

# Mullavilly News

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## **A GOOD BEGINNING**

Rather foolishly, I hadn't put the proper preparation in to this year's holiday. I had changed the brake pads on the car, but had forgotten to renew the tyres. I hadn't checked out the important bits of the caravan or any of the equipment. Thus, as we motored merrily down the M1 past Dundalk, I noticed a lack of power in the car. At first, I thought it was due to the hill we were climbing. Then a man drove past waving frantically at us. I glanced in the mirror and saw clouds of smoke pouring out behind us. Soon we were all sitting on the bank of the motorway looking at the shredded remains of the caravan tyre. It was no big problem: I had a special bottle jack and I knew how to change it. Unfortunately, the bottle jack was too big to fit under the axle, especially as the tyre has totally disintegrated. As an added reminder of my carelessness, the spare tyre was flat. We phoned the holiday insurance people to request assistance and I started pumping the spare with the foot pump. A text message advised us that a mechanic would be with us soon. 45 minutes later, we were still sitting enjoying the sunshine. There was another text message—this time it was a marriage request. Lorries thundered by. Northern compatriots hurried on their way to Dublin. No garda patrol car appeared. Still no mechanic. Heather screamed! A Lithuanian car had left the carriageway, narrowly missed our red triangle, and was heading at speed straight for the back of the caravan. Amazingly, it stopped just in time. Two men emerged. The passenger was a short dark man with a very thick southern accent. The driver was taller, fair, and Lithuanian. They looked at the tyre. I thought the situation was hopeless. I explained to the Lithuanian that the bottle jack wouldn't work. He went back to his car, opened the boot and, with all the style of Arnold Schwarzenegger, he lifted out a huge trolley jack. In less than three minutes, he had the wheel changed. It was all so quick and unexpected, that I had to run after them to give them something for their trouble.

Five minutes after that, we were in Dunleer village buying a new tyre from a very helpful mechanic who worked out of a shed in his garden and pointed out that the other tyre was also perished and could explode at any time. We took it off and kept the spare on. It was flat again the next morning. I pumped it up again before breakfast and then at every opportunity until we arrived in the south of France (not my wisest decision). Once there, we bought a small trolley jack, another new tyre and another foot pump to replace the one that was now exhausted and worn out! I changed the tyre on the car too, but the spare-wheel bracket broke. The water pipe to the caravan perished and I "lost" 100 euro and my credit cards in Barcelona, having forgotten to put my wallet into a zipped pocket.

Despite all these set backs, the weather was superb, (over 50C in the sun), we had a wonderful time. It all began with that act of kindness by the Lithuanian and his friend who stopped to help.

The window above the communion table tells the story of the Good Samaritan. It has always been my favourite window in the church, but when I look at it now, I will forever see our caravan and the Lithuanian with the trolley jack!

*"Christ in his limitless mercy has endured me all these years and I cannot doubt that he will be with me to the end." From the letters of Bishop HH Henson 1920-39*

### **Contacting the rectory**

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## September 10th

### WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

**9:30 Holy Communion**  
**11:00 Family Service**  
**7:00 Evening Service**

*Let's make this day a record attendance. If you haven't been to church worship for months, or even years, this is the opportunity to start back.*

*There is no dress code for any service and no seat reservation!*

*The early communion service is quiet, formal and devotional, the evening service is relaxed and "cosy", and the family service is informal. Children are particularly welcome at 11am.*

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DATE	FLOWERS	CRECHE	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
Sept 3rd	Betty Beattie	Tanya McKittrick Ann Rafferty	Natalie Magowan	9:30 & 11am Holy Communion
Sept 10th	Ann Rafferty		Carolyn Mayes	FULL ATTENDANCE
Sept 17th	Susan Ferguson	Elaine Bleakney Valerie Doyle	Helen McClenaghan	11am Holy Communion
Sept 24th	Pauline Jennett	Jane English Susan Hannam	Rebecca Milne	7pm Holy Communion
Oct 1st	Carolyn Mayes	Wendy Hazley Gwen Kane	Rosemary Neill	11am Holy Communion

Refreshments after the family service will be served by Pauline Jennett, Joan & Hannah Murtagh

### Dates for September

Tues 29th Aug: 8pm Special Select Vestry re: funding of rectory  
 Tues 5th 8pm Select Vestry  
 9th-13th Portadown Convention  
 Thurs 14th 10:30am Ramblin' Rose  
 15th-17th Church21 Conference  
 Sun 17th 8pm Diocesan Youth Gathering in Parish Centre  
 Mon 18th 12noon. Cookstown Clerical Union\* meeting in Parish Centre.  
 Tues 19th 8pm Mothers' Union Rural Deanery Service in Mullavilly  
 Sun 24th 3pm rector at Brackagh LOL Harvest  
 Mon 25th 11:15am Holy Communion in Rathowen  
 Fri 29th 8pm rector at Milltown Harvest

**HARVEST WEEKEND IS 6th/8th OCTOBER**

\* This is a group of clergy who have served in Co Tyrone or Derry. We meet monthly for lunch and Bible Study in each others rectories.

