

The Pointer

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Here Comes the Sun!

According to the Woodland Trust, there are signs in nature that tell us that summer has arrived¹:

1. Trees are in full leaf
2. Summer flowers are blooming
3. Fledglings learn to fly
4. Butterflies are all aflutter
5. Bats are on the wing
6. Grasshoppers are chirping

For those of us who live in this part of the world, there is another sign of summer:

Flags on lamp posts are refreshed

We have a unique history which makes many of us aware of our identity. One of the loveliest things I have seen in the Warrenpoint-Rostrevor region, is that while people know their own tradition, there is so much respect for the traditions of others. This is something that folks here can be so proud of.

It is a step towards understanding these words from Paul in the Bible:

'So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3: 26-28)

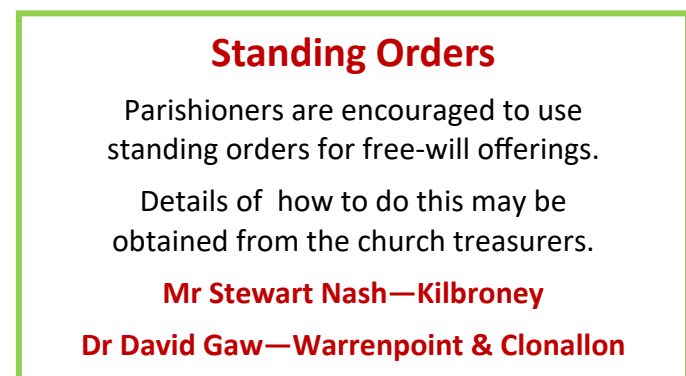
Whoever we are, whatever our tradition, background, political beliefs, we are made one in Jesus. Jesus' own friends and disciples were a mixed bunch. Some were middle class, some working class, some were Jewish nationalists, some were more moderate. Boy, they would have argued at times. However, Jesus made them one. One body.

This summer, as we enjoy the trees, the birds and the flowers we also take joy in our oneness in Jesus.

Andy

¹[Signs of Summer in Nature – What to Look For - Woodland Trust](#)

Lectors		
	10.00 am	11.30 am
6th July	Dorothy Major Evelyn Greer	Shelagh Roberts Timothy Alexander
13th July	Emma Cooper Stephen Cooper	David Beck Bethlehem Beck
20th July	Rene Murphy Dorothy Major Liz Farnan	Jonathan Heyhoe Mellissa Jeffers
27th July	Hugh Tyrrell Evelyn Greer Christopher Cooper	Billy Graham Alanah Donaldson Patric Harris
3rd August	Rene Murphy Andy Hay	tba
10th August	Evelyn Greer Elizabeth Hanna	April Feng Annie Catani
17th August	Dorothy Major Hugh Tyrrell Karl Teggarty	Elizabeth Hanna Stewart Nash
24th August	Emma Cooper Rene Murphy Andy Hay	Joan Thompson Billy Graham Karl Teggarty
31st August	Liz Farnan	Rosie Teggarty
7th September	Evelyn Greer Andy Hay	David Beck Shelagh Roberts



Once upon a time a wise otter handed each pup a smooth pebble and told them to carve their names into it. Then the otters were told to throw them into the stream, where they were quickly mixed up by the current. The pups were then instructed to dive in and find their own pebble but not a single otter pup found their own pebble. The wise otter suggested a new approach. Each otter pup was instructed to pick up any pebble and deliver it to the otter whose name was carved into it. Within just five minutes, every pup was happily holding his/her own pebble. The wise otter then spoke to the class: "These pebbles are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is just looking for their own. But if we care about other otters' happiness, we'll find ours too."

Church Services		
	10.00 am	11.30 am
6th July The Third Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion Warrenpoint	Holy Communion Kilbroney
13th July The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion Clonallon	Family Service Kilbroney
20th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Morning Prayer Warrenpoint	Festival Praise Celebration Kilbroney
27th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Morning Prayer Clonallon	Morning Prayer Kilbroney
3rd August The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion Warrenpoint	Holy Baptism Kilbroney
10th August The Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion Clonallon	Family Service Kilbroney
17th August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Morning Prayer Warrenpoint	Holy Communion Kilbroney
24th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Morning Prayer Clonallon	Morning Prayer Kilbroney
31st August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	United Service 11.00 am Warrenpoint	
7th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion Warrenpoint	Holy Communion Kilbroney

Lectionary Year C		
Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-34	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 9-20	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33



Festival Praise Celebration

Sunday 20th July at 11.30 am

Guest musicians will join with the worshipping community at **Saint Bronach's, Kilbroney Parish Church**.
This is a free event and open to everyone.
Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS,
COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS

JOIN US

SUNDAY

Sunday Explorers

11.30 am during term time

Summer break ... see you in September!

