

## **SAFEGUARDING TRUST PARISH PANEL**

In accordance with the recommendations in "Safeguarding Trust" the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children. A Parish Panel has been appointed to implement this code. If you have any concerns regarding issues around children please contact a Panel member. **Mrs Kaye Nesbitt, Mr Mervyn Clarke and Rev Irene Lytle**

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### **Pastoral Care – Hospital Visitation**

Please let the rector know if you require a pastoral visit or if you or a relative are in hospital.

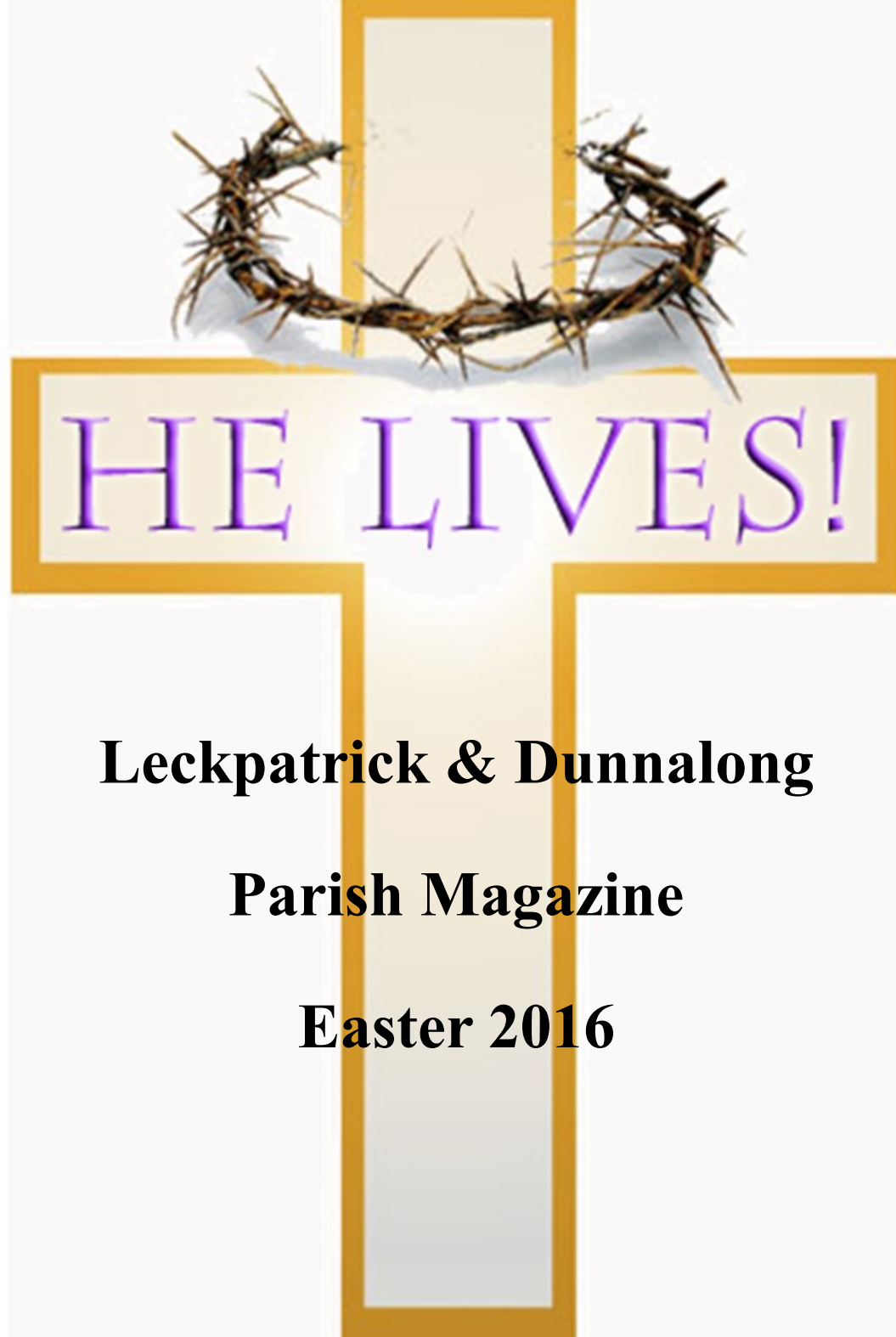
### **Leckpatrick Church & Milliken Hall**

Please note it is now the responsibility of each organisation to inform The Sexton: Mr George McIntyre - Telephone No: 028 7188 5656, when you need or do not need The Church or Hall opened. The Church will be open from Wednesday - Saturday 9.20am - 4pm each day for private prayer & reflection

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Items for inclusion in the next Parish Magazine should be emailed to Mrs Kaye Nesbitt - [kayenesbitt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kayenesbitt@hotmail.co.uk) by Wednesday 15th June

