

## **Mallow Union May Newsletter**

### **St. James Mallow, St. Mary's Doneraile, St. Mary's Castletownroche**

Thanks to all those who helped prepare our Churches for the Easter Ceremonies, a word of thanks particularly to our flower arrangers, choir, musicians, Church Wardens and cleaners.

Our first service for Easter was a service of the Word in Doneraile on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Then, on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> April the Maundy Eucharist was held in Castletownroche. On Good Friday our young people in the Bible Club and Confirmation Class under the direction of Diana Buckley presented the passion of Christ in story, drama and song in St. James Church Mallow. Following this service the young people took part in the annual Easter egg hunt and the parents had refreshments. The Proclamation of the Cross was held in Mallow at 8pm. The Easter Vigil was held again this year in Castletownroche on Easter Eve at 9pm. Thanks to Victor Woulfe for ensuring the Paschal Fire lit this year without a hitch.

On Easter Day there was 9am Eucharist in Doneraile and 12 noon in Mallow.

#### **DAFFODIL DAY**

Thanks to all who donated so generously in Castletownroche Church for the Daffodil Day collection. 140 Euro was raised. Thanks to Betty Buckley Coordinator of this collection for Castletownroche, Shanballymore, Doneraile, Glanworth, Ballyhooly and Killavullen. In total in this area 3,046 Euro has been collected this year.

#### **BAPTISM AND NEW ARRIVALS**

On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April Fred Henry James Parker, son to Isobel and James Parker and grandson of Mark and Julia Lysaght was baptized in St. Mary's Doneraile.

Also congratulations to Dorothy Good on the arrival of a grandson a son for Jim and Linda Good and to Vivian Wharton on the safe arrival of a grand-daughter to Lorraine and David Simms.

### **BELL RINGING**

Congratulations to our bell ringing team Julia Lysaght, David Deane, Robert Gardiner, Paul Deane, Eddie Gabriel and Mark Buckley on coming second in the competition in St. Mary's Church Limerick on the 11<sup>th</sup> April.

### **SYMPATHY**

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Bertie Daly on the death of his beloved wife Iris on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Iris was a lovely lady with a warm personality and a great sense of humor, she enjoyed nature, gardening and walking in the country. On a Sunday, if the weather was good she would be gone off on a jaunt stopping off in churches around Kerry and West Cork for Sunday service. Iris was a much valued member of our Union in Mallow and will be sadly missed by all.

We would also like to offer our sympathy to George Buckley, Billy Buckley and Ben Buckley on the death of their brother-in-law Mr. Jethro Shire of Croom.

### **THE LATE NICHOLAS GREENE EVANS**

The death occurred in England on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April of Nicholas Greene Evans, late of Carker House, Doneraile. As a child Greene attended the local Turnpike school and worshipped with his family in St. Mary's Church. His close childhood friend, Dorrie Daly has many happy memories of Greene. For instance, as children they would walk the three miles to Doneraile together to post Christmas cards to one another!

Nicholas Greene was born on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1922, the youngest of seven. When he was twenty he left home, at the encouragement of his sister, Una who was already in the W.R.A.F., and travelled to England to join the R.A.F. This was in 1942 and World War II was raging. He worked with radar, which was very new at the time.

It was during the war that he met his future wife, Hilda, a nurse. They married in 1952 and settled in Portsmouth, Hampshire where he continued to work for the government. Together with their daughter, Ann, they enjoyed their yearly visit to Doneraile when they would always turn up for Sunday Worship in St. Mary's.

Greene took early retirement, moved to the country and spent many happy years with his beloved Hilda, enjoying their love of nature and shared hobbies - painting and gardening. After Hilda passed away last year he seemed to lose the will to live. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May he will be laid to rest beside her, in the grounds of St. Hubert's Chapel, Idsworth, a place that was very special to both of them.

(For those who didn't know him, Greene was the uncle of Avril Gubbins.)

### **ALPHA COURSE**

The Alpha Course is now well under way. Although the numbers attending are disappointing, the talks so far are excellent and very inspiring. Those who are attending are enjoying it very much.

At this stage four meetings remain:

- 5<sup>th</sup> May - "What about the Holy Spirit & how does God guide us?"
- 12<sup>th</sup> May - "How can I resist evil?"
- 19<sup>th</sup> May - "Does God heal today?"
- 26<sup>th</sup> May - "What about the Church?"

**There is also a day away on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. Come any night. We would be glad to see you!**

### **ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY**

Please come and join us for a cup of tea, chat and cake and support the Alzheimer's Tea Day at Mark and Diana Buckley's, Bridgetown, Castletownroche on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> May anytime from 2pm. Please bring your friends to support this cause.

### **FERMOY FLOWER FESTIVAL**

Christ Church Fermoy is celebrating 200 years with a Bicentenary Flower Festival on May 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Opening by renowned author, Alice Taylor with Wine and Finger Food on Opening Night. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am to 5.00pm. Admission 10 Euro.

Songs of Praise with visiting choirs at 7.30pm on Sunday.

### **BLACKWATER SOCIAL CLUB**

Ice-Cream Sunday in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the home of Mark and Diana Buckley, Bridgetown, Castletownroche BBQ Lunch 1pm to 2.30pm. Games followed by Ice-cream 2.30pm onwards.

Admission Primary and Secondary Children 6 Euro and Adults 12 Euro. A very enjoyable day was had by all last year so please come this year and make it an even bigger success.

