that to as many as received him he gave the right to be his sons and daughters'. Many out there are seeking for something to fill the void in their lives. There are lots of ways to fill that feeling of emptiness, and many turn to all the wrong means, but there is only one way to fill that void in a way that will last. God sent Jesus to fill that void. He came to earth as a man, lived a perfect life, died for our sins and rose from the dead.

He offers forgiveness, fulfilment and peace and happiness. If only people would take time to seek after it and find it. It is important for us as Christians that we continue to seek him, to know him each day of our lives, and that we have that forgiveness, fulfilment and peace and happiness. We need to realise that all of us need help in this, and as we begin a new year we need to have a special emphasis on seeking to know God in a greater way and continue to grow in our relationship with God all through the year.

Wise men and women still serve Him.

Are we faithfully serving Him? What has He called us to do? I don't claim to know specifically, but I do know that serving God involves serving others. There are a lot of opportunities to serve others. We are called to serve God by doing acts of kindness to those around us. We are called to give time to serving God and others either through our church or other avenues of service. God blesses those who serve him!

Wise men and women still worship Him.

The wise men brought with them expensive gifts fit for a king. They brought gold, a gift of wealth for royalty, frankincense, a gift for a man living a hard-working life, and myrrh, a gift suited for one's burial. They brought gifts, expensive gifts, because they knew they were going to worship a king. Nothing was too much for the Glory of God - do we think the same when we fill our envelopes on a Sunday Morning? Are you giving generously, extravagantly to God's work? Giving is an act of worship. As we come to the start of a year, I want to simply ask you whether or not you are giving gifts to your church that are sacrificial and worthy to be given to the one born a King? In faith the Wise Men gave gifts to a baby. In faith we give gifts to our Risen Lord.

My prayer for us is that we will be a church of wise men and women, **seeking him, serving him and worshipping him** as he leads us every day to become more and more a growing family of believers being transformed to wholeness and joy. Every blessing for 2020.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall



## Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes), followed by a cup of tea/coffee – with 30-40 attending each week. We are encouraging parishioners who may be in Enniskillen shopping on Thursday mornings to drop in for this short service – a mid week pause and praise with God!

## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

- 15th December - Skye Robyn Gault  
5th January - Harrison Jack James Gray  
19th January - Theo Harvey Hoy

*"Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* Matthew 28:19

### Christian Burial

- 28th December - James Bell, BEM,  
9 Loane Drive, Enniskillen.  
7th January - Joan Mary Hill,  
10 College Gardens, Enniskillen.

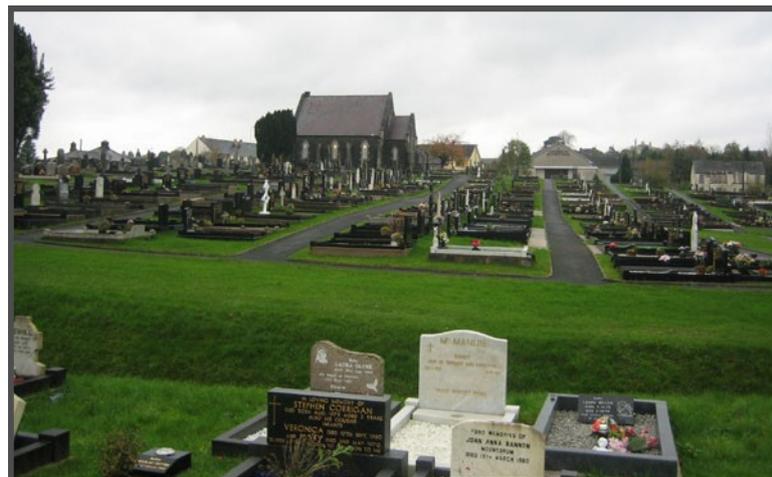
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5:4



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## Programme of Safety Checks of Headstones and Memorials

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is undertaking a programme of safety checks of headstones and memorials in its five operational cemeteries at Fintona, Greenhill and Dublin Road,, Omagh and Cross and Breandrum, Enniskillen. The inspections began in December 2019 and will include a visual inspection and a physical hand test to check the stability of a memorial or headstone. If a headstone or memorial is deemed unstable the Council will contact the proprietor of the right of burial to advise them that remedial works are required to make it permanently safe. If action is not taken in the specified time-frame, the Council will as a temporary measure, make the memorial safe. For further information or advice, please contact the Council's Parks and Open Space service by telephoning 03003031777 or email [info@ermangaghomagh.com](mailto:info@ermangaghomagh.com).



## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£300 Anonymous donation given in lieu of sending Christmas cards.

£1000 Anonymous donation.

