

Mallow Union Newsletter
St. James' Mallow, St. Mary's Doneraile, St. Mary's
Castletownroche

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Confirmation Service

By the time you will be reading this we will be just after having our Confirmation Service in Doneraile. This year we have eight candidates Emmanuel Adebisi, Brid Brennan, Sarah Deane, Lucas Jansen, Williams Olawumi, Michael O'Reilly, Angel Sebury and Rachel Wharton. We continue to hold them in our prayers.

Sheep's Head Hike

Thanks to all who sponsored me on the Sheep's Head Hike. I have sent away €465.00 for Christian Aid. Diana

Vegetable Sale

Thanks to all who came and bought vegetables at John and Jean Gardiner's on Saturday the 10th September and stayed for a cup of tea and cake. Over €1,000.00 was raised for Parish Funds.

Concert in St. James

Again Cor Mhagh Ealla gave us a wonderful Concert in St. James on the 24th September. Unfortunately the crowd was small. €500.00 was made on the night for St. James Maintenance Funds.

St. James Church Roof

As most of you are aware the work on the roof of the church is underway and it would be good if the money from the raffle tickets for the roof repair was returned. So please sell the tickets and return the money as soon as possible.

Harvest Services

The first of our Harvest Services was in Castletownroche last Sunday the 25th September where the speaker was the Revd Denis McCarthy. The collection went for Bishops Appeal and Parish Funds. Then Doneraile is on the 9th October and the speaker will be the Revd. Elizabeth Hewitt Adair Methodist minister (Collection for Concern and Protest Aid)

And Mallow is on the 16th October speaker Revd. Brian O'Rourke (Collection Vincent de Paul). All services are at 3pm.

John Reid, Concern:

We were privileged at Morning Prayer in Doneraile recently to hear John Reid speaking of his life work. John, who is a brother of Katherine Harold-Barry, is a Project Manager with Concern in North Korea.

John started his working life as a Farm Manager, but soon became disillusioned by the huge food surplus in the E.U. of the 'eighties.

As a committed Christian, he felt called to use his expertise to produce food in almost impossible circumstances and where it was greatly needed. He eventually worked with Concern in Afghanistan and Liberia, and is now in North Korea where they battle against extremes of climate, famine, barren terrain, shortage of services and a great lack of personal freedom.

John compared Communist North Korea with neighbouring Christian South Korea where there is plenty. He firmly believes that the difference is caused by Christianity being forbidden in the North where Christians live under great threat of imprisonment or even death.

Part of the Doneraile Harvest Thanksgiving collection has been allocated to Concern/ Project North Korea.

Saturday Bible Club

If you are between the age of 4 and 12 and are free on a Saturday morning please come along to Bible Club in St. James Hall Mallow at 11.30am. We are starting back on Saturday 8th October at 11.30am to 12.45pm. There is a small charge of €1 per child or €2 per family to cover the cost of books and crisps/drink etc. All parents are welcome to join us for a cup of tea/coffee after bible

club. For further information please contact the Rector or Diana Buckley.

Mothers Union and Friends

Some of our members went to the Festival Service in Castlemartyr Church on Tuesday the 13th September at 8pm thanks to all involved in arranging this lovely service.

Travelling Supper

Our next event is our travelling Supper on Saturday the 8th October starting between 7pm and 8pm. For your starter you come to Mark and Diana Buckley's then you will be given directions to either Thomas and Ann Ladd's or Vivian Wharton's or Canon Eithne and Richard Lynch for your main course. Then for dessert we all meet in St. James Hall, Mallow. Tickets are €15.00 for adults or €10.00 for children. You do not have to be part of the Mothers Union to come to this it is a parish social event. Proceeds are for Mothers Union overseas funds and parish funds. Please book your tickets from Vivian Wharton (086)3900734 or Diana Buckley (086) 1547810 or any other MU member before 2nd or 3rd October so that the food can be organised.

Bye Buy Childhood

Patsy Devoy from Carrigrohane Parish is coming to talk to us on "Bye Buy Childhood" on Tuesday 18th October at 8pm in St. James Hall Mallow.

Childhood is now treated as a marketing opportunity.

But we believe that children should be valued as children, not consumers.

How can we challenge this commercialisation of childhood?

Mothers' Union has launched a campaign to address this issue.

This meeting is open to everyone in the parish so please come along to see what Patsy has to say.

Congratulations

To Aoife Ladd on winning the Community Involvement Award in The FBD Young Farmer of the Year Awards.

To Patricia Olawumi on opening her new hair dressing supplies shop in Mallow.

To Agnieszka and Liam Forde who got married in Poland in August. This was a very emotional time for them as Agnieszka's father was very ill and died three days after the wedding. We pray for her and the rest of the family at this very difficult time.

To Karen and Chris Southgate of Kanturk on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Emily Dorothea.

To John Coulter on celebrating his 70th birthday. To celebrate he had a Holy Communion Service in St. James Church Mallow followed by refreshments. Instead of presents he asked for any donations to be given to St. James Maintenance Fund. Thanks to John for arranging this.

Adair School Bus

As some of you are aware some of the parishioners in Castletownroche are fighting for their school bus to the Adair School in Fermoy to be reinstated.

