**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 1st May – Third Sunday of Easter**

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| 8.15am | 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 8th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday 15th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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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 |
| 11.30pm | Holy Communion | St. Peter;s, Drogheda |

**Sunday 22nd May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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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 | Holy Communion  | St. Peter’s Drogheda |
| 4pm | Evening Prayer | Dunany |

**Sunday 29th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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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 5th June - PENTECOST**

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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 |
| **11.15am** | **NO SERVICE** | **Dunleer** |
| **11.30am** | **CONFIRMATION** | **St. Peter’s, Drogheda** |

In Touch

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

**MAY 2022**

**CONDOLENCES**

We offer our condolences to the family of Ivor Bell. Ivor’s funeral took place in St Peter’s on 28th April. The burial followed to Donore cemetery. Thank you to: Helen, Karen, James, Hazel and Eugene for their invaluable assistance.

**HOLY BAPTISM**

We welcome Elsie Alma Marshall to our church family. Elsie was baptized in Dunleer church on Sunday 24th April.

**HOLY COMMUNION in the NEW CHAPEL**

Because of a three-day recording session in the church, we held our first Wednesday Holy Communion service in the new chapel in the refurbished Blue School. Thank you, Helen, for facilitating this; it is good to have a sacred space for meditation or for occasional small services.

**CONFIRMATION**

Classes resume on Tuesday 3rd May. The first one will be conducted by Mr Mike Buchanan, ordinand, and we hope to use the new chapel/meeting room in the Blue School. To access this, go through the main gates of the churchyard, and up the steps on the right.

Classes take place at 6 pm, each Tuesday in May, with the class on Tuesday 27th May in the church as a rehearsal for the Confirmation Service on 5th May at 11:30.

**CHOIR PRACTICES**

We hope to hold choir practices for the confirmation. These will take place on:

Thursday 12th May 7.00 pm St Mary’s Church, Ardee

(earlier than others)

Thursday 19th May 7.30 pm St Peter’s Church, Drogheda

Thursday 26th May 7.30 pm St Mary’s Church, Castlebellingham

Tuesday 30th May 7.30 pm St Nicholas’ Church, Dundalk

If you like singing, please come along to all of them. NO EXPERTISE NEEDED! If anyone needs a lift, please let Joyce know and we will try to arrange something.

**PALM SUNDAY**

The students of St Peter’s NS read the Dramatised Passion on Palm Sunday. They read beautifully. Thank you Ms Williams, Mr Jenkinson and Mr Callan for accompanying them to the rehearsals and thank you Ms McKenna for facilitating it. The whole congregation appreciated the effort the children and their teachers put in.

In the last issue, I had asked if anyone had palm branches we could use. Thank you, Ian Shearwood, for the lovely big bunch you delivered to my door.

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETINGS**

12:30 Sunday 15th May Drogheda *(after morning service)*

20:00 Tuesday 10th May Kilsaran Union

20:00 Thursday 12th May Ardee

**NEW TERM**

We wish all teachers and students a happy new term. It is a tough one for those taking Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams and for the sixth class of the primary schools. It is always difficult facing exams and/or change to a new school/university; these last two years have been made so much more difficult with covid restrictions and absences.

Just remember that examiners don’t want to ‘catch you out’; they want you to show them what you have learned. Speaking as a teacher, it is my

experience that the Department of Education has always made allowances for circumstances outside a student’s control. God’s plan for your life might not exactly match your plan, but I guarantee God’s plan is the better one.

**With every blessing,**

**Joyce**

**ORCHARD WALK FUNDRAISER**

There will be an apple blossom orchard walk fundraiser for the Irish Red Cross Appeal, May 7th and 8th from 11 am to 4 pm in Corderry Fruit and Veg, Knockbridge, Dundalk A91N62R.

Admission free.

*(This is an initiative by some of the Dundalk Presbyterian parishioners.)*

**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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