

# The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral

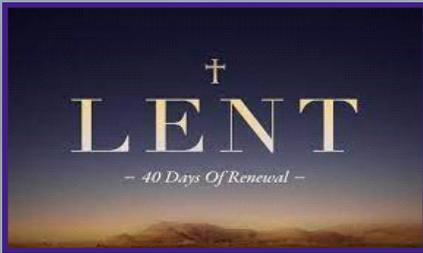


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*'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.'* (2 Corinthians 9:7,8)



### OUR VISION

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## The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this letter the snowdrops in my garden are in bloom and the green shoots of daffodils, tulips and crocuses are bursting through the ground. A sure sign that spring is not far away. Signs of new life are all around us. Also, the season of Lent has just begun. The modern word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lencten" meaning – springtime. It is right that Lent comes with the start of spring because Lent culminates with Easter when we celebrate the ultimate example of new life - the resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is a time of preparation as we look forward to Easter and is often a time when people 'give things up', often drink, chocolate or cakes. The idea of giving something up for Lent comes from the Christian tradition of Lent being a time of fasting as we remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days as well as part of our preparation for Easter. We generally think of Lent as 40 days, but the period from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday is actually 46 days. This is because there are 6 Sundays during that period and in the early Church it was felt to be completely inappropriate to fast on a Sunday as Sunday is the day when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. This means that if you are giving up something for Lent, you get a break each Sunday as the Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday are not really part of Lent! Enjoy!

However, I do not really want to think about giving things up for Lent,



personally I do not. Although if you decide to do this you have my admiration and best wishes. This year I wanted to encourage you to think about doing something positive in Lent. How about taking a copy of our Lenten booklet on the Beatitudes and follow the daily readings, try and attend the mid-week services on a Wednesday night at 7.30pm or the Thursday Holy Communion at 11.00am, and then make every effort to be regular every Sunday?

As well as that you might decide to make a point of visiting or ringing someone who you would not normally see, or you have not spoken to for a while. Taking this on in a thoughtful way could make a huge difference to folks who are lonely. Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards others, giving joyfully and generously, especially to those in most need.

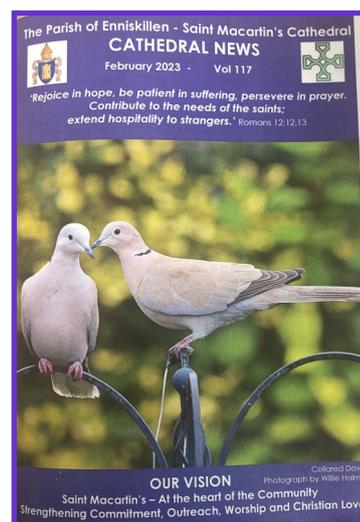
During this Lent, may we practise charity by giving joyfully (2 Cor 9:7). God who "supplies seed to the sower and bread for food" (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practise our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalised! Whatever you decide to do or not do during Lent, I hope it is a useful time for you as you think about your relationship with God and prepare for Easter.

Yours very sincerely,



## Cathedral News Contributions

If you enjoy reading our monthly publications we would appreciate a donation towards the production costs. Like everything else paper and printing costs have increased greatly and we will appreciate whatever you can afford. Enclosed with the February magazine was an envelope which you can use. If you have not yet returned it, please do so! Thank you for your continued support.



## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

25th February – Hudson Jack Hicks

*"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



### Burial

22nd January - Ernest Boyd (Ernie) Fawcett,  
The County Nursing Home,  
formerly 7 Rossvue, Lisnaskea.

30th January - Florence Charlotte Edwards,  
Tullyavey Road, Enniskillen.

31st January - Clive Nevin Johnston,  
Levally Road, Enniskillen.



### Burial of Ashes

4th February - Cecil Carson MBE,  
17 Benaughlin Park, Enniskillen.

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

## Donations in Lieu of Flowers



The Church can benefit greatly from donations made in lieu of flowers at the time of a death or the anniversary of a death. Please keep this in mind, and we acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have contributed in this way in the past.

