

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1936

## Text for Easter.

"Jesus said, I am the Resurrection, and the Life."

St. John 11:25.

### **The Easter Collect.**

Almighty God who through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech Thee that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Holy Week.**

On Sunday, April 5th, we enter on the solemn week the Friday in which is known throughout British Christendom as Good Friday. Public opinion has conferred upon that day the term "Good." No other word fits it so well for it is the day on which we commemorated the event which has brought more good to mankind than any other event in history. The week which contains this great day is called Holy Week, and each day in it is specially marked in our Book of Common Prayer for suitable commemoration. Let us not make this season merely a time of holiday rejoicing. If we do we will lose its highest significance. A Special Service will be held in the Parish Church on each evening except Saturday during Holy Week at 8 p.m., beginning on Monday, April 6th. On each evening a subject suitable to the Passion and Crucifixion of our Blessed Lord will be considered.

### **Good Friday.**

Services will be held on Good Friday as follows:—

11.30—Morning Prayer and Litany.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offering at both Services will be on behalf of the Jews' Society.

### **Easter Day.**

On Easted Day, April 12th, Services will be held as follows in the Parish Church:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

### **CLERGY:**

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

### **CHURCHWARDENS:**

Rector's—Mr. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings at all the Services on Easter Day will be on behalf of the Parochial Sunday Schools.

### **The Easter Vestry.**

The Easter Vestry will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, April 16th, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m. It is an important meeting, and all the members of the General Vestry of the Parish are eligible to attend and vote. A statement of the Financial position of the Parish is made by the Hon. Treasurer. The new Churchwardens for the ensuing year are announced and elected, also the Select Vestry for the coming year. This year there will also be elected Synodsmen and Parochial and Supplementary Parochial Nominators.

### **Edenderry Prize Distribution.**

The last of the numerous Sunday School Prize Distributions took place in the Parochial Hall on Monday, March, 16th, at 7.30 p.m. The Hall was crowded with eager young people and their parents. There was a splendid supply of tea and cake, to which full justice was done. After tea an electric magic lantern display was shown, with slides to illustrate "How we got our Bible." Mr. Harry Hynes and Lieut. Joseph Hynes showed the pictures, which were very interesting. Then the distribution of Prizes followed. They were very numerous and were handed to the children by Mrs. J. H. Twinem, the Revtor, the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Mr. R. M'Clements and Mr. H. Hynes. Thanks were expressed to all who had so kindly helped to make the evening a great success. The number of Prizes given was the largest ever awarded.

### **Shamrock Guest Tea**

The Shamrock Guest Tea held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, was a great success. It was organised by the Committee of the Mother's Union, and the proceeds were on behalf of the Renovation of the Parish Church. Two of the schoolrooms had been laid out with great taste for the Tea. Each table looked very nice with its array of cakes and its decorations of shamrock. At 8 p.m. the guests began to arrive and take their places at the tables. Before long every table was filled, and some found a difficulty in getting places owing to the number who attended. Grace was heartily sung, and soon there was a loud hum of conversation all through the rooms. The tea was extra good, being made separately in each teapot, under the supervision of Mr. John Twinem. One could hear the rattle of money on the plates after tea as each guest dropped a willing gift on the expectant plate. Then the forms and seats were rearranged for the concert. The Rector presided, and the Rev. W. P. Hayes was also present. The programme was exceptionally good. Every item was of interest. Sketches, recitations, songs and folk dances were all much enjoyed. Two tiny tots in "Little Boy Blue," Wee Pickering and Tiny Percy were splendid, but everything was good. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped. We give here a statement of Receipts and Expenditure, from which it will be seen that a very substantial sum was raised by the gifts of the guests.

To Total amount of proceeds. £16 13s 3d; By Expenses, 17s—£15 16s 3d.

By Printing, 8s 6d; By tea and sugar, 8s 6d—17s 0d.

### **Presentations.**

Several interesting presentations have been made in the Parish recently. The Committee of the Mothers' Union have given Mrs. Margaret Porter a handsome fitted-up handbag as a testimony of their appreciation of her work on their behalf. Also the teachers of Edenderry Sunday School have shown their appreciation of Mr. Harry Hynes as Superintendent of the Afternoon Sunday School by presenting him with a handsome Prayer Book and Hymnal in a case. The presentation was made to Mr. Hynes by the Rector at the Distribution of Prizes held in the Marochial Hall on Monday, March 16th.

### **Special Service at Drumgor.**

On Easter Day a special Service will be held in Drumgor Church Hall at 3.30. An address

will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Hannon, Rector of Shankill. Two new collecting baskets will be dedicated for use in the Hall. They have been specially made at the Institute for the Blind in Belfast. There will be special music.

### **Our Summer Migrants.**

This month our Summer migrants are due. Look out for the swallow, and let your ear be attentive for the cornerake and the Cuckoo. Who in the Parish will be the first to hear or see them?