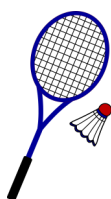
Compline in Kilbroney

6.30 pm on the Third Sunday

MONDAY



THURSDAY



Badminton

Warrenpoint Parish Hall

Mondays from 5.30 pm and
Thursdays 5.30 pm until 7.30 pm

Join the **WhatsApp** group for updates.

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Study on the summer break

Next meeting Tuesday 14th October at 10.45 am
in the vestry Warrenpoint Church.

All ladies will be made very welcome.

WEDNESDAY

Parish Prayer Time

10.00 am in the Parish Room, Kilbroney

Each Wednesday

Everyone Welcome

Warrenpoint Parish Church

Open Church

From 11.00 am until Noon Each Wednesday

Everyone is welcome to drop in

Warrenpoint Parish Church Bicentenary

Plans are afoot!

Please look out historic photographs etc.

Details on page 7

4th & 5th October 2025

THURSDAY

Kilbroney Crafters

Crafters will run on the following Thursday
afternoons during the summer

10th & 24th July and 7th & 21st August

2.30 pm — 4.30 pm.

Crafters will resume weekly meetings again in
September.

All are welcome

Ladies Guild on the summer break

AGM
25th September



Tower Bells and Handbells on Thursdays

Tower bells 6.45 to 7.30 pm

Handbells 7.30 to 9.00 pm

If you're interested in joining this ministry
please speak to **Liz Farnan** (handbells) or
Kenny Roberts (tower bells).



Handbell Workshop

Saturday, 19th July, 11.00 am.

One and a half hour participatory workshop in KPC.
Come and have fun, learn a new skill, no musical ex-
perience necessary. Children must be accompanied
by an adult. Contact Liz for more details.

liz.farnan@yahoo.co.uk

Southern Area Hospice

On Wednesday 18th June there was a special event marking 35 years of Southern Area Hospice, which was kindly supported by Norbrook, we announced some exciting news...

Southern Area Hospice is now Evora Hospice Care

In the company of our staff and supporters, we unveiled our new name, new brand, new website (evorahospice.org), and our vision for the future of palliative care in the counties of Armagh, Down and Tyrone.

Our new name and brand are a true reflection of who we are today: modern, vibrant, and rooted in the communities that we service and care for. They are about looking confidently to the future and are part of our vision to ensure the continued provision of the highest standards of palliative care.

This evolution also represents a confident step towards the future, reinforcing our vision to continue delivering the highest standards of palliative care for many years to come. Though our name has changed, our purpose is stronger than ever and we remain fully committed to providing compassionate and dignified support to patients, carers and bereaved – now and into the future. Our ethos – **Every Moment with Everyone** – reflects this dedication to caring for the whole person in a holistic way.

Evora derives from the Celtic word for yew, reflecting the hospice's roots in Newry – a word that also means yew. Evora is also the district of Portugal where St John of God was born, providing a strong link to the hospice's legacy as an organisation founded by the Sisters from the Order of St John of God.

Alongside the reveal of our new brand, we also set out our ambition to build a new world-class hospice facility within the Newry area.

Fulfilling this ambition will be a long-term commitment and will require a concerted effort by Evora Hospice, our supporters, stakeholders and the wider community in the years ahead.

But we have great determination to turn our ambition into reality and we look forward to talking to our supporters so we can work together to develop this ambition and we can meet the growing need for our services.

As a valued member of the hospice community, we look forward to engaging with you as we write this exciting new chapter in the hospice's history.



Did you have financial support for the rebrand?

We were pleased to have been awarded funds from Dormant Assets NI, which is delivered by the National Lottery Community Fund, to develop our new brand and website. We were also delighted that Norbrook provided support for the launch of our new name and brand. We are always incredibly mindful that every penny matters in the hospice and our focus is always on provision of services to the patients and their families, however a rebrand is an important investment in the future of the hospice.


Will this rebrand have any impact on the hospice's ability to deliver services?

No. Though our name has changed, our purpose is stronger than ever, and we remain fully committed to providing compassionate and dignified support to patients, carers and the bereaved – now and into the future. This is reflected in our new mission statement: **Every moment with everyone.**

Rosie Teggarty

THE LORD
.....BLESS YOU.....
AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD
TURN HIS FACE TOWARD
— **YOU** —
AND GIVE YOU PEACE
NUMBERS 6:24-26

You are warmly invited to celebrate
Geoffrey Henly's



100th Birthday on
Saturday 19th July 2025

- From 2-4pm
- At Warrenpoint Church of Ireland Parochial Hall, Great George's Street North, BT34 3HR
- Tea, coffee & light refreshments served
- We will sing Happy Birthday to Geoffrey at 3pm
- Please RSVP to:
geoffreys-100th-birthday@henly.top



The programme for the afternoon includes **the Silver Band**, and **the Kilbroney Handbell Ringers** (since Dad was a keen bell-ringer when he was younger, and we can't bring the tower bells over to Warrenpoint!), so hopefully it will be a jolly couple of hours and people can drop in if they want.

