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Dear Friends,

First of all a big thank you to the parishioners of Aghancon for the wonderful welcome they gave to members of our Diocesan Synod. We met in the new, beautiful and extremely well equipped Community Hall. Sylvia Simpson of the Church of Ireland’s Priorities Fund was amazed that the hall was built without her knowing about it, and receiving an application for funding. She was assured that there was a letter in the post! Seriously if your parish is considering a project to do with mission or ministry, do think about the Priorities Fund, it is there to help us in our outreach. Have a look at their website www.priorities.ireland.anglican.org.

Last Sunday I visited St Michael’s Limerick, followed by St Mary’s Cathedral to bring them some good news. The Revd. Sandra Pragnell has accepted the post of Dean of Limerick and Rector of Limerick City Parish. Sandra has been Rector of the Dundalk Group of parishes since 2005 and has done a wonderful job there. As well as working hard as a Rector she has found time to reflect and learn as she goes. She was awarded an MA (1st Class) in Pastoral Leadership specializing on “Spirituality and the Older Person: an ecumenical case study of two west Dublin parishes”. And if that wasn’t enough she is studying for a Doctorate in Ministry at Milltown Institute in Dublin.

Sandra serves on the Church of Ireland’s Liturgical Advisory Committee and she has been a tutor in Theological Reflection for NSM ordinands at the Church of Ireland Training College, from 2004-2008. She chaired the Archbishop of Dublin’s Working Group on combating racism and co-authored the report “Welcoming Angels”. From 2011 she serves on the General Synod, the Inter-Faith working Group of the General Synod’s Commission on Christian Unity and Dialogue.

Sandra notes her special areas of interest are Collaborative Ministry, Liturgy and Music, Ecumenism, Mission and Justice. She has been involved in supporting Asylum seekers and was a founder member of Friends of Sabeel (Ireland), an ecumenical grassroots biblically-based theology movement among Palestinian Christians in East Jerusalem. Sandra loves animals, walking in the countryside and entertaining friends. Sandra will be moving to Limerick in October. Her Service of Installation will take place in St. Mary’s Cathedral, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th October. Lets pray for Sandra and for Limerick City Parish as they begin a new chapter in their ministry.

While we welcome a new Dean of Limerick, we are saying goodbye to the Dean of Killaloe. The Very Revd. Dr. Stephen White has decided to move to England, following the rest of his family! Frances now has a University job there, both Sam and Charles are studying in England, and it will also be good for the family to be closer to grandparents. Stephen is our resident theologian (!) who likes us to believe he is something of a heretic. If he was, it certainly would make life interesting, but unfortunately, try as I might, I haven’t been able to find any proof to substantiate his claim. Seriously, we thank Stephen for the contribution he has made to the Diocese and wish him, and his family well in their move and every blessing on Stephen’s new ministry in the Diocese of Guildford.

Last Sunday, the Revd. Lucy Green was ordained priest and among those who sponsored her was the entire Sunday School. We offer Lucy our congratulations and every blessing as she enters a new phase of her ministry in Killaloe Group of Parishes.

Wishing you all well and a sun drenched summer (!)

Your Bishop +Trevor

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The Bishop Writes

Diocesan Calendar

(for updates: see diocesan web site – www.limerick.anglican.org)

29th June-3rd July – Summer Madness, Glenarm Forset Park, Co Antrim.

15th-21st July – UDYC Junior Summer Camp, Muckross, Co Kerry.

28th July-8th August – Leargas funded trip to Companion Diocese in Germany.

17th-20th August – Roscrea Flower Festival.

19th-25th August - UDYC Summer Camp, Bandon, Co Cork.

20th September – Diocesan Council.
The September issue will be published for Sunday 2nd September 2012. All material to be included must reach the Editor by Friday 17th August 2012 before 6.00pm, by e-mail only. Late material cannot be guaranteed insertion.

In addition to parochial news, the Editor is delighted to receive articles and letters for publication, as well as suggestions as to how Newslink can be improved.

Please note: names and addresses of contributors must be given, and all letters printed will include name and address unless otherwise agreed with the Editor. All material dealing with parish matters must first be cleared with the Rector of the parish concerned.

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Dear Reader

It is tempting to believe that for all our cleverness we are irremediably foolish as a species.

How many of us even noticed the UN ‘Rio + 20’ Earth Summit held in Brazil in June? It was completely overshadowed by financial crisis and football. World leaders agreed a plan which they declared to be ‘a pathway for a sustainable century’. But many observers believe it is much too little too late to steer our threatened planet toward a future in which all our children can flourish. The facts speak for themselves: despite the optimism following the first Earth Summit 20 years ago, little effective action has been taken. Global emissions driving damaging climate change have risen by 48%, 300 million hectares of forest have been cleared, world population has grown by 1.6 billion, and one in six people still do not have enough to eat.

But we know as Christians that we are redeemable. We are people of hope who are called to be Christ’s body and hands and feet and eyes, to do his work here on earth. So what should we be doing? Here are two things to consider.

First, we can celebrate Creation Time, 1st September - 4th October, ideally with other Christians and people of other faiths and none, in order to build political support for what needs to be done – you might consider asking local public representatives to join you. The theme this year is ‘Sustainable Energy in Creation’ and resources to help you will be available in July from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (website cbti.org.uk).

Second, we can educate ourselves on how to care for God’s planet. Eco-Congregation Ireland has a wealth of helpful materials online, and they are holding their first two-day conference on 14th-15th September at Dromantine, Co Down, with an impressive line-up of speakers and workshops (website ecocongregationireland.com).

God bless,
Joc Sanders
OLIVE SPENCER

Members throughout Ireland were grieved to hear of the death of Olive Spencer, former Diocesan President of Limerick and Killaloe and All Ireland Vice-President. Her funeral on Friday 18th May was attended by many members, led by the All Ireland President, Mrs. Ruth Mercer and the current Diocesan President, Mrs. Ina Blackwell. Olive was a devoted member of Mothers’ Union for many years and served in many capacities. Her enthusiasm knew no bounds! She will be sadly missed and we extend to her family our deep sympathy at this sad time. We give thanks for wonderful memories of a very special person.

CASHEL & OSSORY MU VISIT TO KILLALOE

Members were delighted to join with a Mothers’ Union group from Cashel and Ossory at a service of Holy Communion in St. Flannan’s Cathedral on 4th May. The visitors were having a short break in Co. Clare. Our thanks to Betty Brislane who organised the refreshments.

MUMS IN MAY TEA PARTIES

During the month of May quite a lot of branches held Tea Parties as part of the 125 year anniversary celebrations of Mothers Union in Ireland and, to date, the donations received from these functions is in excess of €1500.00. Well done to all who organised and prepared for these parties.

TEA TIME TREATS COOK BOOK

The “Tea Time Treats” cook books have sold very well and out of 250 copies which this Diocese were allotted there are only about 12 copies left. We have not heard as yet who won the armchair Quiz, or how many got all the answers!

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Looking forward, there will be a Service of Celebration in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 23rd September at 3.30 pm at which the preacher will be Rt. Rev. Ken Clarke, Bishop of Kilmore and World Wide Chaplain of Mothers Union. It is hoped that a number of people will be able to attend from the Diocese and an approximate number will be required by the end of August so please get in touch with the branch leader in your area if you are interested.

Wishing everyone all the best for July and August and that you enjoy a hopefully fine summer and will come back refreshed for the next season’s activities.

The Girls Friendly Society

ROSCREA BRANCH

Girls and Leaders have been very busy since Easter. Badge work was completed. We visited Bramber’s Studio Shinrone where the girls brought home a lovely decorated peat pot. We had our service at the end of May. Isabella Roe was enrolled as a Junior Candidate, Pamela Wallace and Sandra Wakefield enrolled as Leaders. It is wonderful to have two new Leaders. This year there was a surprise for the Family Evening. The girls were shown how to make shortbread biscuits, decorate buns and make sugar paste roses. Parents came to view the year’s work, presentation of prizes, badges, All Ireland Cup for Crafts – congratulations to Leah. Gifts to girls leaving National School followed. Ten girls and one Leader went to the Diocesan Camp in Bandon and had a really great weekend - the best ever!!! We finished with our outing to Tayto Park in Kilbrew. Many thanks to the girls, leaders and parents for your support during the year.

CLOUGHJORDAN BRANCH

Congratulations to Valerie Lewis who was awarded third prize in the All Ireland Competition. We were delighted to have Mrs. Carol Talbot with us to present the girls with their badges at our Open Evening. Carol was a leader in Borrisokane for many years and some of our girls started out with her. Following the Badge Presentation we had our ”Talent Show”.. All the girls began by singing the GFS hymns, which was followed by items from “Joseph”, nursery rhymes and a performance of “Waterline” – Jedward eat your heart out!, together with a short play. We were accompanied on the keyboard by Mr. John Armitage and greatly appreciate his expertise. We are very proud of all the girls and thank parents and friends for all their support. The evening ended with refreshments and a raffle.

Seven girls attended the Diocesan Camp in Bandon with Grace, Gillian Grant, Sandra and Michelle. We would like to wish all our girls and their families an enjoyable summer break and look forward to GFS in September.

BIRR BRANCH

Girls and leaders finished the year with a Beetle Drive and the presentation of All Ireland Bible Study prizes - Emma Phair received 2nd prize in the Members 11-13 section and Leah Shaw received 3rd prize in the Junior Members section. Well done to everyone.

NENAGH BRANCH

At the final meeting the girls received their badges from Jean Blackwell and made some lovely crafts. There are great plans for GFS in Nenagh next year so if you are
interested in joining or helping please contact Rose Langley (087-6758896) – all welcome. Many thanks to all our leaders, parents and girls for supporting GFS.

DIOCESAN SYNOD
Many thanks to June Wallace from Roscrea for attending Synod on behalf of GFS.

DIOCESAN CAMP
GFS Camp was a most wonderful and fun filled weekend for all who attended - special report in the next issue of Newslink

UP COMING EVENTS
Family Fun Evening – Friday, 21st September at 7.30 pm in Cloughjordan.
GFS World Prayer Day - 29th September.
Wishing all our girls, leaders, helpers and friends a very restful summer – let us hope we get some sunshine.
Rose Langley
Diocesan President

We are grateful to those who have helped and supported us in these early days and delighted that the boys have thrown themselves so enthusiastically into all that we have prepared for them! We look forward to returning in September, increasing to twice per month.

THE FIRST TRALEE COMPANY
The First Tralee Company of The Boys’ Brigade held their Parents’ evening on Friday June 1st. The Children gave a marching display, followed by games and an overview of our programme throughout the year. The children also read a poem penned by former Captain, David Tough, to celebrate our 21st birthday. Awards on the night went to Alison McEvoy and Adam Peevers for uniform presentation. Attendance awards went to Marc Roberts-Kenny and Orla Rusk. A special friendship award was given to Jason Roche for his outstanding friendship to new members. The William Fitzell Trophy was awarded to Anchor Section member Amy Darcy. The Pam Cooke Trophy was award to Junior Section member Caroline Fitzell.

Captain Collette Price would like to thank all the leaders, John Ahern, Colin Boyle, Desire Busingye, Dawn Roberts and David Tough without whose dedication and commitment the Company could not continue to meet. If you would like to enroll your son/daughter in the Boys’ Brigade please contact Captain Collette Price on 086-318 8736 or 066-712 0881.

1ST NENAGH COMPANY
Our newly-enrolled boys entered the Olympics last week! The Munsters vs The Tipps raced against each other in sacks, with eggs & spoons and 3-legged (and more)!