### Fabric Fund

£100 Anonymous donation in memory of my husband at Christmas.

£200 Donation from the Estate of the late Mr Ken and Mrs Margaret MacLean.

£10 Donation from Mrs Joyce Woods.

£500 Anonymous donation.

£25 Donation from Mrs M E Dickson

£25 Donation from Mr & Mrs V Kerr.

£20 Donation from Mr & Mrs B Dickson.

£250 Donation from Rev Canon & Mrs D Kingston.

### Flower Fund

£50 Donation in memory of our parents, Basil and Winnie Rogers.

Forever in our thoughts, Lyn, Sheena and families.

### Minibus Fund

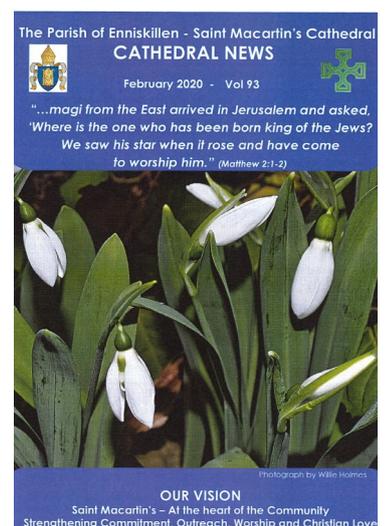
£500 Donation from Mr & Mrs Ivan Kee.

### Mission Outreach

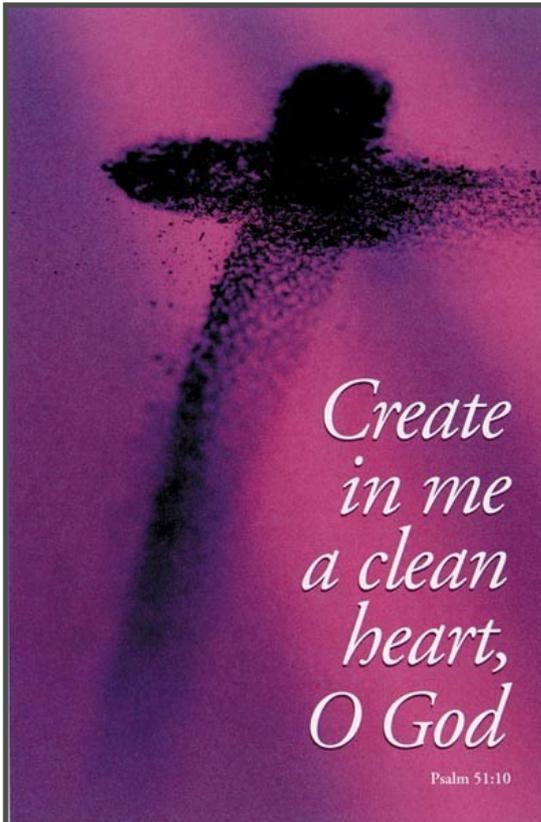
£525 Anonymous donation.

## Cathedral News Contributions

If you enjoy this monthly publication we would appreciate a small donation towards the production costs. Enclosed with this magazine is an envelope which you can use. Simply return to the parish office or put on the collection plate any Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued support.



## Ash Wednesday and Lent



Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always forty six days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a forty day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The forty day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

### ASH WEDNESDAY 26th February

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

#### LENTEN SERVICES

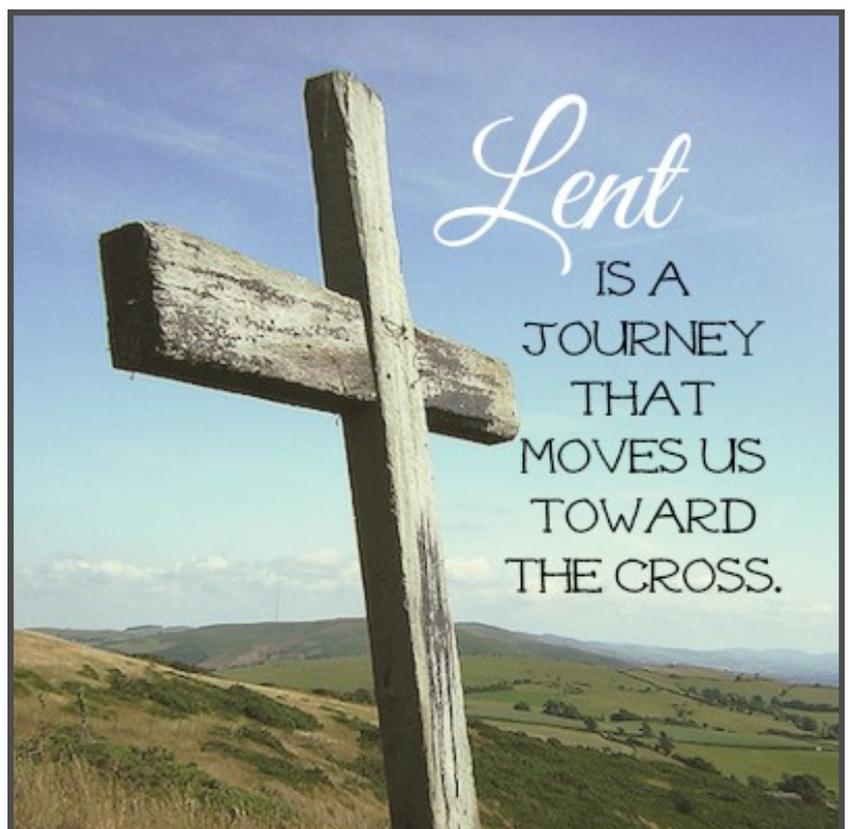
Wednesday 4th March  
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 11th March  
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 18th March  
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 25th March  
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 1st April  
7.30pm – Compline