## Parish Donations

### Graveyard Wall Fund

- £70 Donation from the Beresford family in loving memory of their dear parents, brother Derek and sisters Lillas, Pearl and Hazel.
- £100 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.
- £50 Donation from Mrs Dorothy Pendry.

### Organ Restoration Fund

- £250 Donation from Mr Paul McKendry in loving memory of his father Alan McKendry.
- £50 Donation from Mrs Roberta Sherrard.
- £100 Donation from Mr George Frazer.
- £100 Donation from Mrs Diane Simpson.
- £100 Donation from Mr Roy and Mrs Thelma Palmer.
- £200 Anonymous donation.
- £685 Proceeds (less expenses) from The Renaissance Choir Concert.
- £50 Donation from Mrs Dorothy Pendry.

### Fabric Fund

- £1,000 Donation from Mrs Barbara Johnston.

### Webcam Fund

- £50 Donation from Mrs Roberta Sherrard.

### Cathedral Bell Fund (to electrify ringing)

- £100 Anonymous donation.
- £50 Donation from Mrs Dorothy Pendry.

## Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes):  
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!



## Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held in Enniskillen

A Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place in the Cathedral Church of St Macartin, Enniskillen, on Wednesday 18th January.

Among those taking part were the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Rev Dr Ian Ellis; the Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Canon Kenneth Hall; Monsignor Peter O'Reilly of St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Rev Lorna Dreading of Enniskillen Methodist Church.

Also taking part were members of Fermanagh Churches Forum, which represents the main churches in the county.

The preacher was the Rt Rev Trevor Williams, former Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, who, in his address, said he admired the work of the churches in Enniskillen for Christian unity so clearly demonstrated by the symbolism of Her Majesty The Queen's visit to the town in 2012.

He said they needed those symbolic aspects because of the world of division with people hearing daily of the differences of race, culture, politics and those of different educational social backgrounds. These, he said, often became hostile barriers resulting in violence and bloodshed.

He reminded the congregation that the service was written by the churches of Minneapolis in the US. In May 2020, George Floyd was murdered by a police officer in the US city because of personal and also of institutional racism against Afro Americans. The churches of Minneapolis contributed to the service content "to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society."

One of the readings selected for the service was well known, the parable of the Good Samaritan in St Luke's Gospel set on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

He said everyone should treat each other as Christians and learn from each other. This is one of the world's greatest needs. Everyone will learn from those who are different.

He went on to discuss how to promote unity between different people. Visiting was one way of promoting unity and hospitality, another was "Always think; who is not in the room? The work of Christian unity is not an



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event or a destination, it is a way of living," said Bishop Williams. He appealed to people to find ways in their lives to work for Christian unity and that by doing so they were not only loving their neighbours as themselves but witnessing to a broken, divided and difficult world of a new way, offering a new possibility, a new hope and a new peace. People needed to hear that, he added.

Prayers were offered by representatives of Enniskillen post primary schools under the themes of community relations, victims of violence, the sick, families, economic uncertainty, refugees and endangered people and endangered planet.

The service ended with the singing of "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart."



**WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR MUM THIS  
MOTHERING SUNDAY...??**

**IS SHE FED UP WITH CHOCOLATES  
AND FLOWERS...??**

**GIVE YOUR MUM A SPECIAL  
TREAT...**

**Come with her and the whole family  
to our special**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY  
FAMILY SERVICE.**

**SUNDAY 19th March at 11.00am**

## Donation to Air Ambulance



Local Air Ambulance volunteers were in attendance at the 11.00am service on Sunday 22nd January when a cheque for £6,000 was presented to George Irvine, representing Air Ambulance, being one third of the money raised by the Dean at his pre Christmas 'Sit Out.' George gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Air Ambulance and how they rely entirely on sup-

port from the public and local businesses to fund this vital work.

