**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 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 |

**Sunday 13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent**

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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 | Castlebellingham |
| 11.30 am | Morning Prayer | St. Peter’s Drogheda |
| 4pm | Evening Prayer | Drumcar |

**Sunday 20th February – 2nd 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 |

**Sunday 27th February – 1st Sunday in Lent**

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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 | Dunleer |
| 11.30am | Morning Prayer | St. Peter’s Drogheda |
| 4pm | Evening Prayer | Dunany |

**Sunday 6th March – 2nd Sunday in Lent**

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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 |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion | St. Peter’s Drogheda |

In Touch

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

**FEBRUARY 2022**

We can smile at the expression ‘a grand stretch’ in the evenings, but it lifts the spirits to see some extra daylight, the new snowdrops, the first crocus and to hear the good news on the covid front. We will not dispense with all of our covid mitigations: please continue to wear masks in church, to sanitize and when we have the space, to maintain social distancing. Many of our parishioners do not yet feel safe venturing into crowded spaces; those small mitigations are little trouble and might go some way to allay fears.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY 18 MARCH**

At a Zoom meeting with the clergy on Thursday 27th January, the Archbishop said that he would like us to mark the public holiday with a service to acknowledge the lifting of restrictions. He will attend the service; it will be one for the whole of Co. Louth. The themes will be remembering all who have died in loneliness and fear during the pandemic, acknowledgement of the difficulties people have experienced, the extraordinary dedication to duty many have shown, and thanksgiving for coming safely thus far. Further information will be published in next month’s ‘In Touch’.

**CONDOLENCES**

We were saddened by the death of Mrs Helen Fryer, of Moorehall, who died on 2nd January. Helen had organised for her body to be given to medical research, a Memorial Service was held in St Mary’s Church, Ardee on 14th January. We extend our prayers and sympathies to her husband, Blaise, her son David, her grandchildren Elaine, Siobhan, Mark and Michael.

**FORTHCOMING WEDDING**

As the country re-opens again we are delighted to write that a wedding will take place in St. Peter’s. Joanne Allen, daughter of Lizanne and Ken, will marry John Dolan, son of Margaret and Paddy, in St Peter’s on Friday 11th March.

**ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT**

Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March. There will be the usual Wednesday services at 10 am in St Peter’s and also Wednesday Lent services in the other churches. Each service will be at 7.30 pm

2nd March Ash Wednesday Castlebellingham

9th March Ardee

16th March`` Drumcar

23rd March Dunleer

30th March Ardee

6th April Dunany

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES** will be published in the March issue of ‘In Touch’.

**CONFIRMATION**

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

We plan to start classes 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, and on 31 MAY rehearsal in Church

**ALL ABOVE DATES TO BE CONFIRMED**

Classes will be conducted by the Mr Ian Moore, Dr Iain Jamieson and Joyce.

Anyone who has not already done so, 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

**MUSIC FOR CONFIRMATION**

As the service is for the whole rural deanery, all the organists and choir directors will have an input into what is chosen. We hope to have members of St Nicholas’ choir and it would be wonderful if we had singers from our group of parishes to join with them. Arrangements for choir practices will be published in the March ‘In Touch’.

**GRAVEYARD POLICY**

Thank you to the graveyard committee in St Mary’s Ardee, who have put together a realistic and fair graveyard policy. It will be circulated to local undertakers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Those ill in hospital, nursing home or their own homes.

Those whose work brings them into personal danger.

Those affected by war or civil instability.

That war in Ukraine will be avoided.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO IN TOUCH**

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

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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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