### **Baptism Anniversaries**

Alia Wylie, Cameron McClelland and Louise Wright (2nd)  
 Levi Robinson (1st)

From the Registers

#### Baptism:

August 13th: Lucy Heather, daughter of Bryan and Alison Wright

August 27th: Rachael, daughter of Timothy & Karen McClelland

#### Marriage:

August 11th: Rhonda Jayne Wright & Craig Willsher

#### Burials

July 12th: Alison Conn

July 16th: May Bleakney

July 21st: Annie Patterson

### **"Summerhill" Open Garden**

We were delighted to act in partnership with Andrew and Heather White at their recent participation in the National Trust Open Garden scheme. About 500 visitors came to visit their garden and then enjoy afternoon tea in the parish centre. Our teas, which are now renown across the province, raised £886 towards the rectory renovation fund. Thank-you to all who helped and to Andrew and Heather for their invitation to share in the event.

## Portadown Christian Convention 2006 9th-13th September

This year, the key speaker at the Convention is Bishop Ken Clarke. Bishop Ken was curate in Magheralin and is now bishop of Kilmore. He will be known to some as Geoffrey Wilson's bishop. He is a gifted preacher and I know that his presence in Portadown is an opportunity not to be missed.

Saturday

8pm CONVENTION@Edenderry CE  
First Presbyterian Church—8pm

Sunday

Opening Celebration@St Mark's  
Church of Ireland—7pm

Monday—Wednesday

CONVENTION@Thomas Street Methodist Church— 8pm

[www.portadownchristianconvention.org](http://www.portadownchristianconvention.org)



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June saw thousands of people embark on the King's Hall, Belfast for the annual Summer Madness festival. Among them were 18 members of Mullavilly Youth Fellowship accompanied by 4 leaders and although we were greeted by rain the clouds soon cleared and the sun shone for almost the entire five days, perfect camping conditions!

The theme of this year's festival was hunger, not so much actual physical hunger but the craving for spiritual guidance, comfort and peace. Each morning and evening the crowds gathered for a time of worship, firstly led by a selection of bands then followed by a speaker. All sorts of emotions were evoked during this time, laughter usually being the most frequent, but the greatest by-product from these occasions was the questioning inside every person no matter how old or how much personal experience of God they had. At some point over the weekend everyone was prompted to at least think about their own life and take steps, however big or small.

Camp life, luckily for the leaders, was trouble free and during the day time was spent playing football, playing games or music, wandering around the King's Hall or more often than not enjoying the sunshine. Needless to say a good time was had by all!

Streetreach, the side project of Summer Madness, also received a boost as plans for next year's event include numerous projects in Belfast's trouble torn areas in a bid to spread God's word and change a city. It sounds ambitious but then again "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark Ch9 v23). For Christians, not only in Northern Ireland, but all over the world it's not a time to stand by but our duty to stand up!

Report by Adam Pearson

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

	What?	When	Who?
<b>Badminton</b>	An informal night with good fun and lots of banter! All abilities are welcome but the lower age limit is Yr 11 (Senior High/ College). There is no upper age limit!	<b>Wednesday 8pm</b> Starts 13th Sept	David Overend 38841582
<b>Bowls</b>	<b>Both competitive and informal indoor bowling in a supportive and friendly club.</b>	Monday & Thursday 8pm Starts Thurs 7th Sept	Jackie Wright 38841441
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Tea and coffee followed by a time of prayer. The atmosphere is informal. We pray for a variety of topics and people in need as well as all those connected with the parish. Prayer requests are welcome	<b>Tuesday 10am</b> Starts Tues 5th Sept	Jean McClelland 38840325
<b>Boy's Club</b>	<b>For boys age 4-7. A very popular group which focuses on games and craft</b>	Wednesday 6:30pm Starts Wed 20th Sept	Wendy Hazley 38841207
<b>Rainbows</b>	Part of the guiding group for girls age 4-7 with games, activities and badges	<b>Monday 6:30-7:30pm</b> Start Mon 19th Sept	Heather Harper 38840221
<b>Brownies</b>	<b>As above, for girls age 8-10</b>	Monday 6:30-7:45pm Start Mon 19th Sept	Jacqui McLoughlin 38339416
<b>Guides</b>	<b>As above for girls aged 11+</b>	<b>Monday 6:30-7:45pm</b> Start Mon 19th Sept	Reetha Flavelle
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	<b>Presentations and talks of special interest to women of all ages .</b>	3rd Tuesday of each month 8pm Starts church service on Sept 19th	Thelma McCrory 38841414
<b>Sunday School</b>	Bible Teaching and activities for children age 4-12	<b>Sundays 10am-10:50am</b> Starts 17th Sept	Heather Harper 38840221
<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>For teenagers 13+ involving discussion, Bible Study and fun.</b>	Sundays 8:15pm-9:30pm Starts Sunday 3rd Sept	Amanda Stewart 38841961
<b>The Fridge</b>	<b>Drop-In youth club for secondary school kids.</b>	<b>Probably end of October.</b> Watch this space	
<b>Ramblin' Rose</b>	<b>A café with best coffee and scones</b>	2nd Thursday 10:30-12 Starts September 14th	
<b>Over 55 Club</b>	Exactly as it says on the tin! An afternoon for over 55s.	<b>3rd Thursday 3pm</b> Start 21st Sept	