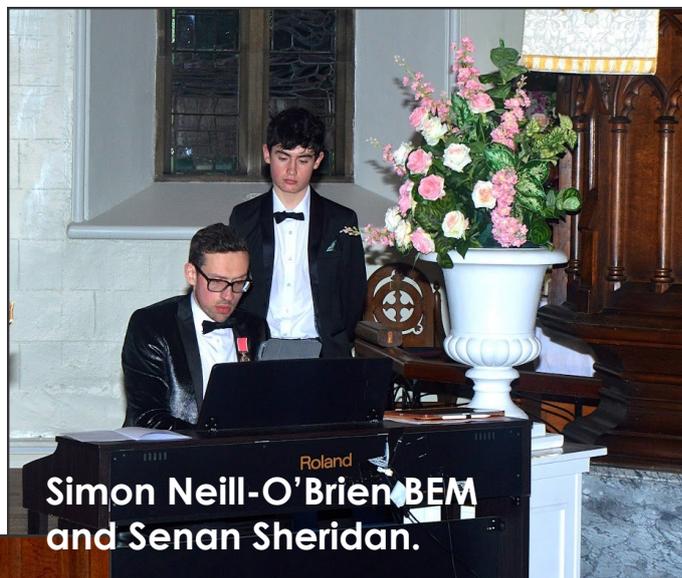


The previous day, the Dean and local volunteers visited the base in Lisburn where they saw and heard how the Air Ambulance, who work in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, provide Helicopter Emergency support in serious, life threatening situations in Northern Ireland. They can reach anywhere in the province within 25 minutes providing critical care until the patient reaches hospital. If a patient reaches hospital within 60 minutes (the golden hour) after their injury their chances of surviving are significantly increased. The service costs approximately £5,500 per day to run. The crew consists of the pilot, a doctor and a paramedic and operates 12 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

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## Renaissance Chamber Choir Concert Music of Stillness

We were very pleased to welcome the Renaissance Chamber Choir, from Belfast, to the Cathedral on Friday 3rd February. Simon Neill-O'Brien BEM, an acclaimed musician, is the Artistic Director and Conductor. Fifteen year old Senan Sheridan, a classical pianist, was the accompanist. Viscount and Viscountess Brookeborough, Lord and Lady Anthony and local Choral Societies were among those in attendance.



**Simon Neill-O'Brien BEM  
and Senan Sheridan.**



**Artistic Director and Conductor Si-  
mon Neill-O'Brien BEM pictured  
with the Dean.**

## Mothers' Union



Pictured left are some members of St Macartin's Mothers' Union along with the Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis following a service at which the Dean enrolled twelve new members and welcomed five more members who have rejoined. This brings the total membership now above sixty. Included in the picture are the Bishop and the Churchwardens.

Below are photographs from the service.



## MOTHERS' UNION – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

### **Reaching out in love and service**

Mothers' Union is an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide. We are working with people of all faiths and none in 83 countries to promote stable marriage, family life and the protection of children through praying, enabling and campaigning.

### **Our aims and objectives are:**

To promote and support married life

To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children

To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service

To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children

To help those whose family life has met with adversity

### **Our vision**

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling.

### **Our values**

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organisation working with people of all faiths and none. Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration. Our governance, leadership and programmes are undertaken and driven by members within their own communities worldwide.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself."* Luke 10:27

### **Our membership**

Our members are not all mothers, or even all women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. Mothers' Union provides, for all four million members, a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

### **St Macartin's Mothers' Union Meetings**

The Dean opened the February meeting with a reading and prayer. Stephanie Hamilton, in the absence of branch leader Jenifer, introduced The Diocesan President Mrs Heather Ellis as the Guest Speaker. The title of Heather's talk was "Hearts and Flowers" She told us about growing up in Armagh, the twists and turns her life took, eventually married to the Bishop and living in The See House in Fivemiletown. Everyone got a daffodil and a heart sweet to bring home. After supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. A warm welcome awaits you at our next meeting "Visitor's Night" on Monday 13th March with our very own Margaret Owens, entitled 'One more step along the way'.

