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for Mullavilly
Parish

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God so loved the **world** that
he gave his **only SON**
that *whosoever* believes IN HIM should

not PERISH
but have



everlasting

LIFE

John 3:16

*May God bless you this Easter as you realise that
this promise belongs to you,*

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DATE	FLOWERS	CRECHE	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
April 2nd	Heather Harper	Amanda Stewart Beverley Stewart	Carolyn Mayes	11am Holy Communion
April 9th PALM SUNDAY	Doreen Trimble			11am Family service & baptism
April 16th EASTER DAY		Nicola Wilson Mandy Wright	Brett Hannam	11am Holy Communion
April 23rd	Muriel Bebe	Elaine Bleakney Valerie Doyle	Robert Chapman	7PM Holy Communion
April 30th	Gwen Kane	Jane English Susan Hannam	Elaine Bleakney	11am Holy Communion
May 7th	Shirley Jenkinson	Wendy Hazley Gwen Kane	Jonathan Harper	11am Holy Communion

Refreshments after the family service will be served by Jacqui Moore, Brenda King & Pauline King.

Dates for April

March

Mon 27th 55 club trip by train to Dublin
 Tues 28th 10:30am Holy Communion
 8pm Church 21 Seminar

April

Tues 4th 10:30am Holy Communion
 Thurs 6th 8:00pm Bowling Club AGM
 10th-14th 8:00pm HOLY WEEK SERVICE
 Tues 11th 10:30am Holy Communion and Over 55 Club
 Tues 11th 9:00pm, after service. MU AGM.
 Sat 15th 10:30pm Youth Fellowship Easter Vigil
 Sat 22nd Wedding of Gillian Hor & Neil Carey
 Tues 25th 8:00pm Annual General Vestry
 Thurs 27th Installation of Patrick Rooke as Dean
 Sun 30th 10am Sunday School recommences.

Baptism Anniversaries

The only to be presented this month (9th) will be to Ben Creighton on the 4th anniversary of his baptism.

Over 55 News
 Summer Outing
 Advance Notice of a proposed coach trip to North Donegal on Thursday June 8th. The trip will include a visit to the Doagh Famine Village. Bookings are already being taken with a deposit of £10 to Alan Neill.
 Members are invited to attend the 10:30am Communion Service on the Tuesday of Holy Week. Transport is available for anyone who wishes to come along.

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**Christ has Risen!
HALELLUJAH!**

Church 21

A programme of Parish Development for the Church of Ireland.

Our seminars for the Church21 project continue as we search for ways to develop and change the life of our parish. Following discussion, the Select Vestry highlighted three issues on which we should focus. These were “the use of music in worship”, “spiritual growth” and “increased participation in activities.” you might be able to think of other areas which deserve increased focus.

Our first seminar last month dealt with the issue of being a welcoming church. We looked at our attendance statistics at each service and produced some very useful ideas on how to improve the way in which we provide a welcoming and comfortable environment, both in worship and in the church community in general.

The Church21 programme will lead to change in the parish at all levels. Your views need to be heard and these seminars are the opportunity to give your opinions. Below are the amended dates and topics for future meetings.

Seminars will take place in the Parish Centre on the following Tuesdays (8pm—9:30pm) dealing with the following subjects:

Mar 28th	<i>A Caring Church: how can we help parishioners?</i>
Apr 4th	<i>A Worshipping Church: a look at the content of our worship and preaching</i>
May 16th	<i>A Serving Church: What influence have we in the community</i>
May 23rd	<i>A Communicating Church: Is this magazine effective? How do we get our message out?</i>
May 30th	<i>A Ministering Church: How effective is Mullavilly in doing what it is supposed to do?</i>

Holy Week

The theme for Holy Week this year is “***The Purpose-Driven Life***”. Throughout the week we will be looking at how we can find purpose in our lives through our commitment to Jesus. The headings are based on a book of the same name by Rick Warren.

Monday:	Planned for God’s Pleasure
Tuesday:	Formed for God’s Family
Wednesday:	Created to become like Christ
Thursday:	Shaped for serving God
Friday:	Made for a Mission

The talks will be my own reflections on the book, combined with Scripture, and relating to the Holy Week theme of crucifixion and resurrection. Please join with me and with others during Holy Week as we find our place at the foot of the cross.

Easter Celebrations

The Youth Fellowship will be marking Easter in the traditional way by staying awake all night and then going to the celebration at the Argory at 6am with the Archbishop.

The Dawn Service is open to everyone and has become an important feature of worship in the diocese. Please wear sensible and appropriate clothing for outdoors!

Meanwhile, back in Mullavilly, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30am and 11am. At 7pm, we will have Easter Hymns of Praise and Renewal of Baptism vows.

On the back page you can find a summary of our annual accounts as prepared by the honorary treasurer and approved by the Select Vestry. If you have any queries about the accounts or about your own personal contributions, please do not hesitate to ask either Gerald Kerr or one of the counters. (David Maginnis, Simon Shortt, Gillian Bleakley or Mark Bleakney. Our thanks as a parish are extended to all who have helped to maintain our accounts in good order.