### **Seagoe Musical Evening**

On Thursday, March 12th, a Musical Evening was held in Seagoe School. It began with a Service of Song, for which a splendid choir had been trained by Mr. Sidney Robinson. They occupied a large platform in the Boys' Schoolroom. The story was finely read by Mr. W. Hutchinson, of Edenderry, and the large audience listened intently to the music and reading. After the Song Service an excellent and varied programme was performed, every item of which delighted the audience. A ghost sketch and a sketch called "Jackets" created great interest. The proceeds were for the Seagoe Prize Fund and resulted as follows:—

Seagoe Musical Entertainment.—Tickets sold, £6 17s 9d; Money taken at Door, 2s 7d. Total, £7 0s 4d. Expenses—Printing tickets, 8s 6d; repair and tuning of school piano, 16s 6d; Mrs. Porter, 5s; Total, £1 10s 0d. Balance—£5 10s 4d.

### **Death of Mr. George Black.**

We record with great regret the death of Mr. George Black, of Knock, at an advanced age. Mr. Black and all the members of his family were highly esteemed. They have had sad bereavement this year. Three members of the family, Mrs. Black, Mr. Sam Black and now Mr. George Black have been called away.

### **A Battalion Service**

On Sunday, April 19th, a Battalion Service of the Church Lads' Brigade will be held in Seagoe Church at 3.30 p.m. Companies from the various Parishes in Belfast and throughout the Diocese will take part in the Service. The preacher will be the Rev H. L'Estrange, M.A., Rector of St. John's, Malone, Belfast, a leading supporter of the C.L.B. Many of the Companies are coming by train from Belfast, and with the combined bands will march to the Church from Portadown Station. The Service will be open to all who wish to attend, but special places will be reserved for members of the C.L.B.



**S A. M. S.**

Mother's Union for support of Indian Baby, £3; Drumgor, Hacknahay,, Levaghery and Seagoe Afternoon S. Schools for support of Inrian Girl, £3. Boxes—Miss Calvert, 17s 10d; Miss A. Guy, 5s 0d; Mrs. Lewie, 14s 0d; Mrs. M'Dougall, 2s 6d; Miss S. Montgomery, 7s 1½d; Mrs. H. Sloan, 5s 2d; Miss Margaret Reid, 10s; Mrs. Jack Walker, 3s 1d; Card, Miss Atkinson, £5 12s 6d. Total—£14 17s 2d.

**Seagoe C.M.S. Box Collection, 1935-36.**

Mrs. Ephraim Collins, 2s 6d; Miss Lizzie Gracey, 6s 4½d; Mrs. Dickson, 7s 4½d; Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mrs. Dawson, 10s 1d; the late Mrs. Flannigan, 2s 10d; Mrs. Metcalf, 4s 0d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 10s. Hacknahay—Mrs. Bradshaw, 8s 10d; Miss Minnie England, 3s 3d; Miss Minnie M'Cormick, 4s 4d; Miss S. Maginnis, 7s; Miss Lizzie Neill, 4s; Miss Dinah Montgomery, 2s 7d; Miss Jane Currie, 3s 6d; Miss Annie Magee, 1s 7d; Miss Sophie Jennett, 10s 11½d; Miss M. McKane, 3s 7d; the late Mrs. N. England, 6s 1d; Mrs. George Neill, 2s; Mr. Norman Creggan, 2s 6d; Miss Calvert, £1 16s 3d. Total—£7 4s 7½d.

Church Missionary Society,  
Clarence Place Belfast,  
30th March, 1936.

"Dear Miss Atkinson.—Thank you very much indeed for your letter containing cheque £7 4s 8d to hand this morning, for which please find receipt. We are most grateful for this contribution from Seagoe Parish, and also for the help which you give to our Society. Will you please convey our thanks to the boxholders.—Yours sincerely, ANNA GILLESPIE, for A. T. I. Ford."

**The Jews' Society**

The following are the sums received from the collecting boxes for the Jews' Society:—Miss S. Halliday, £1! Misses N. and N. K. Montgomery, £1; Miss Jean Watters, 9s 7d; Mrs. James Shanks, 5s 2d; Mrs. Richard Hoy, 5s; Miss Amy Cox, 4s 9d; Mr. Arthur Allen, 4s 3d; Mrs. Wm. Neill, 4s; Harry Hynes, 9s. Total—£4 1s 9d.

**An Edenderry Concert**

On Thursday, March 26th, the Parochial Hall was crowded for a concert which had been organised to cover the cost of the Sunday School Prizes won by the pupils attending the Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools held in the Parochial Hall. The concert had been most carefully prepared for and was most enjoyable. It consisted of sketches, recitations, songs, folk dances and instrumental pieces. Every item was

good. The Rector presided, and at the close thanked the performers who had given them such a pleasant evening. The Edenderry children's choir, trained by Lieut. Joe Hynes, sang very sweetly. Ten little Nigger boys did their bit with great spirit.