We will give out the prizes during our end of year trip to Truroe Pet Farm next Friday which we are all looking forward to. Ger’s spiritual section was teaching the boys about Jehoshaphat and the Dads were taken care of too with some creatively designed Fathers’ Day cards.

Nenagh boys make Fathers’ Day Cards

Nenagh Wheelbarrows!
As I write these notes on the eve of the longest day of the year, with the noticeably bright evenings, I cannot help but look forward to the summer months, as I’m sure many Newslink readers are also. I especially refer to those young people in our United Dioceses who are completing their examinations, after a busy and stressful year. Thoughts of holidays and freedom are bound to be in the minds of many, which is welcome, and I would also encourage all to enjoy the summer, but perhaps also to consider the opportunities which life in our Church communities can offer. I speak not only of the tireless work of our Diocesan Youth Council, whose events filled with the three Fs (that’s Fun, Faith, and Fellowship!) are a chance to share in unique experiences of activities, friendship (with friends both old and new), and faith exploration, on a journey of spiritual discovery with those your own age, engaging with God and life together.

ENGAGE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH!

Young people have a part to play not just in the Youth Council, but in the life of the local Church. I think of the contributions I have seen (and have been so moved by) which our youth make to their local youth clubs (through their participation, engagement, and even leadership), Sunday Schools, parish groups and committees, local events and celebrations, and especially in their involvement in Sunday worship, not only by serving in various roles (such as readers, providing music, and many more), but by their commitment to participating in act of worship itself, just by being there on a Sunday morning, not always the ‘coolest’ thing to do, but the fundamental right and duty of us all through our baptism, and surely the highest service any of us can hope to offer to our God. I would just like to take this moment to thank all our young people (and of course, the rest of our Diocesan family), for offering them encouragement as they travel along the life of faith, and hopefully inspiring them to perhaps reflect on how this summer can be for them a time of striving for spiritual growth and reaching for new heights, which I can assure you, is one of the greatest gifts which God can give, but only if we continually remain open to Him, and allow him to work His grace in us. And I pray that this may be so for all our readers.

Until next month, Damian
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UPCOMING EVENTS....

- Junior Summer Camp – Sunday 15th July – Saturday 21st July 2012 – Muckross Youth Venture Centre, Muckross, Killarney, Co Kerry
- Senior Summer Camp - Sunday 19th August – Saturday 25th August 2012 – Carhue Centre, Carhue, Bandon, Co Cork

To see the details of the fantastic activities planned for the guys at the Summer Camps See: limerick.anglican.org/udyc_prog.php, and our regularly updated Facebook page. Or speak with Edward at (087) 2907553.

How Much? The recession-buster fee for each camp will be exact same as last year at €220. A non-refundable deposit of €100 must accompany all bookings. The balance may be paid at the time of booking if desired and is refundable up to the start of the camp. Please contact Edward in confidence if financial support might help.

FUN! FAITH! FELLOWSHIP!

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CAKE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING
Well done to everyone involved in the very successful Cake Sale and Coffee morning. There was a delicious array of cakes, buns and home produce and senior pupils organized some novelty stalls as well as a toy and book stall. Thank you to all the organizers and supporters.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Lauren Ryan on winning a day scholarship to Villiers, a wonderful achievement.

SPIKEBALL
Our ears are still ringing from the sound of whistles following our final spikeball tournament on June 11th! Our four teams played extremely well and everyone enjoyed the day. The pupils were also given the responsibility of umpiring and scoring the games. It certainly made them appreciate the difficult life of a referee and the importance of fairness and impartiality. This was a fun event rather than a competition and a nice way to end our involvement in spikeball for this year.

SCHOOL TOURS
The younger pupils in school had a very enjoyable day in Bunratty Castle where they were also treated to Fossett’s Circus. It was a great day – full of fun!
The senior pupils headed to Fota in Cork and then on to Cork City Gaol. Despite the damp weather everyone had an enjoyable day.

SPORTS DAY
Our annual sports day took place on Friday 15th June. This year we stayed on school grounds as the weather was showery. Despite this there were some exciting races and activities.

TALENT SHOW
This year the pupils entertained staff and parents with some wonderful performances from singing and dancing, violin, guitar and piano playing to magic shows, funny sketches, poetry recitation and a baking demonstration.

GOODBYE TO 6TH CLASS
As we come to the end of the school year we must say goodbye to our 6th class pupils, Hazel, Jeffrey, Isabel, Katy, Conrad, Lauren and Emma and wish them every success as they continue their education in secondary school.

We hope everyone in St. Nicholas’ N.S. has a happy and safe summer break.

ST MICHAEL’S N.S. LIMERICK NEWS
Another school year has come to a close and we have had our annual end-of-year fun activities. Probably everyone’s favourite was the Family Fun Evening held in the school yard on June 19th. We were blessed with a dry, pleasant, warm evening and there was a wonderful turnout from school families, including many former St. Michael’s pupils. Big bouncy castles, hair-braiding, water-darts game, arts and crafts stall, cakes and sweets all made for another memorable event. In particular, 4th and 5th classes together with their teachers, Eleanor Walker and Sally Fossitt, had a wonderful array of items for sale and made a staggering profit of almost €500 – certainly much evidence of up and coming entrepreneurs!

St. Michael’s N.S. has had its very own Euro Championships 2012 and eight mixed teams, comprised of 3rd – 6th class pupils, participated each day in the tournament. Great excitement ensued each day as the highs and lows of winning and losing were experienced on the pitch. This event is a valuable means for both younger and older pupils to mix in their teams and get to know one another a little better.

Our 6th Class pupils are leaving us to move on to their new secondary schools and we would like to wish them all every success and happiness in the future as they continue their educational journey. As we say goodbye to 6th Class, we look forward to welcoming the new Junior Infants to our school and start the whole cycle once again. Sadly, we also say goodbye to Eleanor Walker who has been teaching in the school this year. She returns to St Nicholas’s NS Adare to resume her previous role. We have greatly benefited from her knowledge and expertise and her commitment to all aspects of school life.

CLOUGHJORDAN NO1 N.S.
What a busy month June was! Some of the highlights of the month included:
- Senior School Tour to the Atlantic Airventure Centre, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park and the Crescent Shopping Centre
- French classes for pupils from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Classes with Ms Fanny Healy.
- Visit by 3rd and 4th Classes, by kind invitation, to Cloughjordan Fire Station.
- Safe Cycling Course for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes.
- Nenagh Credit Union Primary Schools Tennis Championships - congratulations to William Mooney, Harry Swan, Stephen Harding and Sam Baker who were runners up in the Division 1 Final, narrowly beaten by Borrisokane N.S.
- Annual School Sports Day. Many thanks to the PTA Committee who organized refreshments on the day and sold ice cream, in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland.
- Visit on Sports Day by those starting in Junior Infants and other classes in school in September 2012. It was lovely to have so many of you with us on the day.
- Family Fun Day and Silent Auction, organised by our PTA, on Sunday 10th June. Thank you most sincerely to everybody who made this day such a wonderful success. The weather was ideal for the occasion and so many people, too numerous to mention here, worked hard in preparation for this event. Thank you to one and all, and especially the Committee, for all the hard work. The event made over €3,500 from which we were delighted to donate €750 to the Heritage and Cultural Centre in Cloughjordan, incorporating a new local library and exhibition area dedicated to the memory of Thomas Mac Donagh.
- Congratulations to Sam Baker who won a scholarship to Kilkenny College. This was a tremendous achievement.
and we are delighted for Sam, his family and his teacher on his success.

School closed for the summer holidays on Tues 26th June when we said goodbye to Sam Baker and Conor Fahy-Davies who are going to Kilkenny College, Ross Speight-Burns who is going to Birr Community College, Chloe Mooney and Emily Greene who are going to Wilson’s Hospital and Sorcha Collins and Ciara Lummis who are going to Borrisokane Community College. We wish these pupils every success and happiness for the future. As we say goodbye to these pupils we also say goodbye to the Baker, Collins, Greene and Fahy-Davies families. They leave us, some after a very long association with the school, with our very best wishes and thanks for all that they did for the school during their many years with us.

We said “Goodbye” to Mr. Casey and Miss Collins who worked as Resource Teachers this year. They leave us with our thanks for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and with our best wishes for the future.

We also say “Goodbye”, but only temporarily, to Miss Whiteford as she goes on career break. While we will all miss her very much we hope that she will really enjoy her time away and wish her all the very best for the school year ahead.

Sincere thanks to the members of the Parent Teacher Association Committee and to the Board of Management who have so much on a voluntary basis throughout the year for the good of the whole school community.

Hope you all have a lovely summer, at home or away, and the sun shines in abundance.

OXMANTOWN N.S.

TRAVELLING THEATRE

M.M. Productions an English travelling theatre company visited Oxmantown School on Friday 25th May with their production of ‘The Railway Children’. This was a really good professional show and a lovely ending to a week!

PARISH FETE

The Parish Fete took place at the School for the first time ever this year, the senior pupils worked so hard to prepare their class room as a tearoom for the event and were rewarded on Monday by a lovely tray of goodies from the ladies of the Parish. The children and their families enjoyed the good weather on the Fete day and were very taken with all the stalls and activities, the zorbing was a particular favourite. Thanks to Zara, Richard and Veronika for running a stall in aid of Swaziland on the day.

SCHOOL TOURS

The pupils from Junior Infants to Second Class visited a farm in Galway and enjoyed a pony ride and even helped with feeding the animals, the only downside was the constant rain. The older pupils went to Lullymore and enjoyed a mix of science, nature, history and of course crazy golf and adventure play. We spent a short time shopping in Portlaoise on our return journey, we had a lovely tour despite the weather.

TRIQO

The fifth and sixth class students entered a competition to build a tower with a new product that is being introduced into Ireland by a shop in Birr, these plastic shapes click together like lego it was fun to build our tower whatever the outcome!

RUGBY BLITZ

Fifth and sixth class pupils took part in a rugby blitz involving all of the local schools at the rugby club. We all got the chance to have our photos taken with the Heineken Cup.

GREEN DAY

Edel O’Conner spoke to all of the children on the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle message before we had a clean-up day on Friday 8th June as part of our efforts towards getting our Green Flag, after our hard work we had a treasure hunt and a little treat at break time. We all wore green and collected money to support Emma Fryday, a past pupil who will be travelling to India this Summer. We are so grateful to Mary Malone and all of the Parents Association who helped the teachers with this event.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emma Phair on winning the McGill cup for excellent academic performance throughout her years at Oxmantown N.S. Emma was also awarded a scholarship to Kilkenny college.

RATHKEALE NO. 2 N.S.

The final month or two at schools are always very busy. Class work is to be finished before time runs out, tests are to be completed and then there are all those “fun days” that are an important part of school life.

Two of our pupils took part in a “Splash and Dash” event in Askeaton recently. Well done to Adam and Mave. This event was organized by Limerick Sports Partnership. About 100 pupils from across West Limerick merged on Askeaton Sports and Leisure Complex for the morning. Children were randomly arranged into groups and groups of about twelve children took part together. They had to swim two lengths of the pool and then run 750 metres immediately afterwards, no time was given to dry off in between.

Our tour to the Glen Resource Centre in Cork was fantastic, All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. We were so lucky with the weather as the day before and even the morning of the tour was very wet. Thankfully the sun came out when it was needed. Activities ranged from the Giga Ball and obstacle courses for the junior pupils to the zip wire and gladiator for the senior pupils. With harnesses and ropes attached children climbed up to great heights and over all sorts of obstacles. The zip wire was one of the highlights and both of our teachers couldn’t resist taking a turn zipping along the 80m line.

