

# Mullavilly News

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The Magazine  
for Mullavilly  
Parish

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## Watching & Waiting

My apologies for the delay in this edition of the magazine! I was waiting to be absolutely sure (as much as possible) that the arrangements for opening the rectory could go ahead. You'll find all the details inside.

For my family and I, the past 11 months have been a time of waiting but especially over the past week or so. Suddenly, everything seems to be moving at a frightening speed and it can be difficult to keep up with the builder! There is an anxiety that something has been forgotten or left undone, or that something will go terribly wrong and there will be long delays to the project. Such excitement over a house is perhaps a little unspiritual and inappropriate during Lent and Easter. However, I wonder are the emotions a small parable of how Jesus anticipated all that lay ahead for him. In the midst of all the excitement that surrounded the Passover, he set his heart firmly on the task he had been sent to complete. A lesser man would have been anxious that there was not enough time or that the plan was wrong. Jesus, on the other hand, faced the cross with determination, sorrow, commitment and love. These are the things we will focus our minds on during Holy Week, in anticipation of the great celebration of Easter, when all of the plans of God, laid down from the beginning, came to fruition. Everything else pales into insignificance in the light of the Easter Dawn.

# CHRIST IS RISEN HALLELUJAH!

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### GENERAL VESTRY

*The Annual General Vestry will be held on Tuesday April 17th at 8pm. At this meeting, which is open to all parishioners, the rector will give an overview and opinion of the work of the church during 2006/7 and we will elect the new Select Vestry and churchwardens.*

*The outgoing wardens, Mary McKee and Valerie Doyle, have provided tremendous service over the year that is past and it has been a joy to work with them. The glebewardens, Alan Neill and Jackie McIntyre, have had their busiest year ever with the rectory work, and this is greatly appreciated.*

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Fri 23rd  
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Tues 27th  
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DATE	FLOWERS	CRECHE	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
March 18th	Georgie Wright	Elaine Bleakney Jane English	Thelma McCrory	11am Holy Communion
March 25th	Geraldine Thompson	Susan Hannam Wendy Hazley	Leslie Irwin	7pm Holy Communion
April 1st	Doreen Toal	Gwen Kane Karen McClelland	Brett Hannam	11am Holy Communion
April 8th	EASTER		Helen McClenaghan	7pm Hymns of Praise
April 15th	Muriel Bebe	Pauline King Jacqui Moore	Rebecca Milne	11am Holy Communion
April 22nd	Heather White	Christine Neill Elaine Neill	Carolyn Mayes	7 pm Holy Communion
April 29th	Leonna Whitten	Yvonne Neill Gladys Shortt	Natalie Magowan	
May 6th	Yvonne English	Amanda Stewart Jonathan Harper	Adam Pearson	11am Holy Communion

The church is decorated by a small team at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. This team is in need of more helpers so if you can help to decorate window baskets etc or large stands, please offer your services.

### **March**

Monday 12th YF team address the Cookstown Clerical Union  
 Tues 13th 10:30am Holy Communion  
 8:00pm Mothers' Union with Roberta & Gerald Macartney  
 Thurs 15th Over 55  
 Fri 16th 2:30pm Enthronement of Archbishop Alan Harper  
 Tues 20th 10:30am Holy Communion  
 8:00pm Bible Study  
 Fri 23rd 8:00pm PM Big Band Concert  
 24th/25 Viewing of Rectory  
 Mon 26th 11:15am Holy Communion in Rathowen  
 Tues 27th 10:30am Holy Communion  
 7:00pm Opening of Rectory with Archbishop

### **APRIL**

2nd-6th 8:00pm Holy Week Service  
 Tues 3rd 10:30am Holy Communion  
 Sat 7th 11:00pm YF Overnight in Centre  
**EASTER DAY** Dawn Service at Argory  
 Tues 17th 8:00pm General Vestry Meeting  
 Thurs 19th Over 55

### **Baptism Anniversaries**

**March** Holly Topley (2nd); Grace Marrison, Emma McDonald (3rd); Chelsea Johnston, Rebecca Foster, Louis Russell (4th)  
**April** (presented on Easter Day) Jake Nelson (1st);

### **From the Registers**

#### *Baptisms:*

Feb 25th Emily Rebecca, daughter of Richard and Laura McMullen

#### *Weddings*

March 2nd, Paul Davis & Kelly Forbes

#### *Burials:*

Feb 25th Jane (Jean) Strain, Annagh Hill

## OPENING THE RECTORY

The Select Vestry will be opening the rectory to the public on Saturday and Sunday before the official dedication. There will be light refreshments on condition that you don't spill anything on the carpet!

**SATURDAY 24th 10am-4pm**  
**SUNDAY 25th 2pm-4pm and briefly after each service**

**The official opening will be on**  
**TUESDAY 27th at 7:00pm.**



There will be a service in the church with the Archbishop and then we will move to the rectory at app. 7:45pm. The key will be relayed by the Sunday School children from the church door to the rectory. This will then be followed by a few speeches and supper in the Parish Centre. All parishioners and friends are very warmly invited. This will be Archbishop Harper's first visit to Mullavilly and we hope you will be present to make this a memorable occasion.

As a family, we hope to move in after these events -probably on Friday 30th. If you are able to help with cleaning or with carrying furniture and boxes, please do volunteer. Although the move was intended to "turn-key" there are, unfortunately, a few things that will not be completed. The most obvious casualty has been the garden. A combination of rain and machinery and very poor drainage has destroyed a large part of the ground and it will be impossible to do anything about this until the summer. A number of people have asked if there is anything we need in the house and the first answer is that shrubs and garden things would be greatly appreciated, especially anything in tubs!



**The Youth Fellowship** enjoyed an exciting night out at the Karting facility in Newry at the end of February. There was considerable rivalry on the track as the 22 competitors took part in the heats prior to the final knock-outs. The final downhill corner seemed to prove deadly for those who were not familiar with the concept of "slowing down" and Adam Pearson even managed to change tracks at this point. The oldest racer, Amanda Stewart proved that vintage racing was still in vogue whilst the other girls gained advantage points by attracting the flirtations of the course director! Our thanks to the Diocesan Youth Funding for helping to subsidise this event. PS several older parishioners have expressed an interest in a similar night out. The cost is £35 each (!) and we need a minimum of 16 racers. If you're keen, let the rector know.



### **STOP PRESS**

I have just received this morning (Friday 9th) a letter from Samuel Borete including photographs of his family and the bicycle which we funded for him! On the chain cover is painted the words "Remember Mullavilly"! Samuel writes that his congregation of Sudanese continues to grow as people still migrate into Uganda for education and medical care. Apart from his own family, he also cares for 8 other dependants. He asks for our own continuing prayers, especially for their own congregational outreach programme for those who are "infected or affected" by HIV/AIDS.

The photographs can be found on our website at [www.mullavilly.armagh.anglican.org](http://www.mullavilly.armagh.anglican.org) .

A very special "Thank-You" to Emo Overend and his family and friends for the organising of the Country and Gospel Concert. The amount raised was app. £3770. Emo is now exploring another concert for next winter and a barbecue event in the summer. This activities are excellent not only for the fund-raising but also for keeping the profile of the church raised in the community and for bringing people together. If anyone else wishes to tackle a project , don't hesitate to bring it forward to the Select Vestry.