**Parish Register for March Baptisms**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on Saturday, March 7th, 1936:—

**Pierson**—William John, son of William John and Ethel Anna Pierson, of Edenderry.

**Sponsors**—Mary Elizabeth M'Cormick, Mary Maria Crawford.

**M'Clure**—Loretta Maud, daughter of Herbert and Mary Jane M'Clure, of Edenderry.

**Sponsors**—Margaret Best, Mary Jane M'Clure.

**Irwin**—Samuel Joseph, son of James and Sarah Jane Irwin, of Killycomaine.

**Sponsors**—Gertrude Fletcher, Sarah Jane Irwin.

**Burial.**

**Black**—March 16th, 1936, George Black of Knock, aged 87 years.

**Renovations of the Church**

Much has been done during the past month to arrange for the Renovation of the Church both outside and inside. The Committee invited Mr. Dorman, the architect, to make a close examination of the Church fabric. He has discovered many defects, especially in the Church Tower. Specifications have been made out and it is hoped to begin the work of Renovation after Easter.

**Renovation Cards**

The cost of Renovation will be considerable, and we ask everyone to kindly help in the good and necessary work. "Brick" collecting cards are being circulated. Each brick will represent the painting of a section of the Church walls. Each card will bring in 12shillings. Get a card and help on the work. Let it be said of us "The people had a will to work."

**Changes in Edenderry**

We live in days of change. A few years ago the only sound that reached our ears was the clatter of horses' hoofs or the occasional ringing of a bicycle bell. Now the whirr and rattle of engines dominate our roads by day and night. Edenderry is undergoing a marvellous change. The pretty trees which bordered Bridge St. and sheltered the kindly crows have been swept away. But the greatest change of all is the removal of the great house known to us all as Eden Hall. It was a landmark and gave character to the whole district. Now it and its out-buildings are vanishing under the axes and hammers of ener-

getic workmen, and soon the fine building will be a dream of the past. Houses are springing up in all parts of the Parish. The very sedate and conservative townland of Knock can boast of several fine new houses. At Seagoe Turns a row of neat, small houses has been occupied as soon as built.

### **The Musical Festival**

Many of our young people gained distinction at the recent Musical Festival. It was a great success and the sessions held each day were largely attended.

### **25 Years Ago.**

APRIL, 1911.

A notice is given in this old issue of the Magazine as to how to fill in the approaching Census Papers. A list is given of the Easter Services and also of the Easter Vestry. A note is inserted on "Our New Bishop," the Right Rev. C. F. d'Arcy, D.D., now Lord Primate. On Saturday, March 4th, a successful Jumble Sale had been held. Five Baptisms are recorded, one marriage and 3 Burials. A physical culture competition between teams from Edenderry and Seagoe is announced to be held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, April 6th. The Edenderry team was being trained by Mr. R. T. Montgomery, and the Seagoe team by Mr. T. Killops. A very successful display of physical culture had been held at Carne, and Messrs. S. Currie and W. Binks had sung some of their comic songs, and Mr. S. R. Chambers accompanied them on the piano. Mr. James Killow records the sudden appearance of two lively bees at Levaghery, a sign of coming Spring. Black rain is recorded as

having fallen at Richhill. The Ballad of Tommy Downshire is given in the Old Seagoe Notes.

### **Old Seagoe Notes.**

#### **A Seagoe Yeomanry Ballad of 1803.**

It was in the year 96 these Yeomen did begin,  
Where they took an oath the boys will keep it free  
from sin,  
To back King and Constitution is indeed their  
whole intent.  
And Blacker to command them, his mind is fully  
bent.  
In Portadown they gathered and marched to  
Drumcree,  
Before brave Mr. Manson they soon did all agree  
To take the oath of Allegiance, as you may under-  
stand.  
To stand and fight for George our King, while  
Blacker does command.  
Out bespoke Captain Blacker like a hero stout  
and bould,  
I will clothe you all in scarlet most glorious to  
behold;  
With a glittering cap and feather your head shall  
be arrayed,  
With a good broad soord and musket as you  
are going to parade.  
It is for Lieutenant Watson that lives in Porta-  
down;  
He is a loyal member, few like him can e'er be  
found.  
He with his loyal Orangemen united to his King,  
While other haughty rebels in a halter they will  
swing.

### **SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH**

**HOLY COMMUNION**—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

**HOLY BAPTISM**—1st Saturday of each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be Confirmed Members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays, 7 p.m.

#### **DISTRICT SERVICES**

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**Edenderry**—Wednesday at 8 p.m.

### **CLASSES, &c.**

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN** in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor, Bocombra.

**MOTHERS' UNION**—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE** in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY** in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional, £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM 3/7, Children (Factory) 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); MARRIAGE 3/7. An extra Search Fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

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