Our sports day proved to be very enjoyable too. It was our turn to host the event and we did so in the Rathkeale Soccer Field. Pupils from Coolcappa and Ballysteen joined with us. Again the weather threatened the day but we were lucky to have most of the day dry. By the time of our barbecue the rain had well cleared off and by the time the ice cream van pulled away we had all forgotten that we had got wet earlier on. A big thank you to Downes
Eurospar, Rathkeale for kindly sponsoring our burgers and sausages.

We had a visit from Geoff Hunt who brought us on a walk around the local area to talk about biodiversity. We spotted plenty of animal and plant life right on our doorstep. The highlight of the day was spotting a peregrine falcon on the spire of St Mary’s Church. We all got a close up view through Geoff’s telescope.

On the Monday of Bikeweek the pupils from 4th class to 6th class brought their bicycles to school, some of them cycled in. Limerick Sports Partnership organized a cycle around the town when we joined up with the senior pupils from the other primary schools in Rathkeale. We had a garda escort around the streets following a brief talk about road safety and the rules of the road while cycling.

School closed for the summer following a short end of year service in Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 26th June. It will open again on Monday 3rd September. From September our hours will change by ten minutes, opening at 9am and closing at 2.40 p.m. This is to facilitate the new clustering arrangement with Kilfinny National School.

We say a fond farewell to five pupils who will be leaving Number Two. We wish Maeve, Katie, Amanda, Ana and Oisin well as they move to their new schools in September. We also say farewell and thank you to our learning support and resource teachers, Mrs Eilish Baggott and Miss Aileen O’Connor, both of who will be returning fulltime to St Anne’s National School.

Finally we’d like to wish you all a happy and safe summer wherever it may take you.

GLEBE N S AUGHRIN

This past month has seen great excitement in our Glebe School with two wonderful occasions taking place. An enrolment open day saw 7 new children committed to our school for September bringing our numbers up to a total of 14. Tuesday 12th June (with the exception of one child unable to attend) saw all 6 spend a couple of hours in the school getting to know their fellow pupils and seeing their new uniform for the first time.

It has been a difficult time for our Board of Management but our positive attitude and comprehensive advertising campaign has brought great dividends and tremendous prospects for the years to come.

ST MARY’S N S NENAGH

In staff matters, it has been wonderful to welcome back some familiar faces this term, with the return of Mrs Shine and of Mrs Quin from their respective maternity sabbaticals. Ms. Ryan successfully completed her probationary teaching period this year while covering for Mrs Quin’s class. We thank her for her enthusiastic and committed approach to this role, and her warm presence will be missed.

Despite such unpredictable and often inclement weather lately, we have been blessed with sunshine for all of our outdoor events this term. An exciting trip to Glendeer Pet Farm in Athlone was the highlight of the year for the Junior and Senior Infant classes. From piglets to puppies, llamas to chicks, the children had a fantastic opportunity to see and touch nature. They visited a traditional Irish cottage and saw the mangle, iron, open fire for cooking and the cast iron pots which their great-grandparents would have remembered.

The Senior Classes enjoyed a wonderful day of archery, rafting, kayaking, swimming, orienteering and many other activities at the University of Limerick Adventure World Activity Camp. They climbed ropes, battled on giant trampolines and played soccer on the astroturf pitches on campus.

On Wednesday 13th May, our Annual School Sports Day took place. We were fortunate to have a bright, dry day for the event. The children competed in three teams across a range of races; sprints, relays, egg and spoon, bean bag balance, and basketball dribbling. They displayed a wonderful set of athletic skills and they all cooperated very well in their teams. After the races had been run and the rosettes awarded, it was time for a treat. The Parents Association organised a barbeque and refreshments for the participants and their proud parents. We are very grateful for the Association’s generosity and for their time.

It was with great pride that we accepted our fourth Green Flag for successful completion of the “Transport” element of the programme.

Representing St. Mary’s at the Green Schools Awards ceremony were (l-r) Mainas Kybartos, Emma Gordon, Luke Mooney and Mrs Maher.

As the end of every year draws closer, we think of our pupils who will be moving to Secondary School in September, and to those who are moving away. This year our Sixth Class pupils are; Alex Hayes, Emma Gordon, Ewelina Lach, Jonathan Cope, Scott Harvey and Shannon Morrison. We sadly bid goodbye to Jack Ryan, Emanuel Lustrynowicz, Krisjanis Kantans, Szymon and Martyna Lazar. Our Service for the end of the school year was an opportunity for the whole school community to wish them the very best of luck for the future and to thank each of them for their contribution to school life over the past years. Go n-eiri an bóthar libh!

Our final wish is for our principal Mrs Maher who has recently commenced her maternity leave. We offer our best wishes for wonderful news ahead for Mr and Mrs Maher.

ST CRONAN’S N S ROSCREA

Mini-Olympics

Mini-Olympics were held in May and provided all the usual challenges including relays, javelin, throwing, egg & spoon, dressing up races.

Dean Maxwell

We have enjoyed the friendship formed between our school and The Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Home this year. On June 6th we paid them another visit and sang a selection of “Golden Oldies,” bring smiles all round.

School Tours

Junior & Senior Infants travelled to Nenagh Arts
Cloughjordan NS in the dungeon

Cloughjordan NS school leavers

Oxmantown NS pupils

Oxmantown NS 5th & 6th classes holding the Heineken Cup

Rathkeale NS pupils at Glen Resource Centre

Rathkeale NS pupils spot a Peregrine Falcon

Villiers School: retiring Brian Lillis with Geoff Penney

The 4th Green Flag for Transport for St. Marys Nenagh

St. Michael’s Limerick NS cup cakes
Theatre for a performance of “Little Red Riding Hood” followed by treats at McDonalds.

1st – 3rd class - School Tour took place on Thursday 21st June when all enjoyed an Adventure World Activity Day Camp at Cistercian College, Roscrea.

5th Green Flag & Sports Evening

Our 5th Green Flag (theme “Biodiversity”) was raised on June 19th to rapturous applause as pupils, parents and staff looked on proudly. An energetic evening continued with pupils participating in tennis, gymnastics, soccer and rugby before ending with a very welcome barbecue provided by a group of hardworking parents. Thank you again to all involved.

Tennis Tournament

Leyla, Rebecca, Philip and Mark (6th Class pupils) represented St. Cronan’s at an interschool Tennis Tournament organised by Gail O’Meara in the Tennis Club in Roscrea recently. We were delighted when they returned to school with 2nd place silver medals.

End of year Service

Our End of Year Service took place on Friday 22nd in St Cronan’s Church where we will bid farewell to 6th class and wished them every blessing in the years ahead.

Enrolment

Changes in the last budget have left us in a very precarious position in regards to the retainment of our third teacher. We would therefore greatly appreciate every possible assistance to increase our enrolment for September 2012. If you know of any future families please contact 087 9091561
Congratulations

Congratulations to all on a successful year in St. Cronan’s N.S. and have a wonderful summer holiday. We wish all pupils leaving St. Cronan’s every success in their future education.

KILTALLAGH N S

SCHOOL TOUR

We all had a really exciting day on our recent school tour to Fota Island. The weather was ideal and the venue was perfect. From the moment we departed Killarney Railway Station at 9.45 am to our return at 6.20 pm, we have to commend our students for their exemplary behaviour. It was a pleasure to be in their company. We also have to commend Ianród Éireann for their kindness and courtesy throughout all our journeys - where they did everything possible to ensure that we all had a wonderful time.

PARENT’S ASSOCIATION REPORT BY COLETTE BOYLE

Many thanks to all who attended our recent meeting. Among the items discussed was our End of Year Service and barbeque There was an expression of interest regarding Art Classes. This will be discussed at our next Board of Management meeting. There was also a query regarding the purchase of full size basket ball hoops. These were purchased last year and are presently in use in the school at our weekly basketball sessions.

Our Retreat was on 18th June and despite a wet start, the sun did eventually shine and we enjoyed a spiritual day in Muckross with Rev. Máirt. We talked about belonging and everyone playing their part and the treasure hunt in the abbey was great fun. Thanks also to Kathrine Freeman, Park Range who also came to chat about the park and its eco system.

Chess

We resumed our chess workshops for the final few weeks of term with children from first class getting their first introduction to the game with John Alfred. Some of the pupils were a little rusty so these workshops should help to remove any of the cobwebs and we will be ready in September to further engage in this challenging board game.

Education is what remains when one has forgotten everything he has learned in school!

END OF YEAR SERVICE

Thanks to all who made this such a success, there was a good turnout and the children did a great job in church. After the service, we returned to our school where Bishop Trevor raised our second Green Flag which we received for Energy Conservation. This was followed by a barbeque and magician.

We are very grateful to the Parent’s Council for their on going support and assistance in organising the catering for this special occasion.

REMEMBERING RHONA

On Wednesday June 6th we remembered our dear parent Rhona Clifford on her first anniversary. We pray that Donie, Caitriona and Ramona will go forth with courage and strength, remembering all the wonderful times they shared with Rhona.

“If I should go tomorrow, It would never be goodbye For I have left my heart with you So don’t you ever cry The love that’s deep within me Will reach you from the stars You’ll feel it from the heaven’s And it will heal your scars.”

We wish you all Happy Holidays and look forward to you all returning refreshed and enthused as we begin another school year.

VILLIERS SCHOOL

The end of term has, been hectic in Villiers!

As well as the poignancy of the Form VI Graduation Ceremony, a number of significant events have taken place. Following the Inter-Schools Sports Day, many of our incoming Form One Students were back in Villiers to complete the annual Scholarship Exam. Scholarships were awarded and congratulations are due to this year’s worthy winners; Lauren Ryan (St. Nicholas NS, Adare), Jonathan Cope and Emma Gordon (St. Mary’s NS, Nenagh), Hugh Walsh (Limerick School Project) - the results were excellent and we have high ambitions for our new Villiers cohort!

Transition Year Students’ Awards Ceremony, celebrating the highlights of the TY Programme, included the showing of a short movie by Mark Armitage and Aran Duffy, which captured some of the spirit of Transition Year 2011-2012.

Our Junior Girls’ Hockey Team enjoyed Cup success defeating Rockwell College in a closely contested final. Well done girls! Congratulations are also due to our athletes who enjoyed significant success in the All Ireland Schools’ Track and Field Championships. Particular credit to Roisin Harrison (double gold in the Inter Girls’ 100 and 200 metres), and Amy O’Donoghue (silver in the Senior Girls’ 800 metres).

The academic year of 2011-2012 came to an end when almost two hundred students sat Junior and Leaving Certificate exams. We wish all in the Villiers family - students, parents and staff - a well-deserved summer break!

FAREWELL CLASS OF 2012

Thursday 24th May was an enjoyable, yet emotional day for all of Form VI and for all staff and teachers at Villiers. It was the day we formally said ‘Goodbye and Good Luck’ to the Leaving Certificate class of 2012. As usual we had a Graduation Ceremony at midday and this was followed by a Graduation Lunch.

Mr. McNair took charge of the proceedings and his orchestration of events made sure that we laughed and cried in good measure as we fondly remembered the past six years and considered the various paths that the future
Music for the ceremony was, as ever, provided by the Form VI music class, under the watchful eye of Ms. Sinead O’Sullivan.

For most of the teachers, we have watched these students enter the campus of Villiers as 12/13 year old fledglings and we have seen them mature to the beautiful, confident and caring 18/19 year olds that they have now become. We have seen them blossom from shy children to mature adults who have been wonderful role models to our younger students. Their legacy will live on in these students, ensuring that their input to our school will remain for many years.

Tracey Hayes, our Head Girl, gave a very moving speech, recalling her first day here and the friends she made. She remembered that her first lesson at Villiers was given by her ‘ma’ and ‘da’, who, when depositing her at the dorms, showed her how to dress a bed and knot her tie! She asked her fellow-graduates to follow their dreams, whatever they maybe, regardless of what others may think. This is great advice for an 18 year-old to give and we are sure that both Tracey and the class of 2012 will chase and realise their dreams.