**Leckpatrick & Dunnalong Parishes uphold the policies of Safeguarding Trust**



## *Reflection from the Rector.....*

*Easter Day this year is the 27th March and there will be Easter Communion services in both churches in the Parish as we celebrate this important feast of the church calendar. At Easter we think back to the beginning of the new relationship with God, established through the extraordinary events of the death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is a mysterious story, which offers a context of hope and depth to our story.*

*The story of the church from that point on to today is complex and rooted in the history of the world: events such as the fall of Jerusalem, the conversion of the Emperor Constantine, the divorce of Henry VIII; the political genius of Elizabeth I. But it is always also the story of individuals finding something precious in the words of Jesus and the events of his death and Resurrection and sharing their joy and hope with others in their unique circumstances.*

*This will inevitably result in diversity in the church. What unites the church however will be people walking together, with God, celebrating diversity, in the way of love and mercy.*

*There are a number of events to prepare for Easter Day - our Easter Parish Mission in Holy Week will be conducted by Captain Gary Roberts, Church Army Evangelist (Lisburn).*

***Holy Wednesday** - an All Age Service focusing on **children** will take place in the Milliken Hall, Leckpatrick. Our Songs of Praise will be led by Bready Jubilee Primary School Choir under the direction of Mrs. Linda Kennedy-McNeill. Our thanks to the Principal, Mr. Brian Guthrie for his assistance with this event.*

***Maundy Thursday** - a Holy Communion Service incorporating theme of **generosity** will be held in Dunnalong.*

## Donations Received

### Baptismal Donations

#### Dunnalong

Charlene Parkhill and Samuel Davis £40.00

#### Leckpatrick

Matthew Black and Simone Neely £40.00

Andrew Barr and Chelcie Donnell £30.00

Ryan and Glenda Olphert £40.00

Richard Kee and Jennifer McGrinder £50.00

### Dunnalong Donations

Legacy from the late Isa Knobbs £500.00

Anonymous £50.00

### Dunnalong In Memorial

In loving memory of William Dunn Robinson  
From his wife Annie, sons, daughters and families £120.00

In loving memory of Robert Lynch  
From his daughter Christine Eddie and Family £20.00

In loving memory of Joe Olphert  
From his wife Jessie and daughter Claire £100.00

### Leckpatrick In Memorial

Cherished memories of a much loved husband and father - Samuel (Sam) Clarke  
From his wife Aileen and family £100.00

Birthday and anniversary memories of Samuel Clarke  
From the Milligan Family £50.00

**Thank you to everyone who gives donations to the parish. They play a vital role in maintaining the church and are greatly appreciated.**

**Please pray for the following.....**

- The house bound, lonely and bereaved.
- Parish Organisations
- Diocesan Opportunity 2016
- An end to the refugee crisis
- Easter General Vestries
- General Synod (12th to 14th May)



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**Parish Register**

**Burial of the Dead**

**“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord”**

Leckpatrick

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 (Cremation)  
Sandra Joan Given

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Samuel Buchanan  
(Following Service in Christ Church Strabane)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

Irene Gertrude (Rene) Goligher

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

Harriet Evaline (Hattie) Campbell  
(Following Service in Christ Church Strabane)

**Holy Baptism**

*"Let the children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

*Mark 10:14*

Dunnalong

24<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Laughlin Samuel Derek Davis, son of Samuel Davis and Charlene Parkhill

Leckpatrick

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Amber Simone, son of Matthew Black and Simone Neely

28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Leo Robert Thomas, son of Ryan and Glenda Olphert

Jacob Alexander, son of Andrew Barr and Chelcie Donnell

Jamie Patrick Mervyn, son of Richard Kee and Jennifer McGrinder

***Good Friday*** - a service will be held in Leckpatrick focussing on the **mission** of the Church.

*The services will commence at 7.30pm and will be followed by a 'Hot Cross Bun' supper. I hope that you are able to come to some of these events and to connect with the joy and hope of Easter.*

*May I invite you to step through the doors of St Patrick's and St. John's when you have a moment. Come and rest a while. Bring your thoughts and prayers to God and remember that for years people have worshipped and prayed about their lives in these places of worship. Allow the risen Christ to bring you comfort and peace.*

*With best wishes and prayers,  
Rev. Irene*



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**Parish  
Holy Week Mission  
with  
Capt Gary Roberts  
(Church Army  
Evangelist )**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
to  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Holy Wednesday  
In the Milliken Hall  
7.30pm**

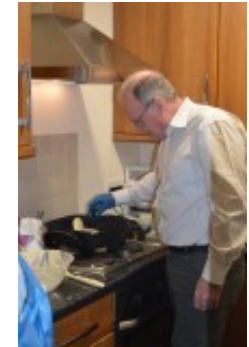
**Featuring  
Bready Jubilee  
Primary School Choir**

**Maundy Thursday  
Celebration of  
Holy Communion  
in  
Dunnalong Parish Church  
7.30pm**

**Good Friday  
Hour at the Cross  
in  
Leckpatrick Parish Church  
7.30pm**



**Dunnalong Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to all who supported the annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 7th February in the Sollus Centre. A BIG THANK YOU to the chief and all the helpers/organisers.**



### **Dunnalong Country Music Night**

Thank you to all who made the Dunnalong Country Music Night on Wednesday 2nd March such a huge success - especially the organising committee, the artists, Strabane Academy and all who supported the evening.