## Lent – a good time to deepen your prayer life

Lent is a time to take stock of ourselves spiritually. This includes setting aside extra time for prayer. Here are some helpful things to remember as you settle down to it:

People have been praying since Adam had a grandson named Enosh. The Bible tells us (Genesis 4:26) that it was during his days when 'men began to call on the name of the Lord'. They have been doing it ever since.

People have had their prayers answered by God since Genesis, too. But if you want to read some beautiful prayers – and answers to them, browse through the Psalms. Again and again the psalmist writes: "the Lord heard my cry".

So – what do you need to bring to prayer? Just the tiniest amount of faith that God is even there.... Jesus assures us that even faith as big as a tiny mustard seed will be effective.

What gives you the right to come before Almighty God? Jesus does. The Bible is clear that "there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ". (1 Timothy 2:5)

The Bible makes clear that God does not stand on ceremony – in fact, He prefers our personal, spontaneous prayers. Jesus was very matter of fact about it: "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:6)

The Bible assures us that prayer will bring us good things: "we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need". (Hebrews 4:16)

Above all, prayer must be made with a pure heart. "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18) That simply means that if you know you are doing something wrong, and intend to keep right on doing it, don't waste your time praying.

Finally, what can be the results of your prayers this Lent? Well, here are seven, for starters....

1. Joy and deep happiness. (John 16:24)
2. Relief from your worry, stress and tension (Philippians 4:6,7)
3. Wisdom and more mental clarity (James 1:5,6)
4. Protection and deliverance from temptations (Matthew 26:41)
5. An ability to share the Good News of Jesus to other people (Matthew 9:38)
6. Strength to persevere when you feel under spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:18)
7. A growing thankfulness to God, who is worthy of all glory (Revelation 4:11)

## Thanks for Christmas Events



As a Parish we are deeply indebted to many people, too numerous to mention, for all the hard work and endless hours they spent in organising events including, The 60+ Party, The Nativity Play, Messy Church, Xplore, The Carol Services, The Christmas Day Services and those who decorated the Cathedral and Cathedral Hall and cleared away afterwards. Your contribution to the parish is very much appreciated. On these and the following pages are a selection of photographs from the various events.



Thanks for Christmas Events



## The Peace Light from Bethlehem

### St Macartin's Cathedral & St Michael's Church 21st December 2019 Story of Peace Light

In December each year a candle is lit in the grotto of Christ's birth in the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem. This flame is then taken by young Israeli & Palestinian Scouts to Tel Aviv airport where it will be brought to Austria. Then a service for the gift of peace is held in Vienna. Scouts from all over Europe then transport the flame all over the world. Scouting Ireland delegates collected the flame in Holyhead & brought it to Dublin.

A Peace light service was held in Dublin to pass the Peace light onto Scout Groups who brought it to their communities and parishes. The Peace light for 2019 arrived in Enniskillen on Saturday 21st December and was carried from St Michael's Roman Catholic Church to St Macartin's Cathedral in the presence of Her Majesty's Representative for Co. Fermanagh, The Viscount Brookeborough, KG, K StJ. The chain of light is a symbol of peace, warmth, love and family. By passing on this peace light of Bethlehem we want to spread happiness and hope into the hearts



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## Cathedral Choir Dinner



The Choir pictured at their annual dinner hosted by Choir Master Glenn Moore and his wife Adele. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A sincere thank you to Glenn and especially Adele for all her work behind the scene!