### **CHRISTIAN AID SUPPORT**

Mallow Union of Parishes have supported this worthy cause for a considerable number of years past, and in Doneraile we have been able to arrange an annual Coffee morning. We have therefore been asked to do so again this year, and Mrs. Joy Sheehan has kindly volunteered to host the occasion at her house at Cornahinch, Doneraile – her number is 24194 if you need directions to find her. Needless to say, the success of the venture depends on practical support, and we do ask our readers to come along on the day SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE between 10am and 1pm. We do not need to elaborate on the work being done throughout the world by this worthy group – we do ask for your support and help on the occasion. Thank you.

### **IN MY FATHERS HOUSE (JOHN 14: 1-3)**

A house is a dwelling place biblically is a temple. Jesus promised his follower a house in Heaven, but this house is not free unless you follow him and do his will. Many of us think that is by our work. A story of a man died and make heaven and when he got to heaven he was looking for his church member, it was a night of Testmoney in heaven he asked the first person where are the Catholic, he told him there is no catholic here he said I know there can't be Catholic because they always cut up with saints, instead of Christ. He asked another man, where are the member of Church of Ireland

and the man responded there is nothing like that here. He said again for sure they can't make Heaven because they are always concerned about their History instead of Mission of Christ. After all he realised that there are no church in Heaven. Heaven is for those who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and forsake his or her own way and follow Christ till end – Jesus is Lord.

Here is a short Reflection on 'Vision' in connection with Church 21 please take the time to read it.

#### Reflection on 'Vision'

*"If as one people, speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to will be impossible for them."* God - Genesis 11:6

It is said in the book of Proverbs (29:18) that *"Without vision people perish"*. Another translation puts it that *"Without vision people scatter to their own agenda."*

John Stott once said, *"We see what is, but do we see what could be?"* describing perfectly the essence of true vision.

Vision is a powerful neutral 'tool' that helps to see what could be. In the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11 there was a problem in that vision was being used to further a highly "human-centred" motive (to build a tower that reaches to the heavens so that we might make a name for ourselves and not be scattered v.4) . Basically God states that providing 3 conditions are being fulfilled, then the human race is virtually unstoppable. The 3 conditions are all found in v.6 where the people had...

1. A Common Cause (as one people...)
2. Clear Communication (speaking the same language...)

### 3. Complete Commitment (they have begun to do this...)

Should these three conditions be fulfilled then God says that *"nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."* Even God recognises the power of people operating under such conditions. Of course in this story, because of the inappropriate motives, God had to step in and disrupt one of the conditions, that of 'clear communication', and the result was the total opposite of what was planned.

However, can you imagine a vision for your parish that seeks to bring God glory, and prevents people in your church 'scattering to their own agenda'? Three things might be involved:

1. Gather the people around a God honouring common cause - redefine your purpose if needs be and stir up a sense of vision - help them to see what could be.
2. Involve people in the process - and find as many ways to clearly communicate the vision (remember the average person needs to hear/see something 7 - 11 times before 'they get it!').
3. Don't just talk about it - engage everyone you can in working toward the vision Church 21 offers an opportunity to do these very things and to lead parishes to the point where they are able to identify with what God has to say, that nothing will be impossible for his Church when it is under His headship and authority.

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P.S. This story also reminds that there is a real enemy we face, who also understands how powerful these 3 conditions of vision are, and will seek to disrupt your progress by undermining any one of them. Please therefore continue to pray for the future of your parish.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

Acts 11: 1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21: 1-6	John 13: 31-35
Doneraile		9am	H.C.
Castletownroche		10.30 am	M.P.
Mallow		12 noon	H.C.

### 9<sup>th</sup> May (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday)

Acts 16: 9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14: 23-29
Doneraile		9am	M.P.
Castletownroche		10.30am	H.C. Family Service
Mallow		12 noon	M.P. Family Service

### 16<sup>th</sup> May (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Sunday after the Ascension Day)

Acts 16: 16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21	
John 17: 20-26			
Doneraile		9am	H.C.
Castletownroche		10.30am	M.P.
Mallow		12 noon	H.C.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> May (The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday))

Acts 2: 1-21	Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b	Romans 8: 14-17	or Acts 2: 1-21
John 14: 8-17, (25-27)			
Doneraile		9am	M.P.
Castletownroche		10.30am	H.C.
Mallow		12 noon	M.P.

### 30<sup>th</sup> May (Trinity Sunday)

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
Mallow		10.30am	Community Service

If you have something to be included in the June Newsletter please give to Diana before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Email: [dianabuckley@eircom.net](mailto:dianabuckley@eircom.net) or mobile 086/1547810 or hand it to her.

## DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Weekday Services in St. James Mallow

Monday, Thursday and Friday	9.30am
Wednesday Holy Communion	11am
Midday Prayer Friday	12 noon

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion 11am followed by Tea by the Mothers Union
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Alpha Course in St. James Hall at 8pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Alzheimer's Tea Day at Mark and Diana Buckley's 2pm till late
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Classes 11.30am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Alpha Course in St. James Hall at 8pm
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May	Flower Festival Fermoy
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Youth Club 8pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Classes 11.30am
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Alpha Course Day Away
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Charleville Inter-church meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Alpha Course in St. James Hall at 8pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Confirmation Classes 11.30am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	BBQ and Ice-Cream Sunday at Mark & Diana Buckley's 1pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Alpha Course in St. James Hall at 8pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Youth Club 8pm
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Adair School Fete Fermoy 12pm-4pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Ordination of Revds Anne Skuse, Adrian Moran and Patrick Burke 8pm in the Cathedral

### NEXT MONTH

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee Day in Joy Sheehan for Christian Aid
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Synod in Rochestown Park Hotel
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Confirmation in Mallow Church 10.30am