## Lent



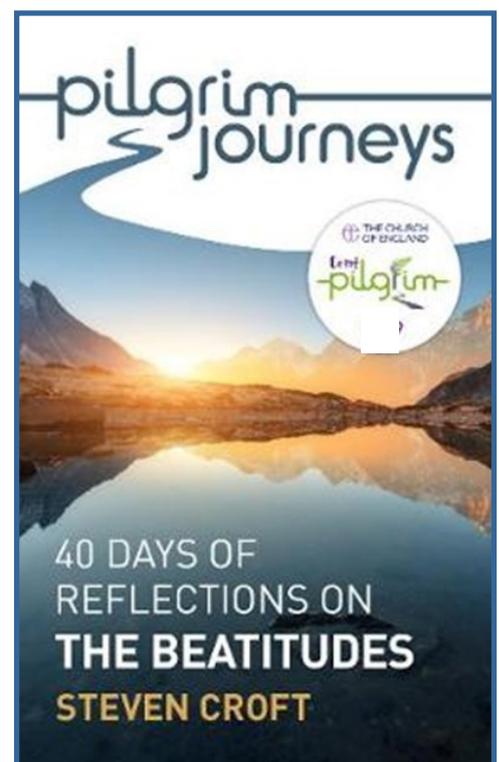
The Theme of the  
Evening Services -  
"The 'J' men of the  
Old Testament"

- Wednesday 1st March 7.30pm – Compline (Job)  
Thursday 2nd March 11.00am – Holy Communion  
Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm – Compline (Jeremiah)  
Thursday 9th March 11.00am – Holy Communion  
Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm – Compline (Jonathan)  
Thursday 16th March 11.00am – Holy Communion  
Wednesday 22nd March 7.30pm – Compline (Joseph)  
Thursday 25th March 11.00am – Holy Communion  
Wednesday 29th March 7.30pm – Compline (Joshua)  
Thursday 30th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

## Daily Reading for Lent

Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes invites you to explore the unexpected and often challenging vision Jesus sets out in this crucial part of his teachings. Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Beatitudes' challenge to live as God intends, both as an individual and in community. The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal daily companions for anyone seeking to grow in the Christian faith but can be used by anyone at any stage of their Christian journey.

These booklets are available for £3.00 at the back of the Cathedral or the Cathedral Office.



## Lenten Project – Mission Focus Mothers' Union Overseas Fund

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union mem-

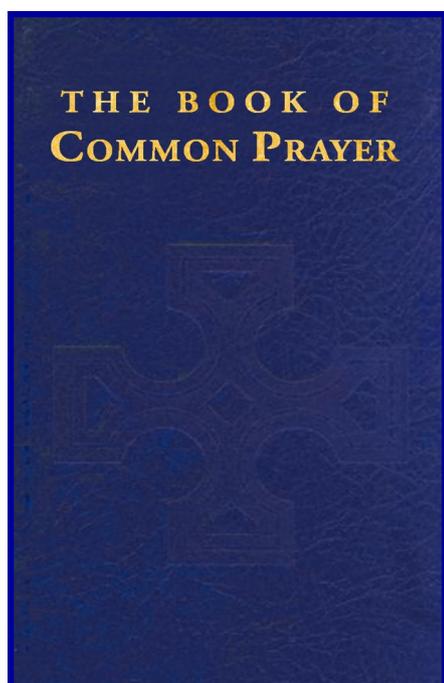
bers to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world. When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities.

In many areas the Mothers' Union acts as the health service, the social service and as the education service. It has trained project workers in many spheres! This Lenten Season we as the Parish of Enniskillen are going to support this vital work.

**Please take a Lenten Box or a Gift Aid Envelope and return it during Holy Week.**  
*'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'* 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7)

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### 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!

## Flower Festival

St Macartin's Cathedral,  
the Parish of Enniskillen  
**Flower Festival**

*Signs & Sayings  
in John's Gospel*

Artistic Director: Erne Flower Arrangement Society  
assisted by Alan Beatty & James Burnside

**Friday 26th - Monday 29th May 2023**

9.00am – 8.00pm each day closing on Monday at 5.00pm

Teas available all day.

Soup Lunches and Ham Salads available each day.

Lunches and Salads for bus trips and groups  
**must be** pre booked.