## Forming Faith at St Macartin's

### Messy Church

November's Messy Church took inspiration from the book of Psalms which frequently tells us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord". Our theme was Messy Music and we had lots of fun making our own instruments, learning new songs and generally being LOUD! Our afternoon was topped off with some delicious treats provided by the Mothers' Union.

Our December Messy Church was packed full of festive spirit! We spent time playing party games, making crafts, enjoying supper and our leaders even told us the story of the very first Christmas! Our afternoon was made extra special with a visit from a surprise guest... Santa Claus made the journey to meet with all our boys and girls and to wish us all a Merry Christmas!

Messy Church is open to children of primary school age and of all denominations. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **The rule is: no child without an adult and no adult without a child.**

There is **NO** Messy Church in January, so our next session is **Thursday 20th February** from **4.00- 6.00pm**. We look forward to seeing you all for More Messy Madness and Mayhem!



## Forming Faith at St Macartin's



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Richmond

"A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." -Psalms 100:1-5, KJV

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## Forming Faith at St Macartin's

### Sunday Lights & Sunday Lights Café

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Dates for  
February  
2020

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Sunday Lights/Café  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb- Sunday Lights/Café  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February- NO SUNDAY LIGHTS/CAFÉ  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Family service

We begin at 11am each week in Church and leave for Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café during the service. Family Services are important and we encourage the whole family to come and worship together.



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## Forming Faith at St Macartin's

### Confirmation Class

November and December saw us welcome a new group of excited young people to begin their Confirmation journey. We kicked off our year with a pizza party and some fun games to get to know each other.



Meeting on Monday nights from **6.30-7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Cathedral Hall**, these classes are an interactive way for our young people to learn about the Church and their faith.

Our dates for February are: Monday 3rd February  
Monday 10th February

If you are Year 9 or above and wish to find out more about Confirmation Class, please get in touch - you can find us on Facebook or Instagram, or you can contact Beth in the Cathedral Office!

Confirmation candidates are also encouraged to attend Xplore- our youth group which meets one Monday a month in place of Confirmation class.

### Xplore

December saw the return of our Xplore Youth Group. We met together in the Upper Room for an evening of fun, food and fellowship! We played games, decorated Christmas cookies and watched some festive movies; it was great to see faces new and old, with everyone donning their finest Christmas attire!

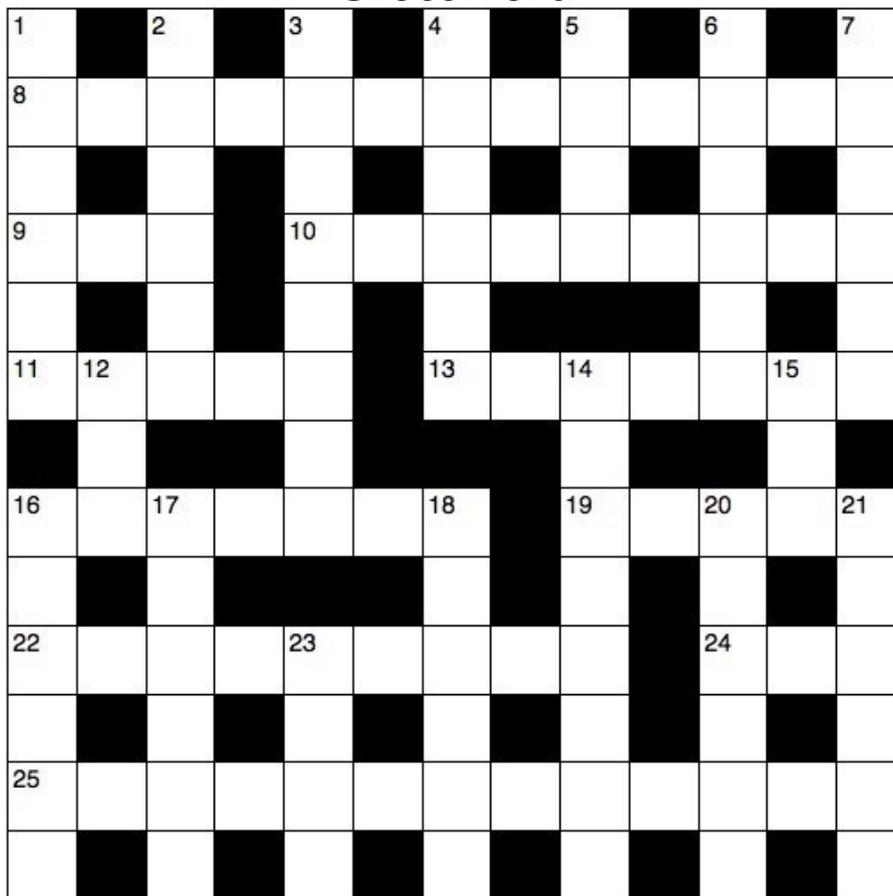
Xplore meets once a month and everyone in Yr 9 or above is welcome to attend. Come along and bring a friend! Our next Xplore is on **Monday 24th February @ 7.30pm!**