Everyone is welcome ... just drop an email please to geoffreys-100th-birthday@henly.top

David Henly

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community blood donation session!

VENUE
St Mary's GAA Club
Warrenpoint

DATE & TIME
Wed 09 July 2025
12:30 - 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200 blood donations per week.
That's 1 every 8 minutes.



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DURING FIDDLER'S GREEN FESTIVAL

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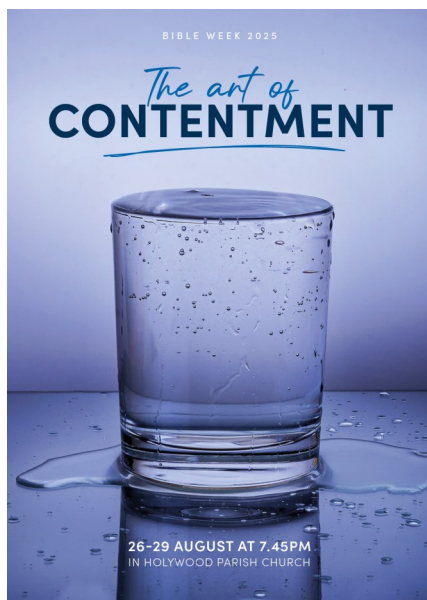
9:00 - 13:30



Learn the Art of Contentment at Bible Week '25

Please plan to join us in August for this year's Diocesan Bible Week with pastor, speaker, and author Colin Smith. Colin has entitled his teaching series, **The Art of Contentment** - a topic that is sure to attract interest from Christians and non-Christians alike so invite your friends!

We'll be hosted by **Holywood Parish Church** and the Bible Week will run from **26th - 29th August** beginning each evening at **7.45 pm**.



What's in Store

Tuesday 26th August:

The hellish sin of discontent
(Jude v14-25)

Wednesday 27th August:

How to handle the blessing of God (1 Timothy 6:6-19)

Thursday 28th August:

Learning to be content
(Philippians 4:4-13)

Friday 29th August:

Contented in Christ
(Hebrews 13:1-6)

Bible Week 2025 WITH COLIN SMITH

26-29 AUGUST AT 7.45PM
IN HOLYWOOD PARISH CHURCH



Colin is President of *Open the Bible* and Pastor Emeritus of *The Orchard* church in northwest suburban Chicago. He can be heard daily on the radio broadcast, *Open the Bible*, and at openthebible.org. Colin is the author of many books, including *Fly Through the Bible*, *Heaven*, *How I Got Here*, and *Momentum: Pursuing God's Blessings Through the Beatitudes*.

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BIBLE WEEK 2025

As well as inspiring teaching, the Bible Week includes worship and prayer ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, leaders, and parishioners alike to be refreshed ahead of the busy autumn term.

Our Speaker

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Born in Edinburgh, Colin trained at the London School of Theology and was the Senior Pastor at Enfield Evangelical Free Church in London for 16 years before moving to The Orchard in 1996. In January 2025 he stepped down as Senior Pastor to focus full-time on Open the Bible.

Come Along!

26th-29th August at 7.45 pm in Holywood Parish Church (St Philip & St James), 71 Church Road, Holywood, BT18 9BX.



Warrenpoint Parish Church Bicentenary

Saturday 4th October and Sunday 5th October

Part of the celebration weekend will be a **photograph exhibition** ... so if you have any pictures, newspaper cuttings or souvenirs we will start collecting right now! Everything should be clearly marked with your name so that it can be returned to you. Enlarged photographs and laminated material is especially welcome.

The service on 5th October is a **United Harvest Celebration** at 11.00 am followed by refreshments and booking for that will be taken later.

Do **pray** for all the planning for this weekend of celebration and sign up on the **volunteer lists** which will appear shortly!





Three classes of **Seaview Nursery Pupils** went on a bear hunt for Liz's teddy, 'Broney' in the grounds at the back of **Warrenpoint Parish Church**.

Over 70 pupils were joined by their parents for a Teddy Bears picnic afterwards.



Church Grounds Tidy Up

Kilbroney Parish Church
13th September
10.00 am until 1.00 pm



A grocer put up a sign that read
"Avocados, 25 pence each — three for a pound."
All day long, customers came in exclaiming:
"Don't be ridiculous! I should get four for a pound!"
Meekly the grocer agreed and packaged four avocados. The tailor next door had been watching these antics and finally asked the grocer, "Aren't you going to fix the mistake on your sign?"
"What mistake?" the grocer asked. "Before I put up that sign no one ever bought more than one avocado."



Two would-be fishermen rented a boat, and one caught a large fish.
"We should mark the spot," he said.
The second man drew a large X in the bottom of the boat with a black marker.
"That's no good," said the first man. "Next time out, we may not get the same boat."



