

Mullavilly News

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The Magazine
for Mullavilly
Parish

May 2007

Getting it Right

Amen! We are finally back in Mullavilly and “at home” in the rectory. There was a huge push at the end of March and we were able to move on Maunday Thursday. Our thanks go to all those who helped with the move—the lifting and carrying and cleaning—we could not have done it on our own.

After Easter, Heather and I abandoned the children and went to Glasgow for two days. We arrived at Ikea at 10am and left at 8:30pm! I doubt I’ve ever spent so long in one shop. You can imagine the amount of measuring and discussion and debate that took place throughout the day. The car, from which we had removed the seats, was packed from back to front and floor to roof with flat-pack furniture. We had mirrors, desks, cabinets, bookcases, wardrobes, shelves, chairs and much more. The outcome of this retail holiday is that I am now an expert in building flat-pack furniture. When Ikea arrives in Belfast next winter, you know that you can always call on me to build your purchases!

The key feature of building flat-pack has to be that you actually follow the instructions. These are clearly set out in easy to follow pictures. When you do exactly as shown in the manual, then very little can go wrong and the finished product will be exactly as you expected. Unfortunately many people (especially men who think they are skilled at DIY), simply look at the parts and then try to put it all together using their own knowledge and experience, which is generally limited and wrong!

Because of our pride, arrogance and self-confidence, the task of reading instructions and taking advice from others is very difficult. We like to do it our own way. Can you imagine the wardrobe/table/chair that might emerge if we all took the Sinatra philosophy “I did it my way”. We have been given everything we need to put our lives in order—to build our lives and live it as God intended. There are no missing screws or wobbly planks! We also have the instruction manual—the teaching and example of Jesus as described in Scripture. Put that together with the company of others and the forgiveness of mistakes made and you have all you need. Don’t be anxious about getting stuck in to building your life with the materials God has given you. Follow the instructions and you’ll be pleased with the results.

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SELECT VESTRY

*The newly appointed
Select Vestry have taken
up office. They are:*

*Rector’s churchwarden:
Colin Patterson*

*People’s churchwarden:
Nigel Metcalfe*

*Rector’s glebewarden
Jackie McIntyre*

*People’s glebewarden:
Alan Neill*

*Robert Jennett (hon sec);
Gerald Kerr (hon treas);
Margaret Neill; Valerie
Doyle; Valerie Milne; Mary
McKee; Jean McClelland;
Ian Milne; Bobby Quinn;
Sam McIntyre; Brett
Hannam; Leslie Stewart.*

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DATE	FLOWERS	CRECHE	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
May 6th	Yvonne English	Amanda Stewart Jonathan Harper	Rebecca Milne	11am Holy Communion
May 13th	Sandra Burns			11am Family Service
May 20th	Jennifer Brown	Judith Wilson Nicola Wilson	Rosemary Neill	11am Holy Communion
May 27th	Helen MClenaghan	Mandy Wright Tanya McKittrick	Elaine Bleakney	7pm Holy Communion
June 3rd	Valerie Milne	Ann Rafferty Elaine Bleakney	Robert Chapman	11am Holy Communion

Family Service Refreshments on May 13th will be served by Amanda Stewart, Georgina Stewart, Elaine Bleakney and Betty Russell

Parishioners are welcome to help out with any of our rotas. Crèche attendants must be at least 18 and new additions to the team will need to consent to a police check. This should now be standard practice for everyone in contact with children.

Dates for your diary

May

Tues 1st 8pm Select Vestry
 Sat 5th Breakfast in Ballymore
 8th-10th General Synod, Kilkenny
 Thurs 10th 10:30am Ramblin' Rose
 Thurs 17th Ascension Day: Choir in Stewartstown
 Fri 18th 8pm Institution in Ballyconnell
 Fri 18th Blood Donations, Ballymore
 Sun 27th 3:15pm Adult Confirmation in Cathedral

Bible Study Groups:

The Youth Fellowship will continue to hold Bible Study Groups each Wednesday in various homes 9pm-11pm
 For the rest of the "oldies" the Bible Study Group will meet in the Centre this term on Tuesdays at 8-9:30 on May 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5th.

The family of Stuart Fletcher have asked me to pass on to all the parishioners their deepest gratitude for the support given to them following Stuart's tragic death.