*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9, NIV*



**Crossword**



**Across**

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

**Down**

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

## Crossword

- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)  
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)  
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)  
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)  
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)  
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)  
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)  
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)  
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)  
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)  
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)  
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

## KnitWits



The KnitWits are pictured at their festive Saturday afternoon get together in Claire Holmes' home. Claire spoils us with tea and cake at our meetings throughout the year so everyone contributed to the Christmas gathering which was enjoyed by all. Thanks for your hospitality and knitting dilemma advice Claire!

## The Beatitudes

### Matthew 5:1-12

#### 'Blessed are the meek'

Jesus calls those who live for His kingdom to demonstrate His character: *'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.'* (5:5). Meekness can come over as being 'weak or feeble', hence *'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild.'* However, the Greek word means being tamed: *'Blessed are those who are tamed, under control.'* The picture is that of a horse brought under control: strength under submission.



Meekness begins with an honest view of ourselves, where we don't have to worry about what others think of us, but trust in what God is able to do in us. Moses is described as *'very meek, more than all men that were on the face of the earth'* (Numbers 12:3, RSV). Moses was certainly not a weak leader, but he submitted to God's plans for his life. Meekness accepts what comes, even if it hurts, knowing that it's for our good.

A meek person will tame themselves to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who shows us how to respond in any situation practically and prayerfully. It means being careful about how we respond to those who provoke us by not being angry or striking out. When we encounter difficult situations or people who wind us up, are we prepared to pray before speaking? We should not be out of control, but under God's control!

Let's not forget the promise of this beatitude, that the meek person will *'inherit the earth.'* Those who are prepared to let go their rights in this world, will be made infinitely rich in the future.

**You**  
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness  
the poor in heart; for they will see God  
poor in spirit  
the meek  
Blessed are  
the merciful those who mourn  
pure in heart

Matthew 5:1-16  
peacemakers

those persecuted because of righteousness  
the merciful for they will be shown mercy  
the meek for they will inherit the earth

the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven  
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled

Rejoice and be glad  
great is your reward in heaven  
the peacemakers for they will be called children of God

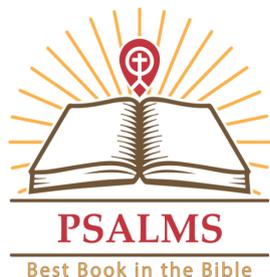
those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

*'The meek man knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto.'* (AW Tozer).

Next month we will look at the fourth Beatitude.....

**'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness'**

## Psalm



### Psalm 116

'I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication.' (v. 1)

'I was brought very low and he saved me' (v.5)

The translation of verse 5 says it all in words of one syllable. This is the psalm for anyone who has been brought 'low', brought

even to the brink of death and then, against the odds, and by sheer grace, restored. Everything is different after that. You look at life as one who could have been dead. Each new day dawns as an unexpected bonus, and all you do that day, all you receive, and all you give, comes as a gracious and unexpected extra. Recovery after trauma is strangely liberating; there is a lightness and freedom, a sense of free over-abundance, and this lovely psalm is full of it. Even if we have not come so close to death, this psalm may bless us with a helpful memento mori.



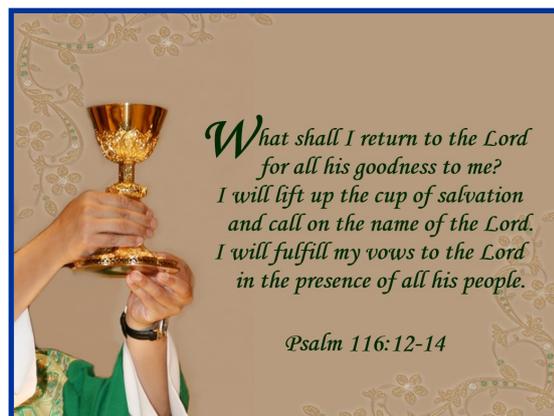
When you have received a grace you can't possibly repay, the specifics and calculations of debt fall away and every act is graced with gratitude. How shall I repay? 'I will lift up the cup of salvation' (v. 11). Whatever temple ritual or cultic gesture that verse first pointed to, for the Christian reader now it rightly points to the mystery of that communion to which love bids us welcome. We cannot repay our host, but all we need do to make him happy is take up the cup of salvation, share the feast, sit and eat.