Please contact the Cathedral Office  
on 02866322917 or  
[stmacartins@btopenworld.com](mailto:stmacartins@btopenworld.com)

## Flower Festival

The Erne Flower Arranging Society are taking responsibility for all the floral displays. The focus will be on the practicalities of organising such an occasion. See below:

### Flower Festival Catering Committee

Our flower festival is in sight and your support will be very important to us over the 4 day event.

We reckon we will require approximately 40 people per day to help.

A timetable will be drawn up so you can choose your favourite slot. Further announcements will be made in Church.

Thank you in advance.

*Adele, Jeanette, Jenifer, Mandy, Margaret and Sabrina*

### Flower Festival Staffing Committee

Regarding supervision of the Cathedral and car park, twenty eight guides will be required each day to cover four, three hour shifts over the weekend. A rota will be available after Easter in the Cathedral porch for volunteers' names or please contact the Cathedral Office.

*George, Ivan, Linda, Myrtle and Noel*

### Donations

1. Personal donations can be made to cover the cost of flowers.
2. Donations can be made in memory of loved ones.
3. Business donations can be made.

Please note we will not be going around asking for donations, but anyone can volunteer to make donations and they will be recorded on a list in the Flower Festival Booklet.

All amounts given will be recorded anonymously.

## Quadricentennial Service



The past year was a landmark year in the history of the Parish of Enniskillen when we celebrated our quadricentennial year. The journey of life takes many twists and turns for all of us and at times we all need something of stability upon which we can rely. The parish of Enniskillen was formed in 1622 and St Macartin's Cathedral (formerly St Anne's Church) has stood for 400

years at one of the highest spots in Enniskillen and has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians. Today, St Macartin's is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

We want to acknowledge and give thanks for these 400 years at a special thanksgiving service to mark the formation of this Parish on St Macartin's Day, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. The Preacher will be The Most Rev F John McDowell, B A Hons, B Th, Dip B S, Archbishop of Armagh. Please make a note of this date and invite family, friends, neighbours and more especially anyone who has had previous connections with the Parish. Due to Covid restrictions at the time of our reopening (after our major renovations in 2021) we were greatly restricted in numbers able to attend. Now everyone has the opportunity to come along, give thanks and see our newly renovated magnificent building!

### Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer

*Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come. May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Quadricentennial Service



The Dean and Chapter together with the Churchwardens and  
Select Vestry of Saint Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen  
invite you to join them for the



**400th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
of the formation of  
**The Parish of Enniskillen**  
**SAINT MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL ENNISKILLEN**  
(formerly Saint Anne's Parish Church)  
**ST MACARTIN'S DAY, 24th MARCH 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Preacher: The Most Rev'd F John McDowell, B A Hons, B Th, Dip B S**  
**Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan**

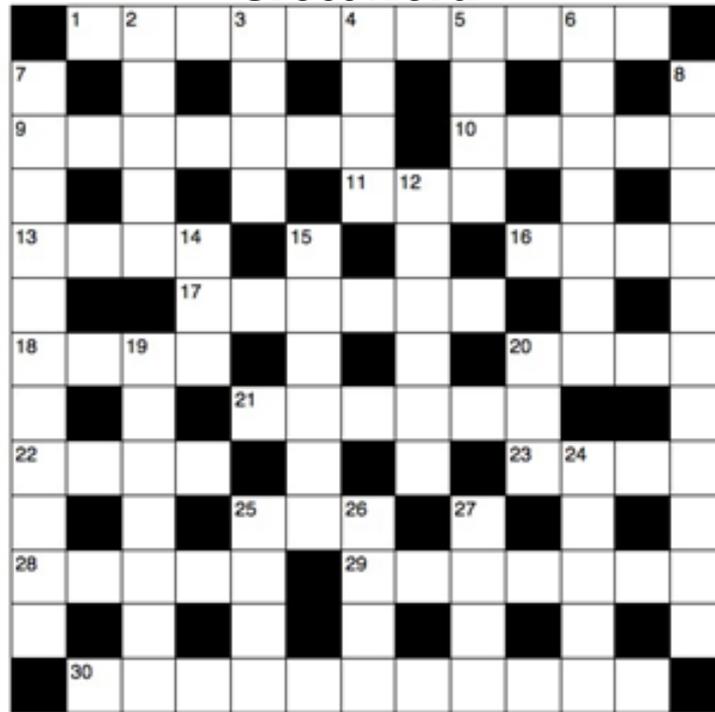
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All Clergy, Diocesan and Parish Readers are invited to robe.