20th Jun 2025 KIPS writes:

What a fabulous send off for our wonderful P7 class!



A huge thanks to **Liz Farnan**, Environmental Educator who organised 'I'm a P7 get me out of here' fun filled activity day.

Split into 2 teams, there were lots of challenges and opportunities to win gold stars and be crowned queen or king of the jungle.

A nightline was the **1st challenge**. Both groups followed a guide rope while blindfolded. Lots of cooperation and communication was needed in order to lead us safely to base camp.

For the **3rd challenge**, the teams were once again sent into the jungle to identify the birds. The girls were the first team to correctly identify most birds winning them another gold star.



Challenge 2 required the teams to leave base camp and search the jungle for the dinosaur egg (watermelon). Once the dinosaur egg was found by the girls' team, earning them a gold star, it was cut up and enjoyed.

Both teams then had the opportunity to explore the jungle and to build shelters from wood and tarpaulin before the wood was gathered, the campfire lit and the marshmallows were toasted. The girls' team was victorious, crowning **Kylie Rae 'Queen of the Jungle'**.



A fun day was had!



Morning Prayer

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

Call: Who is it that you seek?

Response: We seek the Lord our God.

Call: Do you seek him with all your heart?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek him with all your soul?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek him with all your mind?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek him with all your strength?

Response: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Declaration of Faith

To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that you are the Holy One of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:4-7

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way
to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their
soul fainted within them. Then they cried to
the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them
from their distress; he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

Isaiah 35:8

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the
Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it
shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even
fools, shall go astray.

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is
wide and the road is easy that leads to
destruction, and there are many who take it. For
the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads
to life, and there are few who find it.

Meditation

Let everything that has life,
let everything that has breath
give all the glory and honour
and praise to the One who

overcame death.

Let every living thing
sing of the mercies of our God.
Let us exalt him wherever we live
with thanksgiving and joy
in our hearts.

If we don't praise him,
the mountains will.

If we don't exalt him,
the rocks will cry out
in our stead,

'God is not dead!'

Let every living thing
sing of the mercies of our God.
Let us exalt him wherever we live
with thanksgiving and joy
in our hearts.

Lawrence Chewning

Prayers for Others

Canticle

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Evening Prayer

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Sentences

My soul waits for the Lord more than those
who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Call: Out of the depths I have cried to You.

Response: O Lord, hear my voice.

Call: With my whole heart I want to praise you.

Response: O Lord, hear my voice.

Call: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

Response: Who could stand? Who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word do I hope.

Expressions of Faith

Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given strength for
the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, you have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, you have always marked the road for
the coming day;
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, you have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.

Lord, you have always spoken when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now, today I believe.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:113-114

I hate the double-minded, but I love your law. You are
my hiding-place and my shield; I hope in your word.
Go away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the
commandments of my God.

2 Samuel 23:3-4

The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has
said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in
the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the
sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the
rain on the grassy land.

Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter
the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the
will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say
to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,

and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds
of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I
never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

Meditation

As the tamed horse
still hears the call of her wild brothers
and as the farmed goose flaps hopeful wings
as his sisters fly overhead,
so too, perhaps, the wild ones amongst us
are our only hope in calling us back to our true nature.
Wild ones who have not been turned to stone
by the far-reaching grasp of the empire
and its programme of consumer sedation,
the killing of imagination.

Where, my friends, have the wild ones gone?

Joel McKerrow

Prayers for Others

Canticle

*In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.*

The Lord is my light, my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the refuge of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

*In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.*

One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God,
to gaze on your holy place.

*In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.*

I believe I shall see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living.

O wait for the Lord!

Have courage and wait, wait for the Lord.

*In the shadow of your wings
I will sing your praises, O Lord.*

Blessing

See that you be at peace among yourselves,
my children, and love one another.

Follow the example of the wise and good
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world
and in the world which is to come.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Ladies Guild Dinner



A very enjoyable meal was had in the Whistledown Hotel on Thursday 29th May to round up our year.

We were joined by friends of the members. A very special welcome was extended to **Lilly**, on holiday from Germany, granddaughter of Joan Toase and niece of Shelagh Roberts & also to **Ethel** on holiday from England, sister of Dorothy McMahon.



As you can see the meal was beautiful.

So now we are in hibernation until DV 25th September.

Wishing all our members an enjoyable Summer. Stay safe.

Love & God Bless

Dorothy Major. xx

25th September

AGM

&

Beetle Drive



Sunday School Outing



Many years ago when there were many more children in our Sunday school we had an annual outing by bus, usually to some seaside church in the South, where we could use their facilities. Some of our older folk or parents preferred to drive or be driven to escape the noise and antics of the kids on the bus although our stern Sunday school supervisor made sure everyone was seated before take off! Usually there was no problem filling the vacant seats with adults on the bus, thus helping with the overall cost !