While all students contribute greatly to Villiers’ life, Ms. Storey presented three awards: to Niall Fitzgerald and Amy O’Donoghue for their contribution to Sport and also to Tracey Hayes for Academic Achievement – this prize is in memory of Edna Scott, a former school matron, c. 1940.

We are certain that their futures are very bright and will miss the levity they brought to the Villiers - each brought something to the fabric of our School and it is with a hint of sadness that we wish them well.

We wish them every success in the pathways that lie ahead.

Villiers Staff

WI-FI & TECHNOLOGICAL UPDATES

Wi-Fi and Technological Updates have been completed which will enable both staff and students improve their IT skills and enhance teaching and learning in our school.

Brian Lillis - ‘A Villiers Legend Retires’

I first met Brian in September 1978. My first impression of him was that he was “a free spirit”. He told me of his travels in South America, where lived with the Yanomani tribe. He has a keen interest in Speleology [caving] and brought me and students on trips to Polnagollum Cave in North Clare over the years.

Brian is also a traditional musician playing the fiddle and concertina, and has an infectious enthusiasm about everything he does. His house in Kilshanny, North Clare became a location for many weekend trips from Villiers. bringing students there for geography surveys in Ennistymon and Milton Malbay; science fieldwork in Spanish Point and trips to various enterprises in the region. The whole experience proved very popular with the students.

Over the years Brian taught geography, history and Irish, and in recent years agricultural science, having gained a lot of knowledge and experience managing his late Uncle’s farm near Ennis.

I worked with Brian for over thirty years and found him to be a great colleague and friend, who also had a commitment and enthusiasm for teaching right up until his recent retirement.

We all have fond memories of Brian ‘ a true Villiers legend’ and wish him the very best of health and happiness for the future.

Brian, Go neiri an bothar leat.

Geoff Penney.

Sound of Harmony

*a poem by Adewale Obadina, Tralee Parish*

Turn, look around
Faces of a different shade
Faces from the radiance of the sun
Faces from the beauty of the snow
Faces from the colourful east
Faces from Arabia
Beyond the shade
Look again; it is a face like yours
Complete, Unique
Special, and curious
It is a face like yours
Voices from near, voices from far
Different, yet equal
In the sweetness of their sound
Voices from Ireland, Voices from Africa
Voices from Europa, Voices from America
Voices from Asia, Voice of Australia
All singing songs of harmony
In a voice like yours
Speak, one another
Hear with each other
Music is the language
Where tongue may differ
For joy has no colour
And the sound of laughter is the same
Happy days are here again, and we shall celebrate.

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Prayer Corner

Prayer for July & August 2012

JULY Tuam, Killala & Achonry: Bishop Patrick Rooke

Companion Dioceses:
The Diocese of Saldanha Bay (South Africa) and the five Dioceses of the Protestant Church of Anhalt, Germany.

1st July: 4th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Church of Pakistan (United) The Most Revd Samuel Robert Azariah Bishop of Raiwind & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan
Diocese: Participants from our diocese attending Summer Madness this weekend

8th July: 5th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Diocese: Holiday chaplaincies and tourist visitors during our diocese during the summer months

15th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines The Most Revd Edward Pacaya Malecdan Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Diocese: The UDYC Junior Summer Camp in Muckross starting today

22nd July: 7th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda The Most Revd Dr Onesphore Rwaje Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Gasabo
Diocese: Organists and all musicians and choirs who provide the ministry of music throughout our diocese

29th July: 8th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Scottish Episcopal Church The Most Revd David Chillingworth Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of St Andrews Dunkeld & Dunblane
Diocese: Our Diocesan Cathedrals in Limerick and Killaloe and the joint chapter.

AUGUST: Dublin & Glendalough - Archbishop Michael Jackson

5th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for Church of the Province of South East Asia Singapore - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Dr John Chew
Diocese: The Men's Shed project in Kenmare and Dromod Union

12th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Church of South India (United) Karnataka Central - (South India) The Rt Revd Suputhrappa Vasantha Kumar
Diocese: Youth Organisations and their leaders throughout our diocese especially the GFS, BB, and local branches of Scouts and Guides in which are young people are involved

19th August: 11th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Church of the Province of Southern Africa The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa
Diocese: The UDYC Senior Summer Camp starting today in Bandon

26th August: 12th Sunday after Trinity - Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America The Most Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone & Bishop of Chile
Diocese: All schools and colleges throughout our diocese as they prepare for a new academic year

PRAYER FOR JULY & AUGUST 2012

The 31st of July is the feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, which is a great excuse to pray together his lovely prayer for Christian fortitude throughout the holiday season.

Teach us, Good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve:
to give, and not to count the cost;
to fight, and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

St Ignatius of Loyola, 1491 – 1556,
founded the Society of Jesus.
Reader Training in the Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe

In future those seeking to be commissioned as Diocesan Readers must first complete a new Foundation Course – ‘The Professional Certificate in Ministry’, also taken by all potential trainees and ordinands throughout the Church of Ireland.

However, during the consultation with Diocesan Clergy and Readers at Glenstal in March, it was agreed that this course did not entirely meet the needs of this Diocese, although where appropriate individuals would of course be able to enrol.

It was decided that the role of Parish Reader should be not only preserved, but actively encouraged, due to our parochial demography.

ROLE OF THE PARISH READER
For many years Parish Readers have been essential to the life and ministry of our Parishes. Many have stepped into a breach without formal training, but with the support of their Rector and congregations have enabled the on-going work and witness of their Parishes.

Traditionally Parish Readers focus on the liturgical aspect of ministry, and although they may have other roles and duties within the Parish, their purpose as Parish Reader is a liturgical one - which means that they read the service and if preaching, they present a sermon provided by their Rector.

Permission to preach unsupervised, whilst within the remit of a trained and experienced Diocesan Reader, does not fall within the role of the Parish Reader. Resources can be recommended for Rectors to assist them in providing liturgical material such as intercessions and sermons for Parish Readers to use. In particular the Jane Williams quarterly C.D. ‘Common Worship, Living Word’, is an excellent Lectionary based resource for Parish Readers, available on line from Redemptorist Publications, England.

Parish readers will need on-going support, encouragement and mentoring at a Parish level.

PARISH READER TRAINING
A new Parish Reader training course will begin in this diocese in September 2012, consisting of eight Saturday sessions over nine months, finishing in June 2013.

This will provide modules in liturgical practice and all that is necessary to lead worship. There will also be some training in Listening Skills to assist in those unexpected pastoral situations, and one session on The Liturgical History of the Church of Ireland. Occasionally sessions will be presented by visitors.

The Saturday mornings will be concerned with Liturgy. The afternoons will vary each month so that the day’s overall content is not too heavy. Aspects of Spiritual Formation, Scriptural Foundations, Listening Skills, plus an optional Quiet Day will be included.

The course is open to all who are interested in becoming a Parish Reader on the recommendation of their Rector. Existing Readers are more than welcome to attend any sessions which they feel will be of interest.

Computer literacy is essential as notifications and course work will be delivered by email.

On completion of the course in June 2013, recommendations will be made to the student’s Rector as the office of Parish Reader is not conveyed by Bishop’s License, but through Commissioning at Parish level. Rectors will arrange Commissioning Services locally and responsibility for the on-going training and support of the Parish Reader will lie with their Rector.

After completing the nine month course, students may discern a desire to pursue further training. For many this course may become a stepping stone to other ministries, and it is recommended that those wishing to undertake the ‘Professional Certificate in Ministry’ complete this Diocesan Course first as a means of aiding their discernment.

FURTHER DETAILS
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A Parting Word from Revd. Vicki Lynch

Revd. Vicki Lynch is well known to so many of us as our diocesan Youth and Development officer for the last five years. Now that her contract is coming to an end she is moving on to ministry with the Christchurch, Limerick, Presbyterian & Methodist congregation. We take this opportunity to wish her God’s blessing in her new role.

Firstly, a big thank you to all who have welcomed and worked with me in so many different ways over these last few years, wished me well on the next stage of my journey and sent me on my way with prayers.

Bishop Trevor asked if I would write a short piece for Newslink – a sort of ‘exit’ note! So here goes….

I can imagine at this stage a lot of people will remember me as the person who kept nagging them to do something different, to change, to move, to believe there was another way and to find it. And I think that would be a fair comment. But I absolutely believe that God is alive and well and ever-moving, and that we miss out if we don’t see where God is working and join in, or where there is real potential for something new.

I met people who had an abundance of gifts and skills, imagination, courage, a great sense of team, humour, integrity, persistence, curiosity (one of my personal favourites) and, of course, faith. I found that when people talk, things can happen. It’s really that simple. But they have to make space and time to talk and talk with purpose. These times of trusting, open, creative conversation are where a lot of my most happy memories lie.

When people got together and began to listen to each other and have new conversations about things that mattered to them and to God, things moved, things changed and grew. Some of these groups were young, some quite old and some mixed but the result was the same - they began to discover things about themselves and each other and think and do new things together. It was wonderful. And sometimes they shared what they discovered with other communities, brilliant!

Last Sunday’s Gospel illustrates it so well – Mark 4:26-32.

I hope you keep scattering and planting, noticing what grows and enjoying it together in God’s Kingdom.

Every blessing, Vicki x
The Mining Disaster in our Companion Diocese of Saldanha Bay
An email from Fr. Dirk Magerman, All Saints Church, Springbok
20th June

On Tuesday 22nd May 2012 about 22 people entered a diamond mine called Bontekou near Komaggas in Namaqualand. It had been closed by the De Beers Mining Company who moved out after mining for around 30 years. The miners who went in did so illegally, but they are so poor, and they wanted to put food on their tables for their families. The price they had to pay was their lives.

When I and my wife Ellen went there the next day, one of those who escaped went in again and managed to save one of his comrades. By now rescuers from all around our country came to assist, especially the team that went to Japan. But it was very dangerous work, as the place where the mine collapsed was on a sand bank, which made it very difficult for the rescuers.

All I can say is that it was the most difficult period in my ministry, to control the crowds. They were sad, cross, impatient - so much so that when one of De Beers’ managers came to talk to them, they were ready to attack him, claiming that if only after closing the mine the company had looked after their people, they would not have had to enter the mine to put food on the table.

To date eight of those who lost their lives have been buried. Others awaiting forensic tests will be buried this coming week.

Bishop Raphael has visited the site and prayed with and for the people. He has also started a disaster fund, and so far there has been a very good response.

Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.
With lots of love and appreciation, In Christ your Servant
Fr. Dirk Magerman, All Saints Church, Springbok

On The Way…!
by Gillian Kingston

Gillian is the Lay President of the Methodist Church in Ireland and a member of the Chaplaincy Team at UCD. She lives in Shinrone, County Offaly and has been walking The Camino to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Up at 6.15 am every morning; on the road by 6.40 am without breakfast; walking up mountains and down valleys, along clear paths and indistinct tracks for perhaps three hours before that welcome break for strong hot coffee, tortilla and fresh bread; walking on in the hot sun (or the freezing rain!) until 1.00 pm or so when the anticipated albergue comes into sight; queuing after those pilgrims who got there first (what time did they get up?!); grabbing the first empty bunk you can get in the dormitory; rushing for the shower, hoping against hope that the water hasn’t run cold yet; washing those (h’m) ‘whiffy’ clothes and towel and making it to the clothes lines before they are full; then – whew, some food, feet up and a bit of a break before curiosity gets the better of you and off you go to see what this particular northern Spanish village/town/city has to offer by way of interest or entertainment. Then prayers, more food and bed! Why
on earth would anyone in her/his right mind choose this by way of holiday or break in routine? And carrying everything for two weeks in a 30 litre backpack? But tens of thousands do every year, walking part or all of the Camino Frances to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most ancient pilgrimage routes in Europe. And numbered among them for the last ten years have been UCD students and chaplains, undertaking a sponsored walk in aid of the Dublin-based Peter McVerry Trust.