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**Crossword**



**Across**

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

**Down**

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)

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## Crossword

- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)  
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)  
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)  
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)  
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)  
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)  
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)  
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)  
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)  
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)  
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)  
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)  
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

## 400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book



**The author**  
 Samuel B. 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 St. Peter's since 1968. He has served parishes as churchwarden, globe-warden 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 Parishes 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 Dore in 1823 is still in use at the celebration of the Eucharist in St. Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription on Latin is: *Parthena Ecclesiae Sanctissimi de Sacerdote et deo*. Please don't touch or move it!

Translated into English: *The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Dore, Esq., in the year 1823.*



**St Macartin's Cathedral**  
*at the Heart of the Community*

**Over 400 years of Parish History**  
*by Samuel B. Morrow*

St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow



A number of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried from the cathedral. Copies are available from the Parish Office the Deanery or from the Churchwardens. We want to sell as many a possible during this coming year.

## The Church of Ireland

### Our Worship

**Worship is central to the life of the Church. We have a rich variety of forms of worship through which we hear the Word of God read and preached and we receive the sacraments.**

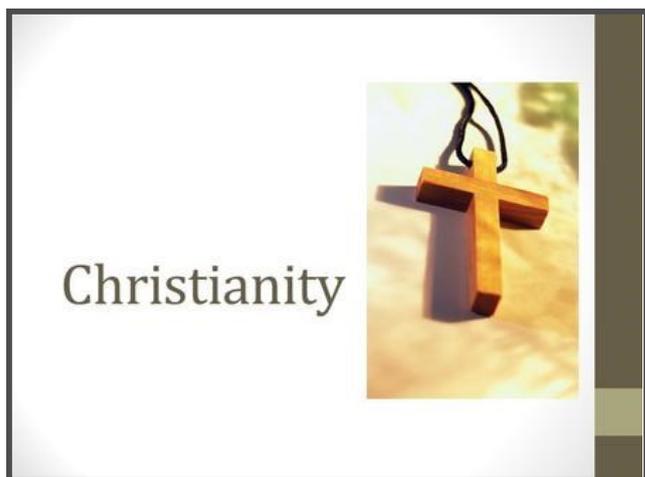
The Church of Ireland in its corporate worship makes use of *The Book of Common Prayer*, which was originally published in 1549 and has subsequently been revised on four occasions, most recently in 2004. Our most common forms of worship are the Holy Communion (or Eucharist) and Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.

**Holy Communion** is the central act of worship of the Church of Ireland. We warmly invite all communicant members of Christian churches to join us at the Lord's Table.

**Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer** date back to the Reformation when the medieval monastic daily prayer routine was adapted by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and subsequently adopted by the Church of Ireland.



### What we believe



We are disciples of Jesus Christ, worshippers of God the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and subscribers to the Creeds of the early Church.

In keeping with Anglican theology, our beliefs and practices derive from **Scripture, reason and tradition.**

We are **Catholic** in holding all the Christian faith in its fullness and being part of the one worldwide Church of God.

We are **Reformed** in believing that the Church's life should be aligned with Scrip-

ture and that the Church should only require its members to believe those doctrines to which Scripture bears witness.

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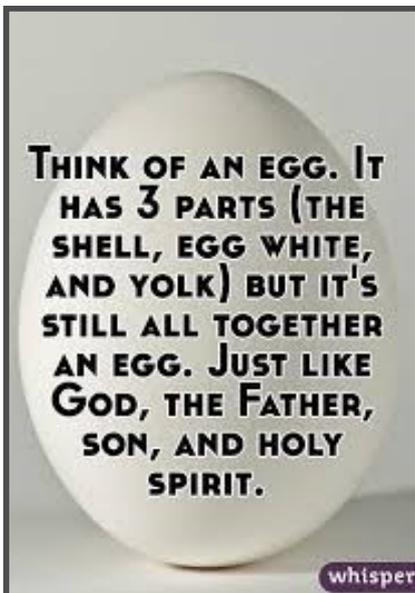
The Church of Ireland is a member Church of the **Anglican Communion**, a family of independent Churches in full communion with each other and with the See of Canterbury.