On one trip to Butlins holiday camp at Mosney outside Dublin I vividly remember one small boy seemed to have disappeared causing great concern with the adults in our party. None of his pals had seen him for a while and his parents were not on the trip with us, of course there were many more visiting parties of children with wee boys of that age all looking similar!

It was quite a big area with lots of attractions for children, we were exhausted from running around looking for him. Eventually one of the dads on our trip found him fast asleep on the luggage rack on the bus for home!



No, I'm not going to name him!

Joan Toase

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The Little Free Library

There's a good selection of books in the Little Free Library (LFL) at Kilbroney Parish Church. The gate on Church Street is always unlocked so please come in, take a book, and enjoy the aroma of the roses while you're there! Like all the Little Free Libraries you may



keep the book or return it when you've finished. **There is no charge.**

The unique feature of this LFL is that all the books here have a Christian ethos. So, if

you're looking for a book to read to children or to encourage your own faith ... then this is the place!

The selection will change from time to time so it will be worth revisiting. Do pass on the invitation to browse this LFL so that the whole community may benefit.

Visits

There are small cards in each church building so that information can be given to the Rev Andy ... especially details of hospital/residential/nursing care admissions and other illness or special needs. It is better to be told a number of times than not hearing at all. Clergy are no longer informed by the hospitals so it is really important for family/friends to pass on this information.

CONGRATULATIONS



Laura Annett & Scott McKibben

Married in Warrenpoint Parish Church

on

29th May 2025



Gillian Adams & Sammy McMahon

Married in Cabra Castle, Kingscourt,

on

3rd June 2025





Piera Cirefice & Tom Cragg

Married at Wilde Lodge,

Lower Stanage Farm, Knighton,

Wales

24th June 2025



Victor, Heather, Piera, Tom, Pauline, V'Cenza



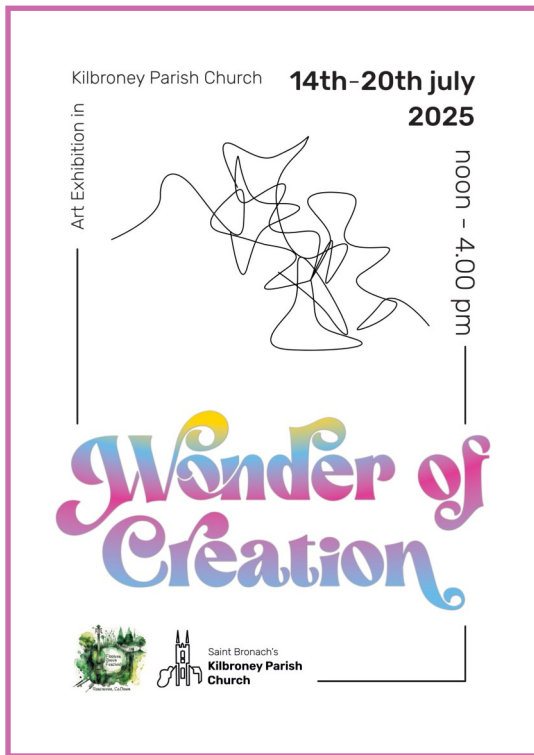
Heather Cirefice, Pauline Grills, Piera & Victor Cirefice

1 Corinthians 13 (The Message)

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,

Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end.



The Wonder of Creation

There'll be a wide range of pieces from a number of artists, as well as work from **Kilbroney Integrated Primary School** and **Killowen Primary School**.

This is part of the Fiddlers Green Festival and will run from Monday 14th July to Sunday 20th July, each afternoon from two o'clock until four o'clock. There will be a sheet in Kilbroney for folk to sign up to open the church building during this time and to welcome visitors.

We'll be collecting pieces on **Sunday 6th July** after church (until around 4.00 pm) and again on **Monday 7th afternoon**. If those slots don't suit then we can arrange to be around at another time.

Exhibitors will be asked if they wish to add a poem, or piece of prose, to have displayed adjacent to their work. We plan to have a small catalogue listing titles, price (if the piece is for sale) and also a short biography of the artists.

If you have any questions, or want to submit a painting for the exhibition then please contact **April Feng, Elizabeth Hanna or Shelagh Roberts**.



Clonallon and Warrenpoint Select Vestry Barbecue

After serving for twenty-one years Maude recently retired as secretary to the Vestry and very kindly organised a party at her home for the Vestry members. A great time was had by all.

Bill Major



United Service in Clonallon 29th June



Photo: Elfie Sherry

The Anglican Ensemble led the singing at the United Service, this photo taken as they gathered for rehearsal before our worship began. It is always good when we meet together for these services. The next one is in Warrenpoint at the end of August.



