**The Church of Ireland (Anglican/Episcopalian)**

**Services in Drogheda, Ardee and Kilsaran Unions of Parishes**

There will be a mid-week celebration of Holy Communion in St. Peter’s, each Wednesday at 10 a.m

**Sunday 2nd January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas**

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| 08.15am | Holy Communion  | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 09:45am | Holy Communion | St. Mary’s Abbey, Ardee |
| 10.00 am | Morning Prayer | Castlebellingham |
| 11.15 am | Morning Prayer | Dunleer |
| 11.30 am | Holy Communion | St. Peter’s Drogheda |

**Sunday 9th January -1st Sunday after Epiphany**

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| 08.15am | Holy Communion  | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 09:45am | Morning Prayer | St. Mary’s Abbey, Ardee |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion | Castlebellingham |
| 11.30am | Morning Prayer | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 4pm | Evening Prayer | Drumcar |

**Sunday 16th January - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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| 08.15am | Holy Communion  | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 09:45am | Holy Communion | St. Mary’s Abbey, Ardee |
| 10.00am | Morning Prayer | Castlebellingham |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer | Dunleer |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion | St. Peter’s Drogheda |

**Sunday 23rd January– 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

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| 08.15am | Holy Communion  | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 09:45am | Morning Prayer | St. Mary’s Abbey, Ardee |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Dunleer |
| 11.30 am | Morning Prayer  | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 4pm | Evening Prayer | Dunany |

**Sunday 30th January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

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| 08.15am | Holy Communion  | St Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 09.45am | Morning Prayer | St. Mary’s Abbey, Ardee |
| 10.00am | Morning Prayer | Castlebellingham |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion | St. Peter’s. Drogheda |

**Sunday 6th February- 4th Sunday before Lent**

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| 08.15am | Holy Communion  | St. Peter’s, Drogheda |
| 09:45am | Holy Communion  | St. Mary’s Abbey, Ardee |
| 10.00am | Morning Prayer | Castlebellingham |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer  | Dunleer |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion | St.Peter’s, Drogheda |

In Touch

**Drogheda, Ardee and Kilsaran Union of Parishes**

**JANUARY 2022**

A Happy New Year to you all. I hope it will be a better one than last year.

We had such hopes in Christmas 2020 that Christmas 2021 would see all freely gathering and then omicron arrived. So many people’s plans had to be changed, postponed, shelved. One thing is very clear: the vaccines are working: despite the high levels of transmissibility, the level of serious illness is lower. Many people seem to be able to recover at home. It is important (and difficult) to get a PCR test as not having one will adversely affect the covid cert and the isolation rules for close contact.

**JEAN DOUGLAS**

Many former Dundalk Grammar students will be saddened to hear of the death of Miss Jean Douglas. Her funeral took place in Virginia, Co Cavan on 16th December.

**TRACTOR RUN**

Sandra Byrne organised a very successful Christmas tractor run at the beginning of December, which raised €5000. The proceeds will be given to Castlebellingham First Responders. The plan is to instal defibrillators in Dromiskin, Dunleer and Castlebellingham. Well done to all involved.

**CAROL SERVICES**

We had successful carol services in St Peter’s, St Mary’s Ardee and St Mary’s Castlebellingham, all held within covid guidelines. The churches looked lovely, thank you to all our talented decorators. The children’s ‘not quite a nativity’ took place in Dunleer. With two distanced microphones and the help of Mike Buchanan and Ian Moore, seventeen children read the nativity story for us, the congregation and some soloists (Arlo, Dan, Amelia, Jane) provided a ‘Greek chorus’, the children dressed up, but stayed in their family group, in their pews. Sandra Byrne (organist) and her daughter, Sarah, assisted by cousin Jane Byrne, (violinists) accompanied. It was Jane’s first time playing in church, she played again on Christmas morning. It is wonderful to see new talent coming on.

**SERVICES and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thank you to ordinand Mike Buchanan, who took the services in Castlebellingham and Dunleer on 5th December and to the Rev’d David Murphy who regularly takes services in Ardee. Thank you, Ian Moore for putting together the Sunday School talks for Castlebellingham and Dunleer.

Sunday School talks will continue in Castlebellingham on the second Sunday and in Dunleer on the fourth Sunday. Children need church too, covid has deprived them of proper Sunday School, there are lots of lovely children’s bibles on the market. If parents take the time to read bible stories to their children, it is the very best quality time.

**SOME OF MY FAVOURITE CHILDREN’S BIBLES**

The Usborne Illustrated Children’s bible is beautifully and simply done, very suitable for pre-school age.

The Lion Children’s Bible is excellent for primary school children.

The Lion Graphic Bible is in comic book form; even teenagers will read this.

**MONEY MATTERS**

If you wish to contribute to St Peter’s, there is a ‘Donation’ button on the website and the BIC and IBAN are below:

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE18AIBK93209470870184

**THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

Leon Hughes

Mary Matthews

Thomas Clarke

Niall Black

Tony Waldron

Alice Whyte

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO IN TOUCH**

If you have any contributions/noteworthy dates which you would like included in

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Clergy

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If you are a newcomer to the parish, please fill in this form and hand it to the clergy or a churchwarden as you leave.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The Archbishop has given us a date for Confirmation: Sunday 5 June at 11:30 in St. Peter’s.

We plan to start in St Peter’s Parish Hall on 1 March at 6 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

TUESDAYS 6-7 pm on 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 MARCH and 3, 10, 17, 24 MAY

REHEARSAL IN CHURCH

TUESDAY 31 MAY 6-7 pm

ALL ABOVE DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

Classes will be conducted by the rector, Ian Moore (DGS Chaplain) and Joyce.

We are still accepting registration for the classes. Please register with Joyce.

Email: moorejoyce72@gmail.com and please supply the following information:

Child’s Full name

Date of birth

Date of baptism (as accurately as you can remember)

Place of baptism

Parents’/guardians’ names

Home Address

Contact number for at least one parent/guardian

Email of parent/guardian