

# Mullavilly News

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To Know Christ  
and to make  
Him known

LENT & EASTER 2009

## MOVIE NIGHTS IN LENT

Each week of Lent, it is planned to screen a movie which will challenge us to think about our faith and attitudes. Three of these movies are recent releases with no specific Christian message but which speak of forgiveness, redemption, sectarianism, consumerism and greed. We will conclude with the shocking and moving film "The Passion of Christ" which will leave us in little doubt about the pain and suffering of Christ and ultimately about the love which has shown to us through his death.

### Thursday 26th The Kite Runner

This is a profoundly emotional tale of friendship, family, mistakes and redeeming love. Two friends are about to be torn apart by betrayal, class difference and politics. Set in Afghanistan, the story takes us into the Taliban's iron-fisted rule as the boy, now a man, yearns for a second chance to make a change and earn forgiveness. (124 minutes, not suitable for under 15)



### Thursday 5th The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

This has been one of the most challenging films of 2008 and the book is superb! This is a story of a young boy whose father is responsible for the management of an extermination camp in Nazi Germany. We follow the effect this has on the family and the friendship between the boy and a child in the camp. (90 minutes, not suitable for under 12)

### Thursday 12th Wall.ee

An understated Pixar animation from 2008. The world has been destroyed by a multi-national corporation and the remaining humans are living on a spaceship. Wall.ee is the last remaining robot on earth who finds a tiny branch of hope for the world. This will make you think carefully about our community and relationships. (95 minutes)

### Thursday 19th The Passion of Christ

This is the much acclaimed movie by Mel Gibson following the last week of Jesus' life. It brings to life the suffering of his passion and the evil which manipulated those involved. Seeing this movie will change your understanding of Easter. (127 minutes, not suitable for under 18)

### Thursday 26th Discussion Night

A chance to discuss some of the themes of the movies and relate them to our Christian faith.

**All movies start at 8pm**

AFTER EASTER—a night out at the VIP Storm Movie Theatre in Belfast

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## To Know Christ and to make Him known

DATE	CHURCH MICE	FLOWERS	CRECHE	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
<b>March 1st</b>	Ann	Thelma McCrory	Amanda Stewart/Judith Wilson	Brett Hannam	11am Holy Communion
<b>March 8th</b>		Ivy Money Penny			11am Family Service
<b>March 15th</b>	No mice today	Evelyn Shortt	Nicola Wilson Mandy Wright	Elizabeth Harper	Visit of Bishop Joel Obeti
<b>March 22nd</b> <b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	Neil	Carol Overend	Colin Patterson Jonathan Harper	Wendy Kitchen	Mothering Sunday 7pm Holy Communion
<b>March 29th</b> <b>PASSION SUNDAY</b>	Pauline	Edith McConville	Tanya McKittrick/Ann Rafferty	Ian Howard	
<b>April 5th</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Joanne	Jean Hawthorne	Laura McMullen/Jane Black	Helen McClenaghan	11am Holy Communion SOUP LUNCH
<b>April 12th</b> <b>EASTER</b>	Carolyn	Muriel Bebe		Mary McKee	11am Holy Communion
<b>April 19th</b>	Brian	Carol Thompson	Elaine Bleakney Valerie Doyle	Rosemary Neill	
<b>April 26th</b>	Margaret	Mandy Wright	Jane English Susan Hannam	Alice Patterson	7pm Holy Communion
<b>May 3rd</b>	Tanya	Sally Ann Black	Wendy Hazley Gwen Kane	Rebecca Milne	11am Holy Communion

### February

Wed 25th ASH WEDNESDAY  
 Wed 25th 8pm Country & Gospel Concert  
 Thurs 26th Movie Night  
 Sat 28th 10:30am Coffee Morning (rectory)

### March

Tues 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion  
 8pm Select Vestry  
 Thurs 5th Movie Night  
 Tues 10th 10:30 Holy Communion  
 Thurs 12th Movie Night  
 Mon 16th 8pm Meeting with Bishop Obeti  
 Tues 17th 10.30am Holy Communion

Tues 17th 8pm Mothers' Union  
 Thurs 19th Movie Night  
 Tues 24th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Weds 25th 1pm Over 55 Irish Stew  
 Thurs 26th 2pm Over 55 invited to Open Door  
 Thurs 26th Movie Night  
 Sat 28th 10:30am Coffee Morning (Doyle's)  
 Tues 31st 10.30am Holy Communion

### April

Thurs 2nd 8pm Bowlers' AGM  
 6th-10th 8pm HOLY WEEK  
 Tues 7th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Tues 21st 8pm ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY  
 Tues 28th 8pm Mothers' Union