I recently returned home from a second go at all this, tired but exhilarated as are all who attempt the Camino. This year’s UCD participants were fantastic – from Leitrim and Waterford, Tipperary and Dublin, Tyrone and Donegal; several were innovative and resourceful cooks – watch out, Jamie Oliver! It is a wonderful experience being on pilgrimage with a group of funny, energetic, smart and cheerful young people. Blisters, tendonitis, sore ankles and knees (theirs, I have to tell you, not mine!) were not permitted to hold them back or stop the laughing. Here were ‘privileged’ young people doing something which cost them in all sorts of ways for those who have been discarded by society-at-large and even by themselves.

Last year’s group raised almost €19,000 and it has been well spent in helping other young people, those homeless in inner-city Dublin.

God’s people are a pilgrimage people, always on the move, stumbling, picking themselves up; sometimes seeing the way ahead, sometimes getting lost; meeting and learning from strangers-becoming-friends; keeping moving in order to avoid becoming stiff and sore – the image really can run on and on. Richard Gillard puts it well in his hymn: We are pilgrims on a journey, / And companions on the road; / We are here to help each other / Walk the mile and bear the load.

Blessings, Gillian

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It might not have been bright but it was certainly early when those of us in the west of the diocese set off for the annual Diocesan Synod in a bus travelling from Kenmare in Kerry along to Tralee and then along the N21 and M7 to Aghancon. The pick-up points along this route meant that a number of people from West Limerick and even Clare were able to travel by bus rather than car. The people of Aghancon parish welcomed us to their impressive new community hall with a mid-morning snack and then we were off to the pre-synod service in the parish church, a beautiful and well cared for country church with impressive stained glass windows.

The Synod began in the usual way with all those official and administrative details that just have to be dealt with as well as the inevitable elections. In his address to the synod Bishop Trevor spoke of the challenges facing Christianity. The Church needs to respond in a way which fulfils Christ's new command of love. We need confidence in our call to be the body of Christ in the world. We also need to build up our sense of community, not just with reference to our historical roots as Anglicans, but as an inclusive community, reaching out to the world. Our relationships with other Churches and dioceses worldwide are an important part of this. We also need to be a community of caring, for one another and for the needs of the wider community around us. Bishop Trevor was not just laying down challenges or asking us to make a better effort at living the Christian mission - he concluded his address by reminding us that we should also celebrate all that is now happening in the life of the Diocese.

As with last year's synod people were gathered in groups around tables and Bishop Trevor gave an opportunity for people to respond to his address and think about all those things which we are doing and how best to rise to the challenges that still face us. This certainly gives a "buzz" to the synod, with people genuinely able to participate. The synod broke for an excellent lunch provided by the parish and an opportunity to look at the various stalls and stands. USPG and CMSI were represented as was Protestant Aid, The Mother's Union, Ecclesiastical Insurance and The Priorities fund.

The afternoon was given over to the necessary business of Synod, beginning with the Report of the Diocesan Council, proposed this year by Rev. George Flynn and Mr. Peter White. Both spoke of the support for and increasing financial needs of the diocese. In these difficult times parishioners are digging deep to support ministry in the Diocese, but the challenges are also immense.

As well as reports we also had an address from Linda Chambers of USPG bringing us the latest news about the Luyengo Farm project. Reports from the latest visits to Swaziland and the contents of Linda's talk are all available on the diocesan web site www.limerick.anglican.org. A second address was given by Andrew Brannigan, Youth Officer for Down and Dromore Diocese. Andrew has been involved in the development of a new publication: "Family Time", prayers and devotions aimed at young families. This is an excellent resource if you have pre-confirmation young people and want to teach them some of the basics of prayer and Christian faith. It is available free through Bishop Trevor.

One moving event at the synod was our farewell to Vicki Lynch, the Youth and Development officer for the diocese. Her contract has come to an end and she is moving on to become minister to the Christ Church Methodist/Presbyterian congregation in Limerick city. Bishop Trevor prayed with and for her and he and the whole Synod wished her well.
Ordination of the Revd. Lucy Green

Rev. Lucy Green was ordained priest in St. Flannan’s Cathedral, Killaloe, on Sunday 24th June 2012 by Bishop Trevor before a large and supportive congregation.

The Sunday School she has been leading acted as her sponsors – the children jointly presented Lucy to the

Bishop and displayed a beautiful poster they had created to support her. Her ‘study-buddy’ the Revd. Vicki Lynch preached a fine and highly personal sermon, recalling the strength of Lucy’s calling and her tenacity in following it.

The priests in attendance joined in the laying on of hands as Bishop Trevor prayed the ordination prayer. Lucy was presented with a Bible as the sign of the authority given her to preach the Word and administer the holy sacraments. The congregation gave a hearty round of applause as Bishop Trevor presented her to the people as a priest. And the Bishop presided at a joyful Eucharist.

It is some while since we celebrated an ordination in the ancient, beautiful and holy space of St Flannan’s Cathedral. The sun shone and it was an afternoon of great joy, not just for Lucy - as it clearly was - but for all present and the entire diocese. After the ceremony all were invited to join her for delicious refreshments and continuing celebration at the Lakeside Hotel.

May God bless Lucy in her ministry as a priest in all the years ahead.
August. At the end of ten and a half years here we all on (probably) the Wednesday of the following week, 29th group will be Sunday 26th August, and we will be moving life which has been our lot recently. My last Sunday in the again rather than living the rather schizophrenic split-site to make sense for us all to be living in the same place once feelings and will miss many people and places, but it seems late summer or early autumn. Obviously we have mixed Diocese of Guildford and we will be moving sometime in In-Charge of the parish of Dunsfold and Hascombe in the UK. I have therefore recently accepted the post of Priest-University and Samuel hoping to go to university in the autumn season of chamber concerts in All Saints’ Church at 10.30am. Last month we were joined by three Roman Catholic Castleconnell residents who simply turned up, so please come and join them and swell the numbers!

THANKS
The Castleconnell Cake Sale was held in St Joseph’s Hall on 27th May and has once again proved a huge success. Donations are still trickling in, but a round figure would appear to be about €1,200. So a huge “thank you” to all concerned for another vital contribution to the ongoing renovations at All Saints’ Church.

PERSONAL
We continue to keep in our prayers all those members of the parishes who are in any way sick or frail, and so we pray especially for Betty Hogg, Frances Mooney, Jean Newenham and Fiona Levie.

This month our most sincere sympathy is extended to several families as a result of recent bereavements. Denise Sparling died on 13th June, and our thoughts and prayers are very much with Alan, Geoff, Tara and all of the family during the coming days.

We also extend our sympathy to the Worrell and Riordan families, and especially to Nigel Worrell and Vanessa Riordan following the death of baby Emily May on 21st May. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during the coming days.

Finally, and on a happier note, our congratulations are extended to Fatih and Susan Kol on the baptism of their second daughter Sofiya Jane in the cathedral on Sunday 10th June. We wish Fatih, Susan, Ayeesha and Sofiya every blessing in their life together, and safe travels as they leave shortly to spend three months in Fatih’s native Turkey.

**JULY AND AUGUST SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS**

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**The Birr Group of Parishes**

**Birr, Lorrha, Lockeen, and Dorrha**

**Rector:** The Venerable R. Wayne Carney
**Archdeacon of Killaloe & Clonfert**

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**SUMMER FETE AND FUN DAY**
The sun shone and crowds gathered at Oxmantown School on Sunday, 27th May, the Day of Pentecost, for our Fete and Fun Day. There was plenty on offer with stalls packed with items for sale and very generous teas
available inside the school and any number of games and activities happening outside. Zorbing was a huge hit and everyone was entertained as children tried to keep their feet. There wasn’t a chance to feel hungry with delicious burgers and pancakes on the go all afternoon. There were races, penalty shots, pillow fights, horse racing, karate display, face painting, nail bar, railway extravaganza, crazy ducks and more. However, the sunshine provided a great opportunity for those who wanted to sit and chat and meet up with old (and not so old) friends, some of whom hadn’t been back in the school since leaving many years ago! Many thanks to all those who made the day such a great success, both financially but especially as a time for people, adults and children, to get together and relax and have great fun!

BAPTISMS
We had the pleasure of welcoming two children, Misha and Matilda Castle Metlitski into the Christian family in the context of Holy Communion in Lorrha on the 3rd June. It was interesting to baptize children who hadn’t to be carried! The church looked really well for the occasion and many thanks to Maureen for the nice touch of placing flowers around the font. On the same day, in Dorrha Church, Charlotte Frances Dagg, daughter of Keith and Gillian, was baptized into the Body of Christ. It was lovely to have the church filled with family, friends, and fellow parishioners to celebrate with Charlotte on her special day.

BEREAVEMENT
The funeral service for Pete Wilson was held in Lorrha on the 8th June. He lived in Abbeyville, Lorrha for about the last ten years with his wife Marie and their pet dogs. Unfortunately, he was unknown to us previously and judging by the large attendance at his funeral he seems to have been a larger than life person. Deepest sympathy is extended to Marie, family, friends and neighbours.

PASTORAL
Best wishes to Dickie Abbott who is recovering from hip surgery and to those who continue receiving treatment for various reasons. Mrs. Sadie Champ spent a short while in Elimgrove and hopefully she will continue to make a good recovery.

SHIRLEY MAHON
Mrs Shirley Mahon has announced her retirement from teaching after 36 years at Oxmantown School. We plan on a special service of thanksgiving and reception sometime in September, so her many past pupils and their families can come and celebrate with her.

Roscrea Group of Parishes
Roscrea, Bourney, Corbally and Kyle
Priest in Charge: The Rev. Lesley Robinson
St. Cronan’s Rectory, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary,
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SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES
To facilitate attendance at the Rathdowney and Tullamore Shows there will be Saturday evening services in Bourney Church at 9pm on Saturday 21st July and Saturday 11th August instead of on the Sunday mornings.

NEW ARRIVAL
Congratulations to Cecil and Lynn Wallace, Roscrea, on the safe arrival of baby Zak; a little brother for Aaron. We wish the Wallace family many blessings.

HOLY BAPTISM
Cara Yvonne Parr was baptised into the family of God in Bourney Church on 17th June. It was lovely to have such a big congregation to welcome her into the Church. We wish God’s richest blessings on her and her mum and dad, Yvonne and Gary.
Roscrea Rugby Club for use of their splendid facilities.

PARISH PICNIC

Our annual parish picnic will take place in Corbally on Sunday 29th July following our family worship at 12 noon. There is no other service in the Group that day. Everyone is encouraged to bring along a picnic and stay for a few hours of fun and fellowship. Tea/coffee will be provided in the parish hall beneath the church and there will be entertainment for the young and the not-quite-so-young alike. All welcome.

FLOWER FESTIVAL (see advert page 10)

A flower festival entitled 'Heralding our Heritage' under the direction of Richard Haslam will be held in St. Cronan's Church from August 17th—20th as part of our bicentenary celebrations. It will be launched with a concert and preview on Friday 17th. It promises to be a spectacular display - please come to enjoy and support. A donation will be made from proceeds to the Laurels hospice unit.

AROUND THE PARISHES

A small number of our parishioners have spent short spells in hospital recently due to illness or accident - as always we keep the sick and recuperating in our prayers.

