

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1936

We wish all our Readers at Home and Abroad a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's— Mr. ROBERT SCOTT.

People's—Mr. THOS. E. MAGINNIS.

The Magazine

We have reached with this (December, 1936) number the 12th complete number of the 31st Volume of Seagoe Parish Magazine. This is a fine record and implies 31 complete years of the Magazine. Very few Parish Magazines enjoy such a lengthened career. But we think Seagoe Magazine has done unusually well. Its price is twopence per copy, although during the War it occasionally rose to sixpence. The Editor has always given special attention to the local news, and has always tried to keep it fresh and interesting. Owing to the uncertain health of the Rector it may not be possible to continue the Magazine.

Advent, 1936

On Sunday, Nov. 29th, we entered upon the season of Advent. This season brings us face to face with great and important facts. These concern the first and second coming of our Lord. Advent is for each one of us a time of preparation for the due celebration of the Christmas Festival. The Church looks beyond that. It calls upon its people in this season to meditate upon our Lord's great promise of the future "To come again." In view of this the season's note is Repentance and the need of a real preparation in our hearts and lives. Special services are held in the Parish Church on the Wednesdays in Advent at 8 p.m.

The Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, the Feast of the Nativity, Friday, December 25th, the following services will be held:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

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

The offerings on Christmas Day will be given to the Fund for the relief of the Poor of the Parish.

New Year's Day

On January 1st, 1937, the Festival of the Circumcision, the following Services will be held:—

11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Communicants

The Festival of Christmas is marked annually by a large attendance at the early Service of Holy Communion. We hope that even greater numbers will be present this year, including all our Church Workers, and those who bear a responsible part in the life of the Parish. It would be a fitting occasion for all, who in the past have neglected it, to avail themselves of this great privilege and means of grace. In instituting this Sacrament our Lords words to his followers were:—"Do this in remembrance of me." "As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this cup ye do show forth the Lord's death till He come."

Levagherey Social

A very enjoyable social was held in the Levagherey Schoolroom on Thursday, November 26th, at 7.30 p.m. It was organised by the senior members of the Sunday School. The Hall was brightly decorated. Tea and games were enjoyed. It was a very pleasant evening. The proceeds were on behalf of the Funds of the Sunday School.

Drumgor Carol Service

A Carol Service will be held in Drumgor Church Hall on Sunday, December 13th, at 3.30. The singing will be led by the children, who for many weeks past have been practising for this occasion. The Rev. Canon W. E. Hurst, Rector of Moira, will preach. The collection will go towards the Sunday School Fund.

Seagoe Mothers' Union

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, November 10th, at 7.30. There was a large attendance of members. The Rector presided. After tea, the Rector gave an address on the subject of the Armistice. He recorded many of his war-time experiences. At the meeting held on Tuesday, December 8th, the Rev. A. N. Parkinson, curate of St. Marks, gave an address on the subject of Advent.

Weekly Freewill Offerings

The new sets of Envelopes for 1937 are now being distributed by the collectors of Sustentation. It will be a great help to the W.F.O. Secretary if you will please write your name on the first envelope when you bring it in. There are many new residents coming to the parish. They will welcome a visit from the District Collectors.

Edenderry Harvest Service

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Sunday, November 1st, at 3.30, and on the following Monday at 8 p.m. The Hall had been very nicely decorated by the superintendents and teachers of the School. The Sunday service was conducted by the Rector. The preacher was the Rev. T. Martin, Curate of Clonallon, Warrenpoint. The collection was on behalf of the Parochial Hall Fund. On Monday evening the preacher was the Rev. W. G. Kerr, Rector of Mullabrack, Markethill. The offerings were for Foreign Missions. There were large congregations present at both services. The music was exceptionally good. Miss Alice McDougall pre-

sided at the organ. The singing was led by a large choir. The Harvest Anthem "Honour the Lord with thy substance" was rendered in a very pleasing manner.