**From the Registers****Baptisms**

*February 15th: Sarah Alice, daughter of Dean & Gillian Wright*

**Baptism Anniversaries**

**March:** Sophie Willsher (1st); Theo Milligan (1st) Molly Whiteman (2nd); Ava Lund (2nd); Caitlin McCleery (2nd); Ethan Topley (3rd); Holly Topley (4th);

**April:** Lydon Harper (1st); Jake Nelson (3rd);

**Mullavilly Parish Church Presents**  
**Country & Gospel Concert**

**February 25th**

**8pm** Admission **£10**

We mentioned last month that four of our youth fellowship members are travelling to Africa this summer with CMS Mission Teams. Jonathan Harper, Rachel Doyle and Rebekah Hampton (Tartaraghan) are going to Kenya and Elizabeth Harper is going to Burundi. Each of them is expected to raise £1700 and therefore a number of fund-raising events have been organised. The coffee mornings are organised by the particular families, and the Sunday School event will support the three teachers (Jonathan, Elizabeth and Rachel). The Youth Fellowship events later will support all four travellers. Raising funds to encourage so many young people is difficult. However, all of them have contributed a lot to Mullavilly through their various commitments and your support would be greatly welcomed by them.

You are Invited to  
**2 Coffee Mornings**

*February 28th at the Rectory,*

*March 28th at Doyle's, 129 Portadown Road*

From 10:30am



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SPONSORED SING**

PALM SUNDAY

(April 5th)

10am



**SOUP LUNCH AFTER  
CHURCH**

**HOLY WEEK**  
**6th—10th April**

Our guest preacher for Holy Week is the Ven. Robert Townley, former Dean of Ross (in Co Cork). Robert is now retired and living in Armagh. I first met the Dean of Ross in 1984 and was immediately struck by his gentleness and sincerity. He was the first person I heard using the phrase "He has a Gospel Heart" to describe the commitment of a fellow Christian. This description has always stayed with me both as a way of assessing others and as a challenge to myself—does my commitment to the Good News affect my heart, the centre of my being, in a way that then changes my whole lifestyle? Do I have "a Gospel Heart"?

Robert Townley will lead us gently through each night of Holy Week, encouraging us to draw closer to Jesus and to be changed by the events which took place during that original week when our Lord faced the cross.

**We will meet each night at 8pm**

## OUR OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP

The following is an extract the most recent blog from our partners at the Madi/West Nile Training Centre, Aart and Geesje Den Breejen:

### Weather

Yes people do ask about the weather so we try to be interactive via the world wide web. Went to a garden centre in the Netherlands and had to choose from about 40 different models to check the weather. Stuck to a simple thermometer that tells us on Geesje's birthday (16th Jan) that the temperature reaches 30 degrees in the shadow and 22 degrees early morning hours the next day. Otherwise a nice breeze (no wind velocity gauge over here, so I (Aart) guess wind speed 3 to 4). Humidity no idea, but it's dry season here so couldn't have possibly been very humid. Sun was shining and the weather was hot. Bright blue sky.

### Work

Next week interviews will take place for the new students. We've got 45 places and in general lots of interested folks. Especially the driver mechanics course is popular. Problem in that section is that it's one of the hardest places to get a job after training. The number of applicants is still meagre, but that's often the case, they only turn up in big numbers once the interviews are started. School starts in the third week of February, from there 3 terms of 12 weeks each.

This year we want to start with a curriculum more tailored to the labour market. One goal of the VTC is that within 5 years every student who leaves the training successfully, should have a job or starting with further training, with the emphasis on the former.

Besides practical matters like driving sea freight stuff and a container load of tools up north, it'll be renovation plans for the VTC that are high on the agenda. Revision of curriculum and sorting the finances structure are other areas in need of attention.

Full details can be found on [www.cmsireland.org](http://www.cmsireland.org)



The bishop of Madi/West Nile (North-West Uganda), Joel Obetia, will be visiting Mullavilly on the 15th and 16th of March. He will be with us for our worship on the Sunday and then speaking at a diocesan gathering (either in the church or committee room) on Monday 16th and staying at the Rectory. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear directly about the work of the Den Breejen family in Arua and the general challenge of church life in Uganda.

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## Geoff Wilson appointed to Shankill, Lurgan

We were delighted to hear the news that the Revd Geoffrey Wilson has been appointed as rector of Shankill Parish, Lurgan. Shankill is one of the largest parishes in the Church of Ireland and the largest Parish Church building! The parish plays a very full role in the Lurgan community, including the many activities which take place at the Jethro Centre (formerly the site of St Andrew's). Geoff will be managing a staff of several curates, youth workers, community workers, administrators and directors, as well as the usual responsibilities of leadership, pastoral care and preaching. The appointment speaks volumes about the confidence which the Church has in Geoff as a man of vision integrity and ability.

We are committed to praying for Geoff and Naomi, Bethany, Jack and Sam as they begin this new stage of their life and we can assure them of our fullest support as they respond to God's call in their life.