*What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?*

*I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

*Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant : I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.*

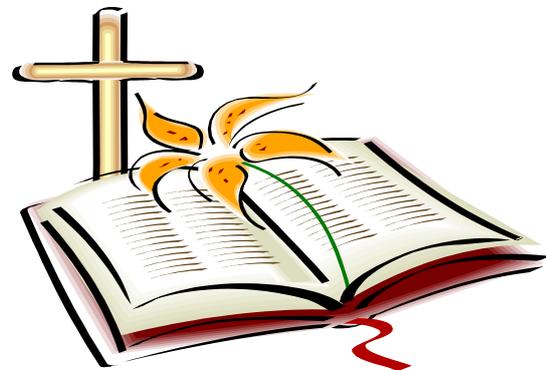


## Our Daily Bread – Bible reading notes

Each Sunday all three readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are printed on a Parish Bulletin. The Psalm and Collect are also listed. Make sure you get this sheet each week (If for some reason you are not out – get someone to take one for you). Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm each day throughout the week with your private prayers.

Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of the church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them and have them sent directly by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and relevant to every day life.

*'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' Psalm 119*



### Hospital Visiting

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital including the South West Acute Hospital, and you would like a visit please inform the Cathedral Office or a member of the clergy. Do not rely on the hospital system to inform the clergy as this may not happen. The clergy may well be on the same ward visiting other parishioners and not be aware of a parishioner in another room!

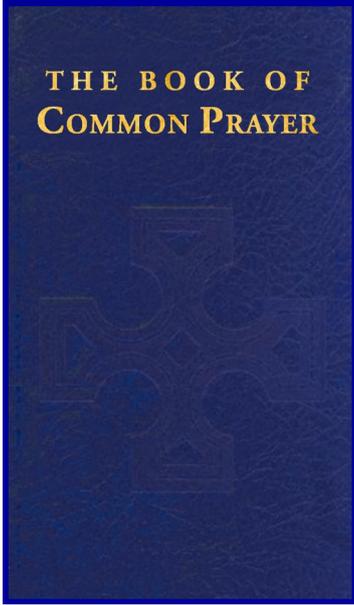
### Parish Visiting

Can you help us? The Clergy and Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are always around the Parish making visits but they might not be in the right place at the right time. If you are unwell, feeling neglected or just lonely please ring the Cathedral Office and one of the clergy will be delighted to call. If you know someone who would value a Clerical visit or if a parishioner has had a close bereavement please also inform the office. It is not recommended that you tell one of the clergy at the Cathedral door on a Sunday morning as there is every chance they could forget in the midst of shaking hands with 300 people! A written note handed to them is a safer option.

### HOME VISITS



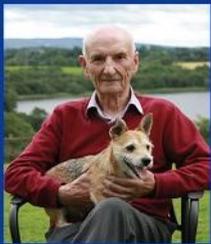
## Prayer Books



Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have! We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00 and would make an ideal gift!

## Parish History Book

Another great gift would be St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel Morrow. Available from the Parish Office at the launch price of £20.



**The author**  
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAgr graduated from Queen's University in 1959. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as churchwarden, glebewarden and has been honorary secretary of the select vestry since 1989. He has written four other books, two on agricultural matters and two on church history. Those dealing with church affairs are titled: *The Church of Ireland Parish of Tempo and Clabby – a Shared Heritage*; and: *Clabby on the Map – The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People*.

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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1828 to still form on the collection of Rev. Communion in St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription in Latin is: *Procurator Ecclesiae Parochialis de Fermanagh ex dono Edward Davis Curator anno 1828*. Translated into English: *The cup of the Parish Church of Fermanagh, the gift of Edward Davis, Curator, in the year 1828*.

The book, in 24 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster but it also has an inheritance from the ancient Catholic Church. The church building dates from the early 1700s and since then its clergy and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Enniskillen played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. The conflict led to the establishment of two British Army regiments bearing the surnames of the town, Inniskilling. The cathedral's bells for many of the kill up bravely and manfully of these regiments and within its historic walls is the Inniskilling Regimental Chapel. In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community links and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom and Ireland at times of worship, memorial services and thanksgiving. Today, St Macartin's is committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow



St Macartin's  
Cathedral

at the Heart of the Community



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Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 8, Cross-examined, 9, Ash, 10, Apocrypha, 11, Sci-fi, 13, Typical, 16, Visited, 19, Offer, 22, No account, 24, RAC, 25, Sovereign Lord. DOWN: 1, Oceans, 2, Hophni, 3, Islamist, 4, Exhort, 5, Omar, 6, On spec, 7, Add oil, 12, CBI, 14, Plotting, 15, Awe, 16, Vanish, 17, Starve, 18, Daub it, 20, Furrow, 21, Recede, 23, Cure.