Annual Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the Sustentation Fund should be sent in without delay as the accounts for the year close on December 31st.

Armistice Day

On Wednesday, November 11th, Armistice Day, at 10.45 a.m., a short Service was held in the Church. The two minutes' silence was observed at the Memorial Gates and Pillars. The teachers and children from Seagoe P.E. School were present. A wreath on behalf of the School was laid by three senior pupils. The Service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

Memorial Services

The Services in the Parish Church on Nov. 8th, the Sunday previous to the anniversary of the Armistice, were of a memorial nature. At Morning prayer the members of the local Branch of the British Legion paraded under Capt. R. Whittitt. The parade was headed by the Seagoe C.L.B. Pipe Band. The Cadets and Training Corps of the Seagoe Company of the Church Lads' Brigade, under Capt. E. Mitchell and Lieuts. J. Hynes and D. Allen were also present. The Church was filled with people. The Service opened with the singing of the National Anthem. The names of the fifty-two men from the Parish who fell in the Great War were read by the Rector, who also preached. The collection was on behalf of the Earl Haig Fund for ex-Servicemen. Immediately after Morning Prayer a brief Service of Remembrance at the gates was held. The prayers were taken by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. A wreath was laid at the Memorial Pillars on behalf of the C.L.B. by Lance-Corporals A. Mawhinney and T. Lyness. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" was sounded by Mr. J. V. Killow.

The Parochial Hall, Edenderry

Minor repairs have been carried out in the Parochial Hall. New caps have been placed on the ventilators on the roof. The railing and gates, damaged by a recent motor accident, will soon be ready for erection.

Parish Register for November.**Baptisms**

The following were baptised in the Parish Church on Nov. 7th, 1934:—

Dickie—Louisa, daughter of Francis Henry and Rachel Dickie, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Louisa Woods, Rachel Dickie.

Magee—Josephine Jessica, daughter of Joseph William and Emma Elizabeth Magee, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Margaret Magee, Emma Elizabeth Magee.

Ramsey—James Alexander, son of John and Esther Hamilton Ramsey, of Kernan.

Sponsors—John Ramsey, Esther Hamilton Ramsey.

Marriage

Rowland and Hutchinson—November 5th, 1936, Robert James Rowland, of Portadown, to Elizabeth Hutchinson, of Tarson.

Burials.

Hoy—Nov. 1st, Anne Elizabeth Hoy, of Clanrole, aged 87 years.

Calvert—Nov. 17th, Sarah Calvert, of Edenderry, aged 82 years.

M'Kerr—Nov. 19th, Robert M'Kerr, of Drumgor, aged 85 years.

Atkinson—Nov. 26th, Gardiner Atkinson, of Belfast, aged 50 years.

Smith—Nov. 27th, Agnes Smith, of Belfast, aged 75 years.

Sympathy

We record with regret a long list of burials. Death during the month of November has taken toll of many. The passing of Mrs. Hoy, of Clanrole, removes from our midst one who was well known and much esteemed. She lived to a great age. All her life she was resident in the Parish. She had many links with the past, which to the end she could recall with great interest.

Mrs. Calvert, of Joseph St., was known to many. She had been in failing health for some time and passed away after a short illness. The death of Robert M'Kerr, of Drumgor came somewhat suddenly, following a slight accident. He was an old resident and very popular in that district. Gardiner Atkinson, of Belfast, passed away very suddenly in the prime of life, after a few hours' illness. He was a former parishioner and was well known by many in Seagoe.