Parish Weekend

We gathered from both parishes, An Cuan with friends and family from Germany to enjoy fun together and sample Jan's famous barbecue. Thanks to Jan and the others for providing such a feast. The surroundings at the Kilbroney Centre are perfect for a relaxing afternoon.

With the rather unsettled weather the food was served in the dining room where some remained to eat, while the more hardy souls went out to the picnic tables.

A duck hunt added to the entertainment with prizes awarded for selected numbers.



Sunday morning was dull but dry so we set up Holy Communion outside. Liz and Annie began to rehearse the music and handbells were ready under the gazebo.

However, just as it turned eleven o'clock

a few spits of rain fell and we all moved into the dining hall ... many hands making light work of carrying everything in! A beautiful united celebration of Holy Communion was enjoyed by the entire congregation. Most folk brought picnics and we stayed at the centre throughout the afternoon having fellowship and appreciating the beauty all around (and walking the dogs).



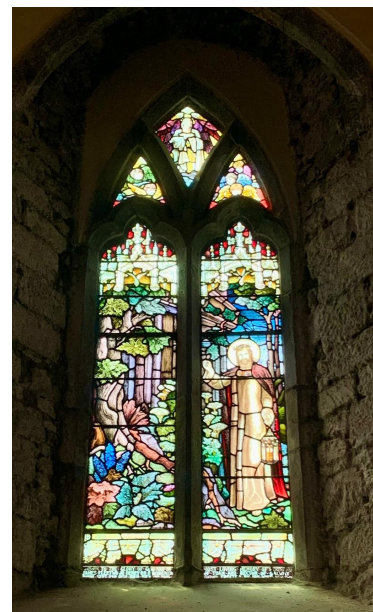
Saint Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway

On one of the warmest days in June Mellissa and I travelled to Galway city to do some tourist stuff. Parked just opposite Saint Nicholas' we paid the modest entrance fee and enjoyed the cool of the ancient church ... 705 years old ... the largest medieval church in continuous use as a place of worship.

A friendly guide, Ann, welcomed us and pointed out the ancient font still being used for baptisms ... I wasn't too sure that I'd like to be carrying a baby down those steps!



The Rector, the Very Rev Lynda Peilow appeared at this point so we chatted a while as she pointed out various parts of the building that would interest us. So off we then went to explore. There were other visitors in the building but there was a sense of prayer all around and folk spoke in hushed tones. I took a few moments to light some candles and pray for friends who are sick.

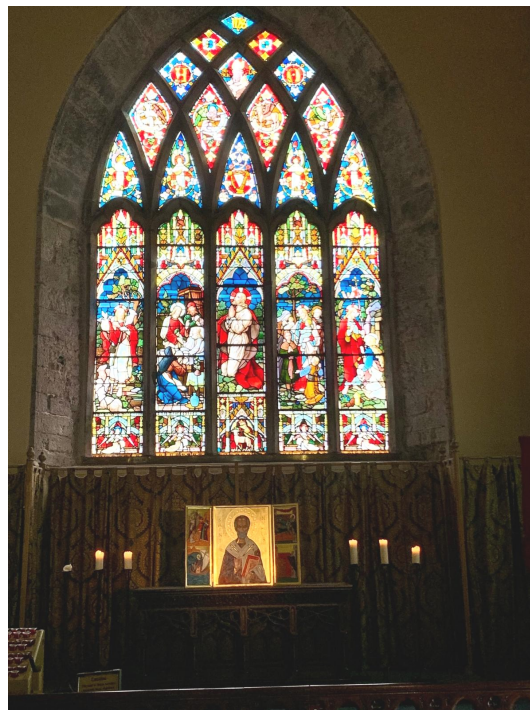


With such a long history there are many reminders of notable events and people associated with the church. I was fascinated to learn that in 1477 **Christopher Columbus** stopped to pray in this building!

Nearly two centuries later the church had another visitor, this time **Oliver Cromwell**. It is believed that he had the horses stabled in the building and, as he did in so many other places, he ordered the removal of the faces of saints and angels which he believed to be idolatry. There is a very interesting sequel to that—he missed one! This little survivor is now known as the **Smug Angel**!



The **Connaught Rangers** trace their history to 1793 and participated in many wars including the Boer War, WW1 before being disbanded in 1922.



The stained glass windows would provide a separate study both from their beauty and in the stories they depict. Some of the windows in the building are clear glass so together they create a sacred space that is both colourful and bright.

That visit ended with a good browse around the gift shop and reminders from a number of folk that there are refreshments after the Sunday service! They wanted us to return!

Sunday morning, a slightly cooler day, and a pleasant drive back to Galway city, this time to park in the church grounds. We were early enough to give Rock a walk and to take a look at the street market already setting up just outside the church railings. Talk about a church in the middle of a city! As the website says:

The church in the heart of the city with the city at its heart



The worship space is ordered around the holy table with very comfortable, solid oak (?) chairs. Lynda had explained to us that a number of different seating plans had been tried, including a traditional one, but people prefer the current arrangement. The pulpit is very high and I get the feeling that it isn't used. The Rev Alistair spoke from the lectern.