## Mothers' Union

### Mothers' Union All-Ireland President to visit Enniskillen Cathedral on Sunday 9th February for Morning Prayer



June Butler was recently elected All-Ireland President of the Mothers' Union. Before that, she was, for nine years, assistant chief electoral officer for Northern Ireland. She was married to Kevin for almost 40 years until his death in 2017. She was brought up on a farm outside Donaghadee. After her post-primary education at Regent House, she obtained

a degree in English at the then new University of Ulster in Coleraine. Subsequently, for 37 years, she held various full-time posts in the public sector, in agriculture, housing, training, educational research and elections, eventually leaving in 2009 after nine years as assistant chief electoral officer for Northern Ireland. She was then appointed the diocesan secretary of the two Church of Ireland dioceses of Connor and Down and Dromore, and served in that role until she retired at the end of 2016. Now taking on the role of All-Ireland President of the Mothers' Union.

Speaking of her election June said: "Mothers' Union is a member-led organisation and I feel both humbled and privileged to have been elected by members throughout Ireland as their next President. I will try my best, with God's guidance and with support from all my talented colleagues, to lead Mothers' Union in Ireland in a way that will encourage all our members to make a difference in their parishes and in their communities, as well as supporting projects worldwide. As ever, we will focus on the MU aims and objectives which are essentially to support family life in every context."

### Parish Lunch

To mark the visit of the All-Ireland President of the Mothers' Union to St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 9th February, a Sunday Lunch will be held in the Cathedral Hall for all Mothers' Union Members, Family and Friends (cost £15.00 per adult, children aged 5-10 cost £5 and under 5 no charge). This is open for all parishioners and not just Mothers' Union Members. Those who wish to attend please add your name to the list in the porch or speak to a member of the Mothers' Union Committee (names listed on page 23).

## Mothers' Union Branch Leaders

Outgoing: Stephanie Hamilton

Incoming: Jenifer Johnston



We thank Mrs Stephanie Hamilton our outgoing branch leader for her enthusiasm and dedication to her role since September 2016 and we welcome Mrs Jenifer Johnston as the new branch leader and look forward to exciting years ahead. We also welcome Mrs Maud Shaw as our new Treasurer.

### St Macartin's Mother's Union Officers

**Branch Leader:** Jenifer Johnston

**Secretary:** Sally Masterson

**Treasurer:** Maud Shaw

**Overseas Representative:** Valerie Watson

**Committee Members:** Stephanie Hall, Christine Halpin, Stephanie Hamilton, Hazel Hunter, Avril Kee, Estelle Latimer, Margaret Owens, Susan Spratt and Jeanette Wilson



### Theme for 2020: Building Hope and Confidence

#### Mothers' Union Notes

Some members attended a Prayer Vigil for People against trafficking on Tuesday 26th November in Garvary Parish Church. Mervyn Smyth from Ardstraw gave an interesting talk on what we need to watch out for. Any late, unusual movement of people to houses in your area should be reported to the relevant authorities. A quantity of items were also donated to Fermanagh Women's Aid.

The Christmas outing was to Ardhowen Theatre on 3rd December to see the Adam's Family Musical. An enjoyable night was had by all in attendance. The AGM was held after the meeting on Monday 13th January, which was a Service of Holy Communion celebrated by the Dean - outcome as above.

## Parochial Organisations

### Tuesday Club

Eleanor opened our last Tuesday Club meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Valerie Thompson and Susan Spratt who had organized a General Knowledge Quiz then held a draw to decide which team members would be on. Instructions were given, papers distributed and the quiz commenced. All members thoroughly enjoyed testing their general knowledge. Prizes were awarded to the table with the highest score. A draw was also held and won by Roberta Sherrard. A delicious Christmas afternoon tea was served, bringing the meeting to a close.

The next meeting is on 28th January with speaker Edna Topping who will demonstrate 'Patchwork' and then on 25th February the speaker will talk to us about 'Living with Dementia.' All senior parishioners are welcome.



On Wednesday 11th December the morning bowling club (pictured above) held a "Round Robin Tournament" in the Cathedral Hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer. A very enjoyable morning of bowls was had by all and the amount raised was £250 which was then donated to Macmillan Cancer.

When play finished, we all enjoyed some refreshments and prizes were distributed to the winners. Bowling Club continue to meet on Wednesday's - Mornings 10.30am and evenings 7.30pm.

## What do we do when we doubt our faith?

Can a Christian have doubts? The father in St Mark's Gospel (Mark 9:17-27) speaks for many people. He knew that Jesus could heal his son, but just wasn't quite sure *if* He would.