## The Church of Ireland

We rejoice in the progress on **unity** made by the ecumenical movement and we seek to remove obstacles to full communion between Christians and to gain from the insight and experience of others. We provide a context in which people of diverse views on theology and liturgy can live and worship together.

We regard **worship** as a priority for every Christian. In particular, we see the Holy Communion (the Eucharist) as the

main way in which church members celebrate their love for God and for each other and become renewed as the Body of Christ for mission and service.



**and deacons.**

The ordained ministry serves the whole people of God, to facilitate and encourage its members in their worship, and to enable each of

We regard worship as a priority for every Christian. The Book of Common Prayer is a source of unity within the Church and an expression of a liturgical language, traditional and modern, which over the years has captivated people by its beauty and spiritual power. We see a direct relationship between the language of common prayer and the language of doctrine: the words that church members themselves pray and own become the expression of what the Church itself believes. We affirm the ancient three-fold ministry of **bishops, priests**



## Tuesday Club



Tuesday Club met on 31st January, Mrs Olive Brownsmith, guest speaker, greeted the group with lively Jamaican hymn music. Assisted by the Rev Colin, with film, Mrs Brownsmith shared the culture of her homeland, Jamaica and served a delicious Jamaican dish which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with 'The Grace'.

The next meeting is on 28th February at 2 pm in the Hilliard Room when the topic is 'Scams Prevention'. On 28th March Mrs June Mcilpatrick will speak about flower arranging & bulb planting. New members are always welcome.

## The Knitwit's Sock Tree



The Knitwits meet on Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall to share and enjoy a love of knitting, crochet and other fibre arts.

In 2022, the Knitwits were asked to participate in 'Knitting the Land' – a cross border, creative, project that brings together women from different communities and traditions along

the Leitrim- Fermanagh border to knit/crochet items representing places that are special to them.

The Knitwits came about because of a desire to make socks. The name 'Macartin' is thought to mean 'son of the Rowan tree'. St Macartin's Cathedral has become the Knitwits' home. The Knitwits have therefore created a 'Sock Tree' made from hand knitted and crocheted socks and are pleased to place this in St Macartin's Cathedral as part of the 400 year anniversary celebrations. The socks will be on display to the public and later donated to local charities for practical use. Nothing keeps the feet warm like a pair of hand knitted (or crocheted) socks.

A prayer for makers:

Creator God, thank you for the gifts you have given me, the skill to make with my hands and the fellowship that sharing and giving bring. Help me each day to remember your great love for me and to show it to others in all that I do. Amen.

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## Bowling Club Tournament

Mixed Pairs Tournament on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 March and Finals on Wednesday 22 March at 7.30 pm each evening in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Entries to Maud Shaw – Telephone No 02866322133 or 07720081175.



## Youth and Children's Ministry

### Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. A warm welcome awaits you! Participants must complete a registration form, which is available from the Cathedral Office. Messy Church will be held on Friday's 17th and 24th March from 4.00-6.00pm (online). To ensure there are enough resources, you must contact Gwyneth Blair at [gwyneth.blair@gmail.com](mailto:gwyneth.blair@gmail.com) or 07753522324, to book your place for both sessions by Monday 6th March. Messy Church packs will be available at the Cathedral Hall for both sessions on Monday 13th March from 3.30-4.30pm.



### Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8. We use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, songs, discussion, games, and crafts). We are grateful to the leaders who make Sunday Lights and Café not only possible, but so enjoyable for our children! The children leave during the 11.00am service after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities. They attend and take part in monthly Family Services. Each Sunday parents or guardians attend church with their children at 11.00am. The children will leave church at 11.20am for approximately 30/40 minutes. A parent or guardian needs to remain in church during this time.