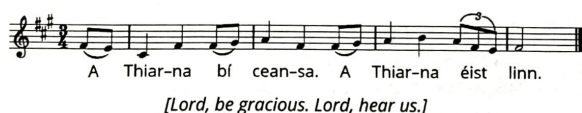
The eleven o'clock service for the First Sunday after Trinity was Sung Eucharist. With the Schola Cantorum (choir) on summer recess we enjoyed the ministry of a Cantor. I felt right at home when the microphones weren't working; but the Cantor, Lynda, and the Curate Assistant, Alistair, managed just fine!

The congregation of all ages and nationalities joined heartily in responses, both said and sung. The OT and Epistle were read by members of the congregation. At the Gospel Acclamations the Rev Lynda took the Book of the Gospels from the Holy Table to the middle of the people where she read the lesson appointed, the one about healing "Legion" and the herd of swine.

For the intercessions (led by folk in the congregation) there was a lovely sung response:

A Thiarna éist linn. [*Lord, hear us.*]

All respond:



Sharing the peace took ages as folk wandered around everywhere looking for new faces to bless each other with the peace of the Lord. What a beautiful welcome!

When it came to the distribution of the bread and wine folk gathered around the table in a semi-circle, maybe about thirty at a time, where Lynda and Alistair distributed the bread (wafers!). Then we moved to receive the cup from lay assistants.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

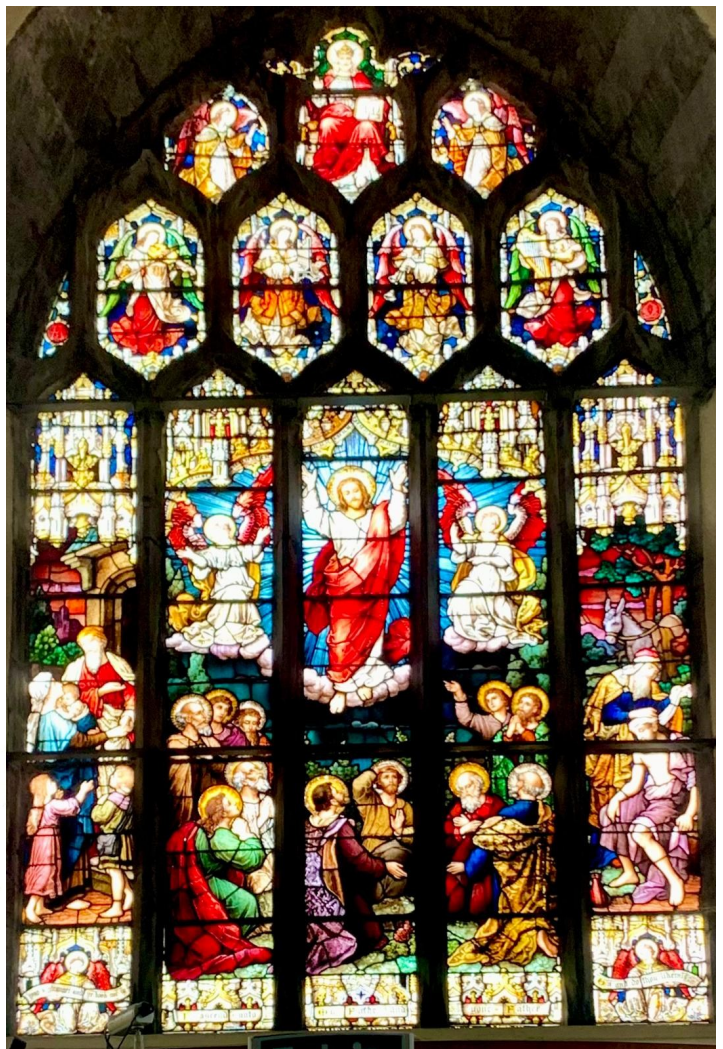


After the blessing we responded to the dismissal, again by singing!



What a joy it was to worship in Saint Nicholas'. The entire service from the welcome at the beginning to the great refreshments at the end was a time of blessing. There is in the building, but especially in the people, a warmth and spirituality that touches all who worship or visit there.

There's a lightness and openness to embrace everyone from whatever background or nation. Galway is a city of sanctuary and so too Saint Nicholas' is a church of sanctuary.