Congratulations to Arthur and Jenny Moynan, Bourney, who have become grandparents again courtesy of Caroline and Howard's first child arriving safely into the world recently.

The magnificent total of €1,741.78 was raised in the Group for Christian Aid as a result of our Lenten Project this year – thanks to everyone who contributed. Thanks also to those who supported the ICA Coffee Day & Sale in Roscrea Hall organised by Heather Evans - €1,045 was raised for the Breast Cancer Research Unit in Galway.

Best wishes to Lavinia Read and Trevor Kenny who will be married in St. Cronan’s Church on 19th July dv, and to Jean Stanley and Damien Cunningham who will be married in St. Cronan’s on 11th August dv.

We wish everyone a happy, safe and sunny summer!

Nenagh Union of Parishes

Nenagh, Templederry, and Killodiernan

Rector: Revd. Canon Marie Rowley-Brooke
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SUNDAY SERVICES
9.30 a.m. Templederry
11.00 a.m. St Mary’s Nenagh
12.15 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays Killodiernan.

BOY’S BRIGADE

On Sunday 10th June nine members of our thirteen strong Boy’s Brigade Company were enrolled at a service in St Mary’s, led by Audrey Clarke-Gordon. Richard Codd, a Boy’s Brigade Captain from Carlow led them through their promises, and the congregation supported them in the singing of well-known hymns, including the appropriate ‘Will your anchor hold’. Revd. Marie had drawn up the service, and Brian Brislane played the organ. The Company is proving very popular among the boys, and more activities are planned for the coming months. (see photo).

SALDANHA BAY

Following the appeal from the Bishop about the tragic death of the miners in our companion diocese of Saldanha Bay €225 was raised in a single collection, and has been sent to the Board of Mission. The families so badly affected will also be in our prayers.

RECENT DEATH

Myles Faulkner Minchin CBE, son of the late Cdr. Harry Minchin RN of Annagh in Killodiernan parish, died earlier this year in New York aged 89 after a distinguished career in the United Nations. His ashes are to be interred by his father’s grave in Kilbarron churchyard, as he wanted, on Monday 25th June. His friends in New York have had a chalice engraved in his memory, which they are kindly donating to Killodiernan church.

Happy faces at Parents’ Night!

Roscrea confirmation candidates

Boys Brigade Enrolment
WELCOME BACK!
Our Rector Marie will be returning to us, hopefully fully refreshed and invigorated from her three month sabbatical. We are very grateful to those who have been covering services and other responsibilities in her absence.

RAILINGS FACE-LIFT.
Groups of parishioners are currently dodging the showers (and worse) to rub down and paint the railings out side St Mary’s and the Rectory. It is a long frontage, and a tedious task, but we are sure the results will be well worth it. (Not least because St Mary’s of the Rosary next door are doing theirs, and we didn’t want to look shabby!).

Cloughjordan & Borrisokane Group
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CONFIRMATION 2012
Confirmation this year was on 3rd June in Borrisokane Church. We were delighted to also welcome candidates from the parishes of Shinrone & Ballinasloe along with their rectors, the Rev’d George Flynn & the Rev’d Michael Johnston. The Bishop conducted the service beautifully and we are grateful to him for making it so meaningful for the candidates. Those confirmed were Chloe Dreaper-Eyre, Amie Dreaper-Eyre, Gary Culbert, Dean Harding, Oisin Harding, Luke Williamson, Carl Williams and Ethan Hayes.

BORRISNAFARNEY/MONEYGALL SUMMER SALE
Thursday 26th July at 7pm in the Church of Ireland Hall in Moneygall – A chance to purchase some lovely homemade produce, cakes, buns,jams etc. Bookstall, Plants, Raffles, Bric a Brac, Teas served throughout

BORRISNAFARNEY SKYDIVING FUNDRAISER
Donald Powell of Moneygall has bravely and generously volunteered to jump out of a plane (with a parachute) to help with parish fundraising. Anyone who would like to support Donald can do so directly by sending sponsorship to him at Main Street, Moneygall, Co. Offaly

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT
Cloughjordan was delighted to have a very special visitor in the shape of our first citizen President Higgins. The President was visiting Cloughjordan EcoVillage but found time to have his photo taken with the children from the local schools including our own Cloughjordan No. 1.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Well done to the PTA and the School Board of Management who presented a cheque for 1000 Euro to Cloughjordan Heritage Committee at the school sports day on 22nd June. The funds are a contribution towards the new Heritage Centre and Library which is being built in Cloughjordan village and will be a valuable amenity for the whole community. The funds donated were largely from the proceeds of the recent School PTA Family Fun
Day which was a great success and enjoyed one of the few days of real Summer weather we have had this year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Heather Whiteford of Cloughjordan & Brian Healy of Killaloe recently wed in St. Kieran’s Church, Cloughjordan. We wish them a long and happy life together.

FAREWELL

Farewell to our neighbour, Dean Stephen White who will in September be leaving us for a new appointment in England. We wish the Dean and his family every happiness in their new home.

Shinrone Group of Parishes
Shinrone, Aghancon, Kininitty and Dunkerrin
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NO NOTES SUBMITTED

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KILNASOOLAGH OUTING

With the surprise death, quietly at home, of Malcolm Price, cockney-raised, ex-felon, odd-job salesman, husband to Wendy (also English-born), father of four children and for some years “doorkeeper in the house of the Lord” (to quote the psalmist). Holiday visitors will recall Malcolm, six foot two, operating the record player for hymn singing. Cheery and perpetually chirpy, like all cockney characters, he could be great company. Canon Bob Hanna led the funeral service at the Church of the Assumption and St Senan, Kilkee (St James’ being out of order). A generous turnout of St Senan choristers, backed by Nigel Bridge on organ, ensured that Malcolm’s remains went out to a rousing version of “The Flagless Ones”, at a reception organised by the Clare Immigrant Support Group. A coffee morning to raise funds for the family is being organised over the summer in St Columba’s Church, Ennis.

ST JOHN’S NS WIN

Shannon pupil Emily Meehan won the Munster Final of the Eason-Tubridy Show Spelling Bee, gaining thousands of euro worth of books for the school, as well as an appearance on the Tubridy Radio Show. Congratulations to Emily and her teacher Vera Knowles-McGuire.

BAPTISM

A warm welcome to life and the faith community was extended to baby Noah Patrick Maguire, son of Alan and Fiona, at Morning Prayer in St Columba’s Church, Drumcliffe on Trinity Sunday, June

MOTHERS’ UNION

Ladies from our grouping who have been identified with Mothers Union will have fond memories of the late Olive Spencer of Adare Parish, who had led the organisation within the diocese splendidly over many years. She will be remembered as a warm and loving figure who represented what is best within the Church of Ireland. Clare folk may also know her through her long link with holidaying at the Clar Ellagh Christian Holiday Centre, formed originally from the Christian Endeavour movement and the Methodist Church. She often joined the Sunday worship at St James Church, Kilkee.

SMALL WORLD

On the Summer Solstice the world became a smaller place in Ennis for International Refugee Day, with the launch of the life story of an Iranian man and family who crossed several continents to escape persecution, ending up in Ennis where they have lived contentedly for the past seven years. Hassan and Mona Faramarz told their hair-raising story, entitled “The Flagless Ones”, at a reception organised by the Clare Immigrant Support Group. A coffee morning to raise funds for the family is being organised over the summer in St Columba’s Church, Ennis.
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Inspired by the School's original Charter, this bursary confirms the school’s commitment to accommodate and support Protestant pupils from every corner of Ireland wishing to attend as boarders.

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THE KING’S HOSPITAL GOVERNORS’ BURSARIES

Supporting pupils who wish to attend, or are already attending the School. Significant support is paid out from this Fund each year.

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The KHPPU Bursary Fund is designed to provide additional financial assistance and support to those at the School who are experiencing financial difficulty.

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“The King’s Hospital - A school and a way of life”
Many thanks to the parish of Aghancon for their hospitality in hosting the Diocesan Synod on 16th June last. All in attendance were given a warm welcome and enjoyed the wonderful setting not to mention the much appreciated catering throughout the day. Thank you Aghancon and the team of workers.

CONFIRMATION

Many thanks to Canon Stephen Neill for allowing Chloe and Aimee Dreaper-Eyre to be confirmed by Bishop Trevor in Borrisokane on Sunday 3rd June.

These two young people were unable to be part of the Ballinasloe confirmation that took place on 22nd April.

ARDRAHAN PARISH CHURCH

A very good crew of parishioners on Saturday 9th June undertook preliminary transfer of ‘stones etc’ from one part of the graveyard to allow further clearance of site for our planned small meeting room in the grounds of the Church.

This work is essential to progress our planning permission and to obtain approval of the Diocesan Council. The final clearance is being undertaken by a contractor and should be completed without delay. Many thanks to all of our parishioners who gave tremendous work that day and also to those who for various reasons were unable to attend.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

It is great to welcome new parishioners to our churches and this past month Elaine McGoldrick with her children Grace and Ben have come to live in Ballinasloe and worship with us in St. John’s. Grace and Ben have also become pupils in our Glebe School Aughrim.

On a sad note it is with much regret that the time has come for the parishioners of Clontuskert to say farewell to Mike, Jan and Joe Mulvaney who unfortunately must return to England in early July.

Jan was instrumental in starting our Rhyme time Mothers and Toddlers group that met on Wednesdays in our Glebe School.

We have enjoyed their fellowship and wish them God’s blessings, good health and happiness as a new life awaits them in England.

EXAMINATION TIMES

Congratulations to our young people who completed their third level examinations in recent weeks and I hope that you all achieve the grades you sought. Best wishes for the future whether it is continued studies or starting employment.

Best wishes to our secondary students who have reached the stage of moving onward into the next stage of their lives. I hope that all who completed the Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations will achieve favourable results. I wish all well as a new period in your lives begin and hope that your results will allow you to follow your chosen subject at third level establishments.

SERVICES

Services for July please check web site for details

The Clonfert Group of Parishes

Clonfert, Banagher, Eyrecourt, and Portumna

The Rev. Alan Nevin

Priest in Charge: Very Rev. Patrick L. Towers

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emma Phair on winning a scholarship to Kilkenny College. Emma worked very hard for this and will join her sister Katie at Kilkenny next term.

JOYFUL OCCASION

On Sunday 17th June, Harriet Rowena Elspeth, daughter of Nicola Dagg and Neil Russell, and granddaughter of Rene Dagg was baptised and welcomed into

CLASSIC MEETS IRISH

Saturday, July 14th 9.00pm sharp
(doors open at 8.30pm)

ST JOHN’S THE BAPTIST CHURCH EYRECOURT

Concert of Irish and German Music
In aid of Church renovations

Groups of German and Irish musicians with Muirne Hurley-Goode and Frank Downey

Admission €10
the Church of God at Christ Church, Portumna. Amid a gathering of family and friends the Rev Patrick Towers, assisted by Diocesan Reader Ann Menhenieott, conducted the service which was taken from the Old Book of Common Prayer. The Organist was Kenneth Bracken. The bright sunshine was a most welcome addition and baby Harriet behaved beautifully. We wish Harriet and all her family, God’s blessings in the years to come.

Eliza Lodge Nursing Home was visited again this month where we had a good attendance for a service of Holy Communion. Again we thank Rev. Patrick for taking the time to attend to our needs with such good cheer.

Many thanks to the Eyrecourt Vintage Rally last year for it’s donation to St. John’s Church, Eyrecourt, which has enabled some work on the fabric of the Church to be undertaken. The first stage has been completed with the restoration of its two doors. They look magnificent!