**The next dates for Sunday Lights and Café are as follows:**

#### **MARCH**

- 5th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;
- 12th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;
- 19th March: 11.00am Family Service for Mothering Sunday with gifts for all females;
- 26th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.



This year, twenty four confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2023. We meet as a class on Monday's from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall. The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 30th April at 11.00am.

## Youth and Children's Ministry

### St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group

**Pond dipping, petting horses, nature walk etc**

**Equine Farm Walk for Parents and Children**



**When? Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm**

**Where? CAFRE Enniskillen**

**Future dates!**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
2.00pm St Macartin's  
Cathedral Hall Fun  
games with 4Corner  
Coaching**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
3.00pm St Macartin's  
Cathedral Hall The  
Afternoon Tea Fairy**

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group for March will meet at CAFRE (College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise) at 2pm on Saturday 11th March for an Equine Farm Walk. Activities will include pond dipping, petting horses and a nature walk. Parents and children of all ages welcome. Please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474 in advance to book your place.

## Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will be in touch.

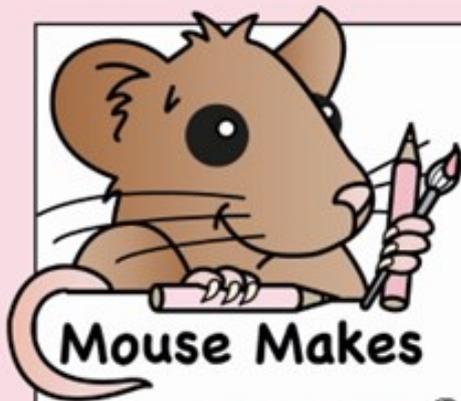
A service to confirm adults will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral on Ascension Thursday (18th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact the clergy for details.

Answers to Crossword on page 18

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlighth-ened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Aird. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

## Children's Page



**Mouse Makes**

**WHO IS MY MOTHER?**



CAIN	ELIZABETH
ISAAC	HANNAH
JESUS	RACHEL
JACOB	REBEKAH
TIMOTHY	EVE
JOSEPH	MARY
SAMUEL	SARAH
JOHN	EUNICE

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search



REBEKAH  
ELIZABETH  
EUNICE  
RUTH  
MARY  
RACHEL  
LEAH  
ZIPLAH  
MOTHER  
MUM

### BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

— — — —  
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

— — — —  
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

— — — —  
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

— — — —  
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

— — — —  
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

— — — —  
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



**M** — — — —  
Matt 1:16

**O** — — — —  
2 Tim 1:5

**T** — — — —  
1Kings 1:11

**H** — — — —  
1 Sam 1:20

**E** — — — —  
Gen 34:1

**R** — — — —  
Gen 30:22

How many other words can you make from:

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**



E	E	L	O	I	S	Z	I	L	A	M	J	H
U	V	N	Z	M	A	R	Y	Z	U	O	Z	R
N	E	A	D	U	R	U	T	H	L	T	I	A
I	J	O	C	H	A	B	E	D	E	H	L	C
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E	L	I	Z	A	B	E	T	H	H	R	A	E
R	E	B	E	K	A	H	A	N	N	A	H	L

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer), Linda Kingston, Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders, Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## March Lessons and Readers

### The Second Sunday in Lent - 5th March

The First Reading - Genesis 12: 1-4a - Brian Rutledge

The Psalm - Psalm 121

The Second Reading - Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 - Helen Burton

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 17: 1-9- The Dean

### The Third Sunday in Lent - 12th March

The First Reading - Exodus 17: 1-7 - Jim Lucy

The Psalm - Psalm 95

The Second Reading - Romans 5: 1-11 - Linda Kingston

The Gospel Reading - John 4: 5-15 - Julie Johnston

### The Fourth Sunday in Lent - 19th March

Family Service - Mothering Sunday

### The Fifth Sunday in Lent - 26th March

The First Reading - Ezekiel 37: 1-14 - Brendan McCann

The Psalm - Psalm 130

The Second Reading - Romans : 6-11 - Jeanette Cochrane

The Gospel Reading - John 11: 1-45 - 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.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each 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 - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (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)

### SATURDAY

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)

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