Doubt comes in many forms. It may be intellectual, a form of

wrestling with the truth of certain key Christian beliefs like the Virgin Birth or the inerrancy of the Bible. It may be philosophical, a pondering of the problem of evil and why God allows bad things to happen to good people. Sometimes it is spiritual, and doubting whether or not we are saved. Occasionally it is emotional, wondering if we are loveable, if we have any worth or value in God's sight.

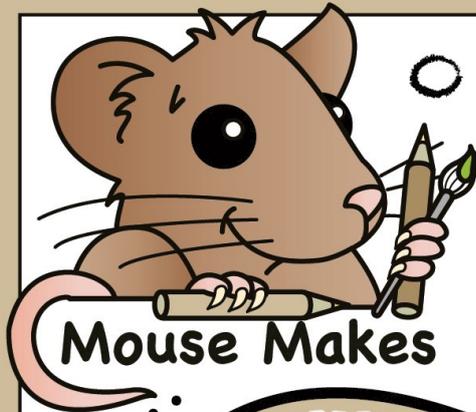
Such doubts are painful and debilitating, but true faith does not exclude the possibility of doubt. Indeed, we could say that faith would not be faith if there was not an element of doubt! Often doubt is a way by which we discover the truth in a deeper way as we wrestle honestly with the questions we have. For many it is a way by which faith grows and matures, leading us to a greater understanding of the mystery of God and the reality that with our finite minds we can never understand everything about God or the way in which He works.

Doubt is not the same as unbelief, which is a stubborn refusal to believe what the Bible says to be true. Doubt is more a normal part of faith devel-

opment and is not to be feared, especially if we bring our questions to God. A Methodist minister Dr William Sangster was asked if he ever doubted. "Yes," he replied, "of course I have doubts. But I also doubt my doubts!"



Children's Page



After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty days** where he was tempted by the devil.

*READ* the story in *Luke 4:1-13*

**Mouse Makes**

J U M P A P  
J E R U S A L E M  
H I G H H O L D I F

D E S E R T  
R O J O R D A N  
V R I V E R O C K  
U

T H U N G R Y  
E O H F O O T  
M L I F T D E  
P Y M O J B O  
T S B R E A D  
A P A T S R E  
T I P Y U A V  
I R T E S T I  
O I I L E D L  
N T S T O N E  
S T E M P L E  
H D A Y S

What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

- JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
- HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
- BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY
- WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
- JUMP • THROW • DOWN • ANGELS • HOLD • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore  
Assistant Director of Music - Jayne Malcolmson  
Churchwardens - David Graham and Rosemary Woods  
Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston  
Select Vestry - David Clarke, Karen Clyde, Richard Cochrane,  
Linda Corrigan, Jenifer Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),  
Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J Nixon, Sandra Richmond, Stephen Richmond and Jonathan Woods  
Assistant Hon Secretary - Raymond Campbell  
Assistant Hon Treasurer - Karl Saunders  
Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson  
Verger - Andrew McCabe                      Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## February Lessons and Readers

### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 2nd February

The First Reading - Malachi 3: 1-5 - Fred Watson  
The Psalm - Psalm 24: 1-10  
The Second Reading - Hebrews 2: 14-18 - Liz Robertson  
The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 22-40 - The Dean

### The Third Sunday before Lent - 9th February

To be arranged

### The Second Sunday before Lent - 16th February

The First Reading - Isaiah 49: 8-16 - Jim Nixon  
The Psalm - Psalm 136: 1-9  
The Second Reading - Romans 8: 18-25 - Linda Corrigan  
The Gospel Reading - Matthew 6: 25-34 - The Dean

### The Sunday before Lent - 23rd February

Family Service

#### Welcome Team February 2020

- 02 Avril and Ivan Kee
- 09 Julie and David Nixon
- 16 Stephanie and Scott Hamilton
- 23 Jeanette Wilson and Richard Cochrane



## SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

11.00am - Sunday School - Begins in church and children leave for classes.

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

7.00pm - Evening Prayer (first, second and third Sundays)

Holy Communion (fourth Sundays)

A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing (fifth Sundays)

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

1.05pm - Healing Service (fourth Thursday)

4.00pm - Messy Church (Thursday once per month as arranged)

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

## PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

### MONDAY

Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)

Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)

Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)

Mothers' Union - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (second Mondays)

### TUESDAY

Tuesday Club - 2.00pm - 4.00pm (last Tuesdays)

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

### THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged)

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### FRIDAY

Xplore Movies - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

**New members are  
always welcome  
at any of our  
organisations!**