Baptism Anniversaries

1st Joshua Conn
 2nd: Raymond Neill, Fiona Mayes
 4th: John Neill, Cain Nelson

From the Registers

Baptisms

11th March Molly, daughter of Aaron & Lisa Whiteman

18th March Ava, daughter of James & Karen Lund

25th March

Caitlin Margaret, daughter of Jonathan & Paula McCleery
 Ethan Mark, son of Mark & Dawn Topley

Burials

17th March Stuart Fletcher
 18th March Sadie Holywood
 26th March Edna Gowing (ashes interred at Wood-schapel)

Financial Summary 2006

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Freewill Offerings	64596.89	Diocesan Assessment	48962.78
Cash Offering	3071.86	Mission & Charities	6335.00
Graveyard Fees	660.00	Ministry Honorarium	2000.00
		Visiting preachers	50.00
Interest on Trust	772.39	Church21 conference	380.00
Other Donations	466.00	Clergy Retreat	70.00
Use of Hall	990.00	Insurance	1609.32
Summer Madness Fees	825.50	Maintenance/Equipment in Parish Centre	5525.68
For Mothers' Union	128.50	Other salaries	6137.00
Diocesan Magazine	6.50	Clerical/Stationary	1265.46
Bank Interest	66.97	Sunday School	1033.33
In Memorium		Telephone	224.83
Late Dorothy Dermott	825.00	Rates	660.48
Late Olive Strain	500.00	Heat & electric	3274.14
		Bank Charges	263.54
Balance at Bank 31/12/05	22279.39	Diocesan Mothers' Union	128.50
		Summer Madness	989.00
		Diocesan magazine	117.00
		Gift to Archbishop	200.00
		Balance at Bank 31/12/06	15922.94
	95149.00		95149.00

Development account summary

Subscriptions	5365.00	Expenditure to contract	83973.20
Antique Fair	1903.00	Rent	2700.00
Donation	350.00	Postage	69.00
From deposit	20957.00		
Open Garden (White's)	900.21		
Rectory fund giving	27615.00		
Bank 1/1/06	2839.38	Bank 31/12/06	-26812.61
	59929.59		59929.59

Thanks to all involved in our "treasury department". It takes a huge commitment of time to deal with the accounts, record the donations etc. If you have any queries, or require more detailed information, please do not hesitate to ask.

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INSTITUTION

The Revd Geoffrey Wilson, who is currently serving as Bishop's Curate in Swanlinbar is to be instituted as rector of the Grouped Parishes listed on the right. This is a big step forward for Geoffrey as he develops his ministry and shares in the future ministry of these parishes. Geoff will not be expected to be in every church each Sunday, but he will still have a large geographic area to cover. He has assured me that everyone will be made very welcome at this service and that the Slieve Russell Hotel is only round the corner for those who wish to stop over.

Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh
The Grouped Parishes of Swanlinbar, Tomregan, Templeport, Kildallon,
Newtowngore & Corrawallen



The Churchwardens and Members of the Select Vestries invite

— *The Parishioners of Mullavilly* —
to be present on the occasion of the

Institution
of **The Reverend Geoff Wilson B.Th**
as Incumbent of the Grouped Parishes,
by The Rt Rev Ken Clarke, B.A. Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh
in Tomregan Parish Church, Ballyconnell
on Friday 18th May 2007 at 8.00pm and afterwards to Tea in the Parish Hall
(Clergy and Lay Readers please robe in Parish Hall)

R.S.V.P. to: Mrs Gertie Woods, Brendrum, Ballyconnell Telephone: 00353 (0) 49 9526324

BALLYMORE BIKERS' BIG BREAKFAST!

The parishioners of Ballymore are serving breakfasts on Saturday May 5th from 8am-noon in aid of equipment for St Columba's Hospital, Hazaribagh, India. This will certainly set you up for a day at the races so do give them your support.

COMING IN JUNE!

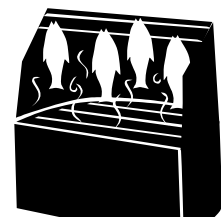
The Ice Box (not quite the fridge, but cooler)

For a few Friday nights in June, the Youth Fellowship will be opening the Parish Centre as a Friday night chill out zone for those taking examinations. (yr 12-14) Starting on June 1st, followed by 8th and 15th and concluding with a barbecue after Evening Worship on Sunday 24th. More details in next months magazine.



PARISH BARBECUE

Plans are being put in place for a Big Barbecue on **Friday 22nd June**. The evening will include entertainment, food and some active participation in either Scottish or line dancing. Put this in your diary now! Tickets will be available in the next few weeks.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

This year, the Adult Confirmation service will be held in the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday (May 27th) at 3:15pm. There will be a number of candidates from Mullavilly so if you feel you would like to take this opportunity to be confirmed, you will not be alone! There will be a preparation evening on Wednesday 16th at 8pm in the Parish Centre. In Confirmation, you are confirming your commitment to Christ and His Church and the Church is confirming your place as a member of the Body of Christ. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you in your service and commitment and the Archbishop will lay hands on you as a symbol of these prayers.

Confirmation for the teenagers will take place in Mullavilly in the early months of 2008.