BEREAVEMENT

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy Patterson and the family circle on the death of John Dare from Adare. Also to Mary Trapp on the death of her sister-in-law Mary McHugh from Woodford - may God welcome them to his home and give them eternal peace and happiness.

Clonfert Cathedral has been chosen by Google as one of two sites in Ireland to be on Google World Wonders Project. We are very proud to be listed alongside sites such as Cologne Cathedral, The Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, and the Palace of Versailles. It is listed as one of longest continually operating churches in Ireland. I am not sure operating is quite the right word, but certainly worship to our Lord has been going on here more or less continually since the time of St Brendan, over 1,400 years ago. We are reminded that our diocese also has the oldest cathedral in Ireland. It was St Patrick himself who laid the first foundations.

SHANNON HARBOUR

The traditional Canal Boat Rally was held on 16/17th June. On the Saturday a farmers’ market attracted several of our parishioners, both selling and buying. Midday Sunday saw the usual ecumenical service led this year by the Rev. Patrick Larkin of Mullagh, assisting. The Cantor was James O’Neill, singing with his son Eoghan. The collection was held in aid of Milford Hospice and St. John’s Hospice.

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BOOK SALE IN AID OF ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL

The total amount raised from the Book Sale was €638. Well done and thanks to all who helped and contributed.

BAPTISM IN ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL

On Sunday 20th May, we welcomed into the Christian Family, Lucas Alan Myers, son of Julia and T.J. and brother to Lara.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR NEWS

Julia Sackmann and Josephine Zimmer have returned to their native Germany. We thank them for all they contributed to the Cathedral choir and we wish them Gute Reise!!

WEDDING IN SPANISH POINT

Christ Church, Spanish Point was the venue on Saturday 26th May for the marriage of Sarah Evans (daughter of Rosemary and Rev’d Stan Evans) and Gerard Killeen (son of James and Mary Killeen). The day was probably the hottest so far this summer and the bride was radiant. Sarah was walked up the aisle by her uncle and the celebrant was her dad, Rev’d Stan, with Gerard’s parish priest, Fr. Pat Larkin of Mullagh, assisting. The reception followed at The Armada Hotel. A truly idyllic day - may God bless them with health and happiness.

ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

St. Michael’s Church welcomed Christ Church, Limerick and their visitors, The Ontario Presbyterian Chorus of 55 voices and 25 followers, who were our choir at the United Service of Holy Communion on 10th June. The Canadians needed a venue and we were happy to oblige. It was a beautiful service and lovely to see the choir full. The ladies from St. Michael’s and Christ Church provided well deserved refreshments before our Canadian friends had to dash to Kilkenny. They presented St. Michael’s with a lovely plaque - surely one of the highlights of 2012.

CONCERT IN ST. MICHAEL’S

The Oirbesen Ensemble Chamber Music Concert took place on 16th June and was a great success - both the Musicians and audience found that St Michaels has excellent acoustics. Thanks to Richard & Sheila Allen for their organisation and to all who supported. A retiring collection was held in aid of Milford Hospice and St. Michael’s Church.

RETRAINEMENT

On 29th June Michael Kiely, a member of the Joint...
It has been a wonderful journey with 9 confirmation candidates in our parish group. This year it was decided that the minimum age would be 13 and this proved to be a good idea. Discussion groups were at a more mature level and things like prayer and silence could be explored and tried. Beside basic catechism, we looked at liturgy. Different forms of worship how to use prayer book and bible. The structure of the church as organisation from a concept of Anglican Communion, to Provincial structures, to Diocesan structure and down to parish level.

We also had a quiet day and visited the Franciscan Monastery for the day in Killarney. Parents joined in for the day where we did the stations of the cross in the gardens, stations of the body to be aware of our senses, walked the labyrinth, laughter therapy and so on. The candidates were so disciplined in keeping silence but this was only possible because we had been on a journey together for six months before we entered this day. So we hope these candidates will have some basic tools and a better understanding of what we are about and what it is to be part of the Anglican Church. Congratulations to them and their parents who put in a lot of effort into the programme over the six months.

The death of Olive Spencer at Adare was sad, but we give God thanks for her life and her dedication to the Church and to the Mothers Union. Her presence and hard work and dedication will be missed by all.

We also mourn with Valerie, Janet and Ian and their extended families, the passing of John Shire.

There was a great turnout to the Rectory clean up in the garden. People pitched up with their tools ready to go.

Ontario Chorus Choir with Rev. Jane

The Tea Ladies - Tracey Lyttle, Margaret Schutz & Lucy Kavanagh

Initiative Programme in St Mary’s Cathedral, retired after spending six years there. Michael’s friendship, good humour, his dedication to his work, the conscientious manner in which he always carried out his duties and his respect at all times for our place of worship, will be greatly missed. Sincere best wishes to Michael for lots of happiness, good health and success for many years to come.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL
ALL WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION
(retiring collection in aid of The Companions of St Mary’s Cathedral Music) 1.15 pm - usually finished around 2 pm.
Wednesday 4th July
The Choir of St Catharine’s College, Cambridge
Wednesday 18th July
Daniel Battle (Organ) music by Sibelius and Rossini
Friday 3rd August
The Sutton Chorale - music by Howells, Wesley and Stanford
The Sutton Chorale will be singing the services in the Cathedral on Sunday 5th August.

Adare & Kilmallock
Group of Parishes
Adare, Croom, Kilmallock, Kilpeacon
The Rev. Gary Paulsen
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14th Tullamore International Summer Organ Series
Church of the Assumption, Tullamore

Reminder of this exciting and interesting programme of organ recitals which as usual combines a very international flavour with some notable Irish talent.

TISOS is a major event in the mid-Ireland arts calendar, bringing as it does a truly world-class roster of performers to a location which has an equally remarkable instrument - the Frobenius organ, formerly in Vor Frue Kirke (Cathedral) in Copenhagen.

Remaining recitals
Tuesday, 24 July 2012
John Kitchen (University of Edinburgh)
Tuesday, 21 August 2012
Aleksandr Nisse (Dublin)
Tuesday, 25 September 2012
Spotlight on Youth (Young Irish Organists in Concert)

Admission to each concert €10 (€6 Concession)
It was wonderful to see the parish taking responsibility for their property and not letting it go before again spending thousands sometime down the road. There is something wonderful when a community gets together like this and works side by side. It is more than physical but I believe very spiritual in what it means to be community and the body of Christ in action.

Kilpeacon have done some repairs inside the church and have an improved sound system which helps everyone hear a little better. Kilmallock church had a clean-up and scrub down and can boast to be sparkling, thanks to all who now keep this church shining. The new remote microphone also gives me wonderful freedom not to be pegged to one place.

Rathkeale & Kilnaughtin Group of Parishes

Rathkeale, Askeaton, Kilcornan & Kilnaughtin
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By the time this issue of Newslink makes it to the pews we will have enjoyed our Agape service at the Rectory on 24th June. Whatever the weather we will be one community one people gathered around to share what God has given us. Some of our families have, of course been weighed down by the public examinations. It is a strain certainly for our young people and a burden on the whole family to have a young member undergoing the judgement of Junior or Leaving Certificate exams. We hope that those who have been through the fires now get a chance to “wind down” and rest after so many weeks and months of preparation and the actual exams themselves. We remember those who are now waiting anxiously for their results and pray that their futures will be secure, not by exams but through the grace of God.

Also remember in prayer Valerie Shorten and Sean Casey as they get married at Holy Trinity Rathkeale on Friday 29th of June. May God also hold their future together in his hand and offer them blessing and hope.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY

Tralee: 10.45 a.m. every Sunday
Ballyseedy: 9.45 a.m. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
Ballymacelligott:
12 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Kilgobbin: 10.00 a.m. every Sunday
Dingle: 12 noon every Sunday
Killiney: 7.30 p.m. every Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST

Tralee: 10.45 a.m. every Sunday
Ballyseedy: 9.45 a.m. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
Ballymacelligott: 12 noon every Sunday
Kilgobbin: 10.00 a.m. every Sunday
Dingle: 12 noon every Sunday
Killiney: 7.30 p.m. every Sunday

SUMMER ON THE DINGLE PENINSULA

The Summer Season of Folk Concerts in St. James’ Church, Dingle are in full swing on Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. We thank local musician Eoin Duignan for organising these.

There will be an evening Service in St. Brendan’s Church, Killiney, at 7.30 p.m. each Sunday during July and August. We look forward to welcoming visitors to our Services. We will be welcoming The Rev. Ken Reeves from England, The Rev. Nicola Halford from Dublin and The Rev. Deena Galantowitz from St. Augustine, Florida, to Killiney Cottage in July and August. We thank the parishioners who got the Cottage and Church in ship-shape for this year’s visitors and worshippers.

NEWS FROM THE WEST

A group of ladies form Co. Fermanagh attended Service at St. James’ Dingle, during the summer 2011. They noticed the worn linen on the Communion table and decided to do something about it. In due course Eleanor Prestage received a parcel containing replacement linen and restored crochet work. The parishioners would like
to thank; Mrs Betty Emo, Derrylin, Co Fermanagh for undertaking the work, and her assistants, Mrs Lillian Thornton, and Miss Patricia Donald. Next time the ladies are in Dingle we have agreed to take them out for a meal as a gesture of our appreciation!

ABOUT PEOPLE

The community of Killflynn and beyond were shocked and saddened to learn of the unexpected and tragic death of Walter Parkinson. The huge attendance at his funeral bore testimony to the regard in which he was held in the community. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his sister, Martha, and his brother, Thomas, as well as to the extended family and his friends.

We congratulate Heather Groves and Jerry Sugrue on the birth of their baby son, Jake, recently. We also send our congratulations to Ross and Sarah O’Neill on the birth of a baby boy, Tom.

We extend our sympathy to Lorna Gleasure on the death of her Aunt in Northern Ireland earlier this week.

We apologise to Natasha Pevers whose name was somehow inadvertently omitted from the list of those who were confirmed in the most recent edition of “Newslink”. It has been good to see so many of this year’s Confirmation Group attending our Sunday Services so regularly. Well Done! Keep it up!

Killarney & Aghadoe Union

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During the summer there is a service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 11am, and each Wednesday at 10.30am followed by coffee in Mac’s restaurant.

The Café Church is now well underway on Saturdays from 10.30am until 1pm. Coffee, scones, the day’s newspapers, chat and sharing.

The tours of the windows have also begun on Saturdays at 11am and 12noon, and also on Wednesdays at 11am after the Communion. Rather than the tours simply presenting the history of those who donated the windows, the Bible themes are shared by the Tour Guides, providing a mission aspect to what is our main Tourist attraction. Anyone interested in becoming a Guide please speak to Canon Sue.

A forward notice to July 15th when Debbie and Jimmy will bring their new baby Brian for Baptism, we look forward to welcoming them again to St. Mary’s, now that they have moved back to Killarney.

Congratulations to Jennifer Gibson and Richard McMurty who were married in St. Mary’s On Saturday 23rd of June, every good wish for the future.

Our good wishes also go to Sarah Hilliard and Hugo Vera Ugalde who will celebrate the Dedication of their Marriage in Killarney Methodist Church on 29th July. We have two August weddings to look forward to, firstly the marriage of Laura McDougall and Jonathan Eadie on 24th in St. Mary’s, and Kirsty Watterson and Graham Brown on 30th. May each of the couples know God’s Blessing not only for their weddings but in their lives together.

Killarney Men’s Shed opened in June, and will meet at the Ross Products Factory on Upper Lewis Rd near the stadium. For further details contact Pat O’Brien patobrienavalon@eircom.net. The ethos of the Shed movement -

There are a range of activities in the shed including metal work, woodwork, chess, cards, darts, arts and crafts etc. The ethos of the shed is that all men are welcome to come and share their experiences, skills and friendships.