This year our school bus service was withdrawn. Despite having the required 10 eligible children who meet the distance criteria of being 3.2 kms from the school, our school was refused transport because Bus Éireann said that the children did not come from a "distinct locality". The unjust nature of this decision infuriates us, and it is a source of great hardship to the committed parents who bring their children great distances to Adair School. At present, we are fighting for the reinstatement of our bus and we badly need your support. Without the bus service our enrolment will suffer and this will inevitably lead to the closure of the school in the future.

On Wednesday the 5th October we will hold an open meeting at Fermoy Adair School to plan a huge protest demonstration for the following week on Monday 10th October at 11am outside Christ Church, Fermoy. Please come and lend us your support. We will need people to shout, chant, wave banners and hoot horns on the day, but we also need people who will advertise the event and encourage their friends and neighbours to join us, to show that the wider community is interested in the survival of our little community.

John writes:

It was wonderful to see a full church on the 17th September to celebrate with me my 70th birthday. I just want to thank you all friends and relatives for your support. People were very generous the collection came to over €4000 it was great in these difficult times. Unfortunately it is all spent on work that had to be carried out at St. James, so parishioners we are not out of the woods yet, the fundraising will still have to go on. A lot of money is needed to repair the roof over the church door it is in a very dangerous state and will have to be done.

Our Rector Canon Eithne is trying very hard to get a grant I am very grateful to her, we as a Union will have to help each other to maintain our three churches. None of us like selling tickets but we have to try, if we can't we will have to come up with other ideas of fundraising the roof has to be repaired.

I want to say this if we are running concerts in the churches the parishioners must be seen there it was a bit disappointing at the concert on the 24th September after Chor Mhagh Ealla Choir offering me a free concert and also gave a donation on the 17th to the Church. We have to be seen if we want our Church.

Thanking you again for your support so far.

Yours sincerely,

John Coulter

WEST CORK

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY

People from schools, youth and mental organizations from all over West Cork coming together to talk about

Mental Health

Date: 7th October 2011

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Venue: Maritime Hotel Bantry

Present on Day: Red FM , Photo Booth, Workshops , DJ's and lots more...
Free Event - All Welcome!!

WARNING!!!!

EVENT MAY CONTAIN NUTS

DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Weekday Services in St. James on Wednesdays at 11am

Sunday 2 nd October	Confirmation in Doneraile 10am
Friday 7 th October	Mental Health Day Bantry 10am -4pm
Saturday 8 th October	Bible Club in St. James Hall 11.30am
Saturday 8 th October	Children's Choir Practise St. James Church 12.30am
Saturday 8 th October	MU & Friends Travelling Supper 7pm
Sunday 9 th October	Doneraile Harvest Service 3pm
Preacher Rev. Elizabeth Hewitt (new Methodist minister in Adare)	
Monday 10 th October	Adair School Protest 11am Christ Church Fermoy
Saturday 15 th October	Bible Club in St. James Hall 11.30am
Saturday 15 th October	Choir Practice St. James 11.30am
Sunday 16 th October	Mallow Harvest Service 3pm
Preacher Rev. Brian O'Rourke (St. Anne's Union Shandon)	
Sunday 16 th October	Inter-church Service in Charleville 7.30pm
Tuesday 18 th October	Mothers Union Bye Buy Childhood talk Patsy Devoy
Saturday 22 nd October	Bible Club in St. James Hall 11.30am
Saturday 22 nd October	Choir Practice St. James 11.30am
Wednesday 26 th October	Vestry Meeting in St. James Hall 8pm.
Saturday 29 th October	No Bible Club

MONTH AHEAD

Saturday 5 th November	No Bible Club
Saturday 12 th November	Bible Club in St. James Hall 11.30am
Friday to Sunday 18 th - 20 th	MU Conference Small Change-Big Difference in the Celtic Ross Hotet Rosscarbery

If you have something to be included in the November Diocesan Magazine please give to Diana before the 14th October and if you have anything to put in the November Newsletter please give to Diana before Wednesday 2nd November. Email: dianabuckley@eircom.net or mobile 086/1547810 or address Bridgetown, Castletownroche.

SUNDAY READINGS

2nd October (Trinity 15)

Green

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46

Doneraile	10am	Confirmation Service
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9th October (Trinity 16)

Green

Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14

Castletownroche	10am	H.C.
Mallow	11.45am	H.C.
Doneraile	3pm	Harvest Service

16th October (Trinity 17)

Green

Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22

Castletownroche	10am	M.P.
Doneraile	10am	H.C.
Mallow	3pm	Harvest Service

23rd October (St. James the Brother of our Lord) Red

Isaiah 49: 1-6 Psalm 1 Acts 15: 12-22 Mark 3: 31-35

Castletownroche	10am	H.C.
Doneraile	10am	M.P.
Mallow	11.45am	H.C.

30th October (Trinity 19)

Green

Joshua 3: 7-17 Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
Matthew 23: 1-12

Castletownroche	11am	United Service
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6th November (Trinity 20)

Green

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78: 1-7 1Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13

Castletownroche	10am	M.P.
Doneraile	10am	H.C.
Mallow	11.45am	H.C.