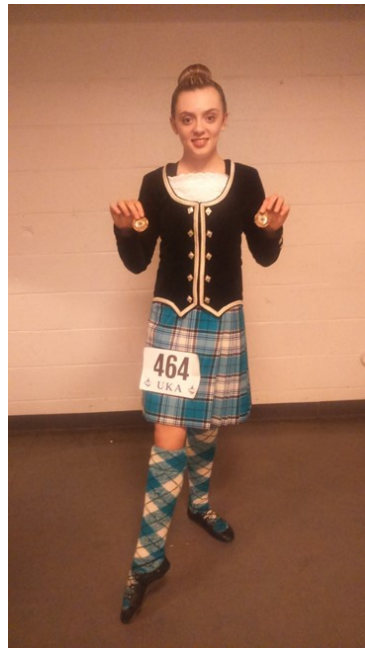




**Congratulations to Mrs Shirley McCobb (Leckpatrick Sunday School Leader) on passing her First Aid Course.**



**Well done to Emily Peart who danced at a special Breakfast on St Patrick's Day at the City Hotel Londonderry.**



**Emily competed recently in UKA Highland dance and came 4th in both Highland Fling and the Reel**



**Sunday 27th March  
Easter Day  
Services**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Dunnalong 10am**

**Leckpatrick 11.30am**



**Easter Saturday 26th**

**Flowers and helpers are required to decorate both Churches  
Dunnalong from 11am onwards  
Leckpatrick from 2pm onwards**

Leckpatrick Parish Church  
Easter General Vestry Meeting  
On  
Tuesday 12th April, 2016  
At 7.30pm  
In  
The Hadden Room

Dunnalong Parish Church  
Easter General Vestry Meeting  
On  
Wednesday 13th April, 2016  
At 7.30pm  
In  
Dunnalong Parish Church

## Celebrating the Year of Opportunity 2016

Friday evening, 11th March 2016 saw hundreds of parishioners from across the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe converge on Letterkenny Institute of Technology for a special event celebrating the Diocese's "Year of Opportunity 2016". People of all ages groups were well represented.

The event included prayers led by Bishop Ken Good and hymns led by a very talented group of young musicians. There was also a rendition of Amazing Grace by local piper Billy Doherty. The Bishop introduced a video message sent from Bishop Tim Wambunye of Butere, Kenya who thanked the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe for its generosity towards his parishioners. He highlighted the fact that the first Christian church was established in Butere by a missionary from Derry and Raphoe 100 years ago this year, which coincidentally ties in with our own 150 year anniversary of the consecration of Dunnalong Church.

Bishop Ken concentrated on **Mission, Children and Generosity**, the three subjects of special focus at the heart of this Year of Opportunity 2016. He highlighted what he called the 'creative plans' of parish Teams throughout the Diocese in celebrating the year of Opportunity and commended everyone involved for their initiative. Some of the events that had already taken place were outlined and he also touched upon things that had been planned and would take place throughout the rest of the year.

A new booklet published by the Diocese called "One More Step" which outlines the personal faith experiences of a number of people was distributed to the audience, and Omagh Firefighter Paddy Quinn joined the Bishop on stage to outline his experiences of finding faith. Copies of this booklet were given to those present to be taken back to the various parishes for distribution, some of which were given out on Sunday 13th March after church. More copies are available from the Rectory if required.

All in all it was an informative and entertaining evening enjoyed by everyone present helped encourage those present to support plans and initiatives being carried out in the various parishes in the forthcoming months of this Year of Opportunity and indeed beyond.

*Avril Murdock.*

*"From the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan website posted 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2016"*

## **Shy and Retiring**

The pleasant spring weather has arrived in perfect time for Diocesan Secretary, Geoffrey Kelly, who retires today after over 30 years in the post.

Geoffrey – a keen gardener – joined the diocesan office staff in 1982 and since then has been a hugely-valued member of the team.

Colleagues and former colleagues joined him yesterday for a lunch at the Beech Hill Country House Hotel to mark his retirement.

Bishop Ken Good thanked Geoffrey for his "faithful service over such a long number of years" and said Geoffrey's "steady and careful work" was appreciated by all his colleagues. The Bishop presented Geoffrey with a gift in appreciation of his three decades of service to the Diocese and wished him a long and happy retirement.

Geoffrey says he is looking forward to spending a lot more time in his garden and pursuing one of his other main interests – travelling.

With Geoffrey's departure, the Diocese has created a new post, Diocesan Accountant Administrator. Gavin Harkin, a Chartered Accountant who worked previously with ILEX, took up the new position in the middle of February.



**Geoffrey is also wished a very long happy and healthy retirement from everyone in the Parish.**