Spring Clean at KPC

“Spring Clean” on Saturday 28th June in KPC. “**Great teamwork this morning**” said Stewart. A huge number of parishioners rolled up their sleeves, brought spades, hoes, brushes and gloves, and set to work sweeping leaves, pruning bushes, cleaning windows, removing moss, washing railings, and, before any of us started, Joan baked the most delicious fluffy scones for the mid-morning break. There was another team in the kitchen, Gillian, Janet and Myrtle who had everything ready for the now weary outside teams. “**Thank you**” is hardly enough to let everyone know our appreciation. If you didn’t get a chance to be involved on this occasion, don’t panic! We’ve planned another “**Big Clean Up**” for **13th September!** It makes a huge difference when we all get together to keep KPC looking good. The pictures tell the story.





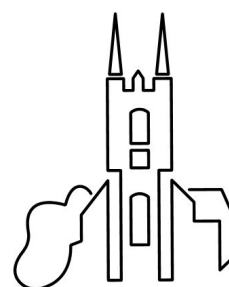
Having found myself unexpectedly at Church for the cleanup, my empty hands found a brush and started on the path out the back.

I can't say I broke a sweat before I found myself being called in for scones and tea, but they were more than welcome as a break from the humidity outside. Thank you to Joan for the lovely scones and to the tea ladies and also to the nameless individual who provided the luscious jam donuts.

Breaking a sweat however came easily afterwards as I attached myself to the steps after having walked up them and seeing the weeds climbing out of the cracks.

Nothing speaks more of dilapidation than errant weeds and moss! Maybe with the church grounds full of busy bodies and for the fact that I was wielding the yard brush in quite an unruly manner, with my head down, I had myself convinced no one would look at me twice, so I was quite surprised to hear a voice behind me ask if they could have a look inside. Of Course! Of Course! Stepping aside it felt good to have nice clean (weed-free) steps to offer for the two strangers to ascend as their first impression of Kilbroney Church.

X Pauline Coffey



Saint Bronach's
Kilbroney Parish Church

Saint Luke Painting the Virgin (c.1565) Giorgio Vasari

Luke 10:1-9

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."'

Reflection on the Fresco Painting

Saint Luke the Evangelist was the writer of the one of the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Born in Antioch, a city in modern-day Turkey, he was believed to be a physician by profession, according to early tradition.

Luke was not one of the original twelve apostles but was a close companion of Saint Paul, accompanying him on several missionary journeys. His Gospel offers a unique perspective, emphasising the universality of Christ's message. Luke portrays Jesus as the Saviour for all people, not just the Jewish nation. This inclusivity is seen in his attention to Gentiles, outcasts, the marginalised, and the poor, highlighting themes of compassion and social justice. For example, the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, unique to Luke, emphasise mercy, forgiveness, and love for one's neighbour, regardless of status or background. Luke is thought to have died at an old age in Greece, around 84 AD.

Saint Luke is also the patron saint of artists, a title largely attributed to the ancient tradition that he was an artist himself. According to legend, Luke painted several portraits of the Virgin Mary and Christ, which contributed to his association with the visual arts. While there is no definitive historical evidence of his artistic work, this tradition endured throughout the Middle Ages and beyond, and Luke became closely linked with the practice of sacred art.

His detailed and vivid descriptions in the Gospel, are indeed rendered like an artist applying paint onto a canvas, capturing a beautiful picture of Christ and his message. The emotional depth of his subjects, further reinforces a connection to the creative arts. As a result, Saint Luke has been revered by artists as a model of inspiration and dedication to the beauty of the divine through both word and image.

In the Eastern Church, Saint Luke is especially revered as the original iconographer, credited with 'writing' the first icon of the Virgin Mary. Over the centuries, many artists have depicted this scene by showing Saint Luke seated before an easel, painting a portrait of the Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus. In our painting by Giorgio Vasari, Saint Luke is portrayed creating this sacred image, accompanied by a winged ox. The ox symbolises the sacrificial nature of Christ's ministry, while the wings signify the spread of the Gospel across the world. This fresco is found in the Chapel of Saint Luke at the Basilica della Santissima Annunziata in Florence, a resting place for many renowned artists, including Benvenuto Cellini and Pontormo.

Giorgio Vasari (1511–1574), was an Italian painter, architect, and writer, best known for his work *Lives of the Most Excellent Painters, Sculptors, and Architects*, which is considered the foundation of art historical writing. He was instrumental in shaping the Renaissance's view of its own artistic achievements, providing detailed biographies of key figures like Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, and his work helped establish the idea of the artist as a creative genius.

Fr. Patrick van der Vorst

Patrick van der Vorst is a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster. Born and raised in Bruges he attended a Benedictine boarding school near Ghent, studying Latin-Greek before obtaining his Masters in Law at the University of Leuven. At age 24 Patrick moved to London. He was a Director of Sotheby's Europe and worked 25 years in the art world including Sotheby's in Bond Street. From 1995 till 2010, he was an auctioneer and Head of the Furniture Department, where he sold the collections of the Duke & Duchess of Windsor, Elton John and Turn & Taxis; and he is also a specialist in 18th century French furniture. He sold his own valuation company in 2018 and in the following year he began studying for the priesthood.





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