We offer our sincere sympathy to all who have been bereaved. They will find comfort in our Lord's promise, "I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Bocombra Church Hall

Subscribers to the Renovation of Bocombra Church Hall:—

Mr. H. M. Gibson	...	£1	0	0
Mrs. D. G. Shillington	...	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. M'Dowell	...	1	0	0
Mr. S. M'Cormick	...	0	10	0
Mr. Robt. Scott	...	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. James Twinem	...	0	10	0
Miss G. E. Atkinson	...	0	10	0
Mr. R. M'Clements	...	0	10	0
Mr. Wm. Sherman	...	0	10	0
Mr. Mitchell	...	0	10	0
Collecting Card of Miss Rhoda Hoy	...	0	10	0
Mr. John Sandford	...	0	5	0
Mr. J. H. Twinem	...	0	5	0
Mr. Jas. Green	...	0	5	0
Mr. Thos. E. Maginnis	...	0	5	0
Mr. T. H. Hall	...	0	5	0
Mr. J. Stephens	...	0	5	0
Mr. Thos. Coulter	...	0	5	0
Mr. Thos. H. Wilson	...	0	5	0
Mr. Jas. Lewie	...	0	5	0
Mrs. Jas. Vance	...	0	5	0
Mr. John Dermott	...	0	5	0
Mr. John R. Reid	...	0	5	0
Miss Rebecca Calvert	...	0	5	0
Half Harvest Festival	...	0	6	6
Mr. Wm. Neill	...	0	5	0
Mr. Wolsey White	...	0	5	0
Miss Nora K. Montgomery	...	0	2	6
Mr. Victor Gordon	...	0	2	6
Miss M'Dowell	...	0	2	6
Mrs. Stanfield	...	0	2	6
Miss Dawson (High St.)	...	0	2	6
Mrs. Graham	...	0	2	0
Mr. T. Martin	...	0	2	6
Mr. Jas. Sands	...	0	2	6
Mr. Richard Hoy	...	0	2	6
Mr. John Reid (Bridge St.)	...	0	2	6
Mr. James Boyce, senr.	...	0	2	6
Mr. James Neill	...	0	2	6
Mr. Thos. M'Cormick	...	0	2	6
Mr. Moses Gilpin	...	0	2	6
Mr. David Kearns	...	0	2	6
Mr. James Allen	...	0	0	6

Total £12 19 0

Memorial Gifts Dedicated

In White Church, in the Parish of New Ross, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, a memorial was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Gibson, wife of the late Archdeacon Gibson, Rector of New Ross. The memorial was the gift of the parishioners, with whom Mrs. Gibson had always been very popular. It consisted of two Brass Book Rests for use on the Holy Table. Mrs. Gibson during her short residence at "Rathlin," Edenderry, was well known to many in Seagoe.

Photos

Mr. R. M'Clements wishes to remind parishioners that a few photos of the Rector remain for sale. These can be purchased at his residence in Bridge Street.

Seagoe P.E. School

The annual inspection took place on Monday, Dec. 3rd. The inspectors present were Mr. Harvey and Mr. Collins. They expressed high appreciation of the work of the teachers and children. The School closes for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, and will re-open on Monday, Jan. 4th, 1937.

The Rector acknowledges, with gratitude, a gift of 10/- received from Miss Calvert towards the usual Christmas treat for the School children.

ITEMS

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Down and Connor and Dromore paid a visit to Seagoe on Sunday, Dec. 6th, and preached at the Evening Service in the Parish Church.

A very good central heating system has been installed in the Edenderry Orange Hall. The members of the Seagoe Men's Bible Class greatly

appreciate this comfort. The class is held in this Hall each Sunday morning at 10.15.

The preacher in the Parish Church on Sunday evening will be the Rev. Canon Hurst, M.A., Rector of Moira.

The Seagoe Men's Bible Class has given a subscription of a pound to the funds of the local branch of the Queen's Nursing Association. Many parishioners benefit from the Association. The Bible Class is the only organisation in Seagoe that gives an annual donation to this worthy cause.

Special Christmas music appropriate for the season will be given in the Parish Church on Sunday, Dec. 20th. At the Evening Service Carols will be sung.

During the lengthened periods of dense fog, last month, many accidents occurred in the Parish and neighbourhood. Fortunately those involved escaped serious injury.

The annual C.L.B. concert will take place next month. It promises to be a very interesting entertainment.

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—Wednesdays 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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