“Men don’t talk face to face, rather they talk shoulder to shoulder” is a saying that sums up the nature of men’s conversations about life’s problems and opportunities. Unemployed and retired men may encounter difficulties in physical and mental health from time to time. The shed atmosphere allows men to share their experiences and enables them accept support from their fellow man.

The Book Club will meet as usual throughout the summer on the first Thursday 5th July; we will discuss what is for many members their first Joanna Trollope, A Soldier’s Wife. There are lots of suggestions for the rest of the year. We meet in the Malton Hotel at 8pm.

Concerts in July and August - Tuesday 3rd July Mississauga Festival Choir.

Mon. 9th Key Chorale; Thurs. 12th Lorin – Pops Concert; Sat. 14th Promusic; Sat. 21st Spraoi Chiarrai; August Sat. 4th Spraoi Chiarrai.

Mon 6th. Greater Harmony Chorus; Sat 25th. Spraoi Chiarrai. All concerts are at 8pm with free admission and a retiring collection, apart from Cologne Philharmonic on August 13th when tickets are available at the door from 7.30pm.

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GREETINGS ALL

I hope you are all enjoying the holiday season, sorry about the weather! There have been a number of special occasions recently. In Kiltallagh on Wednesday 6th June we had a heartfelt service to mark Rhona’s first anniversary, with Jim Stephens preaching and Archdeacon Shannon joining us. There was a retiring collection for Cancer Research which raised €500. Our sympathies to Donny and all the family, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

On Monday the 11th there was an ecumenical service in St. James as our Roman Catholic brothers a sisters celebrated the Eucharistic Congress. We celebrated our
common baptism together in what was an uplifting service and my thanks to the parishioners who supported it.

There was a service in St. Cartach’s to mark the end of school year on Thursday the 14th of June and we were delighted to welcome the Bishop back once more for this service and green flag raising.

**CRICKET**

We are practicing in the Community Sports Field in Castlemaine. Practice is at 6 to 7.30 pm on Wednesdays with most matches on Thursdays with 2 a month for the summer. So far we have drawn with North Kerry as the game was rained off just as Peter Hill was starting to hit fours! We would warmly welcome more to the squad so any cricketers should contact myself or Ron.

**THE HALL**

The sound panels to reduce the echo in the hall are nearly ready at the time of writing and may even be up at the time of going to print, so thanks to Alfie West and Andrew Eddie for the work they have put into this project. This should make the hall far more comfortable especially for small groups to use as the echo could be quite off-putting sometimes.

**GOOD NEWS**

Congratulations to the Poffs on two new arrivals and to the Murphys on their recent birth, it is so nice to be hearing so much good news around the place. We had a wonderful service to welcome Daniel Poff into the Ship of the Church and thanks to Ron and Inarra for running that Sunday’s Tea and Coffee. Also the parish’s environmental efforts have been recognised by Eco-Congregation Ireland with the awarding of a certificate which is at the back of St Michael’s church.

**MESSAGE FROM GUNTESBURGE**

Dear Mairt, dear sisters and brothers in Killorglin, Antje and myself still love to remember the wonderful days that we shared with you in Killorglin, Milltown and Sneem. We enjoyed every second and loved to see a little bit of your surroundings and to stay with Dorothea and Jim. In Güntersberge, we have had a slide presentation with a report about those wonderful days. All parishioners who witnessed the presentation were very happy. The report made people enthusiastic to get to know you personally.

We cordially invite you to come to Güntersberge around the weekend November 10th to 11th. You have planned to come from Friday Nov. 9 until Monday Nov. 12, maybe a little longer. You will probably need two days for travelling and if this fits with your ideas you can have two complete days over here with us. Next to St. Martin’s feast we can arrange some program and visit some places of interest nearby, such as old churches or a place of reformation. We will also invite you to take part in a bilingual service.

We would be honoured if you will accept our invitation. We can offer you private homes to stay with our people here, which would bring you close to our parishioners. It would be helpful for us to get message about your plans as soon as possible, especially about the dates and the number of people who are ready to come to us. Everyone arriving here will be warmly welcomed. We are looking forward to your response.

Since receiving this letter I have sent a greeting to the young people who were making their confirmation in Guntesburge which was read at the service. We need to finalise our numbers for the trip over so any interested please tell me asap.

Mise le meas Rev. Máirt

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**Kenmare and Dromod Union**

**Kenmare, Sneem, Waterville and Valentia**

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**MOTHERS UNION**

Our Mothers Union branch (now up to 15 members – both boys & girls) celebrated its first birthday on May 8th with a short service of thanksgiving, followed by the traditional sumptuous spread.

Our ‘Mums in May’ garden tea party and Bring and Buy at Geraldine Johnston’s house, celebrating 125 years of the Mothers Union in Ireland, raised €555.55 for Mothers Union Projects both at home and overseas.

The Cloughjordan Showcase event on Saturday 19th May provided a great opportunity to meet and catch up with members from branches across the Diocese and to hear Patsy Devoy speaking about our gifts and opportunities for each one of us to use them in our own ministries in reaching out to those around us – and, judging from the branch stands, our gifts and talents are in plentiful supply. Arts and crafts, hairdressing, healthy eating, hospital visiting, shoeboxes, knitting and crochet, handmade greeting cards; God has given us so much – let’s continue to share what we’ve been given and to love...
CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN KENMARE

For the last six weeks, we have been running a ‘Christianity Explored’ course jointly with our brothers and sisters from both Holy Cross and Kenmare Methodist. Held in the new Methodist church building, the evenings have started with a shared meal followed by a DVD clip, short talk and discussion on some of the central themes of Christianity as recorded in Mark’s Gospel. The evenings have been led, and food (excellent!) provided, by each congregation in turn. Around 25-30 people have attended every session, and the response has been tremendous – taking the opportunity to meet together, discovering just how much we have in common, and working towards answering Jesus’ prayer on the night before He died that we should ‘All be one’, we have learned much and made very positive steps towards our witness to Unity in Diversity. The course ended with a Thanksgiving service in Holy Cross at 7:30 on Pentecost Sunday 27th; but that won’t be the end of our meeting together. As a follow-up, we intend to hold a series of monthly meetings – termed ‘Kai’s Questions’ – where everyone will get the chance to ask a panel about aspects of our faith, both those which arise from the course and from our own life experiences. The first meeting was held in Kenmare Methodist church on 13th June, starting at 7:00 – again with a shared meal.

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KILFENORA BOOK AND FUTURE PILGRIM WALKS IN CLARE

A new historical guide to Kilfenora cathedral and high crosses, intended for spiritual pilgrims, tourists and walkers, has been printed. It is by Rosemary Power, medieval historian and folklorist, who as Pioneer minister working on behalf of the Methodist Church, has taken services and held talks in Saint Fachnan’s cathedral in recent years. Some of the ecumenical pilgrimage walks, Ar bhealach na Naomh, that she organised, have ended here.

The full guide, on Kilfenora and sites including Killinaboy, Dysert O’Dea and Rath, comes out later this summer, to be published by Columba Press. A second volume will cover Scattery Island and sites associated with Saint Senan in West Clare. Her other recent books include The Celtic quest: a contemporary spirituality (Columba Press, 2010). Her booklet can be purchased in the Visitors Centre and local shops, or via the website www.shannoncoclare.wordpress.com.

The East Clare Whitsun walk and celebration in Tuamgraney on 26 May, a day attended by some 70 people, was another such event, organised in conjunction with community groups and representatives of the Catholic and independent churches. There will be a Scattery Island pilgrimage with the date to be announced shortly.

Christ Church Shannon is offering oak church chairs for sale, with proceeds to church funds. They were damaged in the fire two years ago, but have proven to respond excellently to treatment. Contact 087 9888 508.

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Drop in for coffee each Friday 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Parent and Toddler Group: Tuesdays 10 am – 12 pm

Youth Club (11+) 2nd & 4th Fridays 8-10 pm preceded by Youth Bible Group at 7 pm.

KENMARE “GATEWAY” GORTAMULLIN, KILLARNEY ROAD, KENMARE.

Sunday Service: 11 am (preceded by coffee) (inc. Children’s’ programme)

Weekly Bible Study/Fellowship meetings: Tuesdays at 8.00 pm (Prayer time at 7pm)

Dated for your Diary

Gneeveguilla Home fellowship group is scheduled for Thursdays 5th and 19th July and the 2nd and 16th August at 8pm. Contact Laurence for directions to the venue.

The meetings in Millstreet continue every Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Canon O’Donovan Centre on Clara Road in Millstreet town. On Sunday 8th July we will be meeting at the Drishane Castle Hostel for Asylum Seekers and we will also be sharing in the afternoon with the residents of the Hostel with separate adults and children’s programmes. Please pray that everyone involved would meet with God’s grace.

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In Kenmare the “Christianity Explored” course during April and May went really well and it was a delight to share with members of the other Churches in the town. Everybody involved wanted to continue to meet together so there is now a monthly meeting on a Wednesday evening when Christians from around the town gather in the “Gateway” Methodist centre in Kenmare. This takes place on the first Wednesday of each month and so on that week Kenmare Methodist Church will not have their Tuesday night Bible study.

Children’s Holiday Bible clubs are planned in Killarney and Kenmare from Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th July meeting 10 am-12 noon in Killarney and 2.30 pm-4.30 pm in Kenmare. In these we are greatly assisted by a team of friends from California and also in association with their visit we will have separate overnight retreats for men, women and teenagers all meeting in Muckross Venture Centre.

Recently Methodists from Killarney have begun to facilitate a Bible study in a home in Lispole near Dingle. These are beginning to be publicised in the Dingle Peninsula area. The meetings are once a month on the last Thursday of each month. Contact Laurence at the number above for further information.

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A weekend entitled “No Limits!” for teenagers from the Midlands and Southern District, was hosted recently by the Roscrea Methodist Church. Games, worship, teaching mess and mayhem, made up the programme led by Raymond Ruttle, Field Worker with IMYCD (Irish Methodist Youth and Children’s Department). The TOM team (roving team on mission) brought their expertise in devotions, leading worship and music. Just 19 years old they take a year out from studies to work with circuits and lead events. This year the team consisted of Bethany Colbert, Michael Anderson, Peter Morris and Darragh Campbell.

It’s time for Summer Swell the residential camp bringing young people together for a fantastic week of fun, surf, fellowship and an unharnessed opportunity to encounter God in a creative and culturally relevant way. Michaela Duffy from Roscrea Methodist Church will be attending for the second time! It is a packed week, with surf lessons, day trips, workshops, worship, music, chill out-time … and much more!

The Surf Project is a ‘new expression’ of doing Church, coming on-stream in Methodism, and is co-ordinated by Jonathan Griffin (Jono), son of Rev Brian and Eirene Griffin … website: www.thesurfproject.org get informed for next year’s events.

Sacred Space is available on Main Street, Cloughjordan, during the Cloughjordan Festival from Wednesday 27 June to Sunday 1 July, organised by the Cloughjordan Methodist Church.

‘Praise Prom’ led by Rev Noel Mills and Dr Ken Baker in Roscrea Methodist Church on September 8th at 8.00 pm. Rev Noel is the Methodist Minister of the new Riverstown congregation in Carrick-on-Shannon on the North Connaught Circuit which was founded by Rev Ken who now serves the Elim Pentecostal congregation which meets in Shinrone Methodist Church.

Church Planting … began with a barbecue in the home of Lucy and Donald Bateman for people living in the South Tipperary Riding and North Cork area. The next event is on Friday 20th July 7.30 … for strawberries and cream! Address: Ballylooby, near Cahir … telephone: 052 744 20 58

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