

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## CLERGY :

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## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—THOMAS MARTIN.

People's—H. A. CATHCART.

THE CLERGY WILL ESTEEM IT A FAVOUR IF  
IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE INFORMED  
IMMEDIATELY.

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH.

- March 1st—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.  
" 2nd—Monthly Service in Bocombra at 8 p.m.  
" 3rd—C.L.B. Concert.  
" 5th—Second Sunday in Lent.  
" 8th—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.  
" 12th—Third Sunday in Lent.  
Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.  
" 14th—Monthly meeting of Mothers' Union.  
" 15th—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.  
" 16th—Shamrock Tea in Edenderry Parochial Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.  
" 17th—St. Patrick's Day.  
" 19th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.  
" 22nd—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.  
" 26th—Fifth Sunday in Lent.  
Service in Hacknahay at 3.30 p.m.

## LENT.

The season of Lent is already with us. In the Church's calendar it leads up to Good Friday and Easter and since very early times it has always been observed with special emphasis as a time of spiritual stock-taking. During this season we follow our Saviour's last weeks upon earth and we see how human selfishness, thoughtlessness, pride nailed Him to the cross. The son of God is still "crucified afresh" by the same sins in our own day. At this season we are called to look at our lives in the light of the cross so that Christ may correct what is amiss and supply what is lacking in us, we are called to draw nigh to God so that He might draw nigh to us. God wants and values our worship, and yet how many there are who deny God of what He demands of us. He gives us our life, the power to worship. He gave and still gives Himself in Christ. Are we satisfied with the response we are making to His amazing love?

During Lent there will be a service each Wednesday evening in the Parish Church at 8 p.m.

## THE MAGAZINE.

This issue begins another year in the history of Seagoe Parish Magazine and so we take this opportunity of thanking our advertisers for their continued support, indeed, without their help the magazine could not be produced at all. We hope our readers will bear this fact in mind and when on their shopping rounds patronize, where possible, the shops advertised in our pages.

The Parish magazine, we believe, is fulfilling a useful purpose in our parochial life, and, we know it is read and appreciated by a large number of our people. Its pages afford an efficient medium for disseminating information and notices relative to the working of Seagoe Parish and, as well, it enables a record to be kept of happenings that will be of vital interest in years to come from a historical point of view. We believe that there are extant copies of the magazine forming a complete sequence since its inception over thirty years ago. These are extremely valuable and should be carefully preserved as they contain information which but for the magazine would be completely lost. The distribution of the magazine each month is in the capable hands of Mr. E. Mitchell, who, with the help of C.L.B., has undertaken the responsibility for this. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Mitchell and the C.L.B. for their valuable help. Applications for the magazine should be sent to Mr. Mitchell, who will gladly arrange to have a copy delivered each month.

Readers will facilitate the progress of the magazine greatly by encouraging their friends to become regular readers and also by paying in advance two shillings per annum, or if they prefer to do so to pay the distributor regularly each month when the magazine is delivered.

## DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT IN EDENDERRY.

At the beginning of January a play entitled "Love in the Mist," written and produced by Miss D. Ashdown, was staged in the Parochial Hall. In spite of the severe weather conditions and the absence of a regular heating system there was a good attendance. Emergency heating equipment was very kindly lent by friends and this made it endurable for the audience. A full account of the entertainment has appeared in the local Press. Our best thanks are due to Miss Ashdown not only for a most enjoyable programme, but also for her practical help in handing over the proceeds (£5 3s) to the Hall Committee to help in defraying the expenses of the new heating furnace which had to be installed owing to the old one being put out of action by the severe frost at Christmas time.



**THE C.L.B. ANNUAL CONCERT.**

The above will take place in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Friday, March 3, at 8 p.m. A variety programme, sketches and community singing should provide an interesting entertainment. Admission will be by ticket, price 9d each, which are on sale now. This concert is always popular and we hope that it will be well supported this year.

**THE SHAMROCK GUEST TEA.**

The Superintendents and teachers of Edenderry morning and afternoon Sunday schools are organising a Shamrock Tea in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Thursday, March 16, at 7.45 p.m., the proceeds of which are in aid of the Prize Fund of these Sunday schools. The teachers and their friends are providing tea, after which a varied musical and vocal programme will be rendered. This venture deserves the support of our parishioners; after all it is not fair to the teachers who give of their time each Sunday, to have to face unaided the problem of raising the necessary money to provide the prizes, etc., for the children. Here is an opportunity for those who do not teach to do their bit in helping this important Sunday School. Invitation tickets are now available and can be had from any of the teachers, so please keep Thursday, March 16, free.

**PRIZE-GIVINGS.**

During February the annual prize-giving socials were held in Bocombra, Seagoe, Drumgor, Edenderry and Hacknahay Sunday schools. At each of these the Rector thanked the Superintendents and teachers for their valued help during the year and congratulated them on the flourishing condition of their Sunday Schools. He also stressed the need for the co-operation of the parents in the work by encouraging their children to be regular and punctual in attendance. A splendid tea was served in each of the Schools, after which the well-known and ever popular games were played. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Appelbe, except in Hacknahay, where Mrs. T. E. Maginnis ably deputised for Mrs. B. Atkinson, who was unavoidably absent. Mrs. Atkinson as usual kindly presented special prizes in Hacknahay for those who had full attendances during the year, and Miss Calvert sent a case of oranges, showing that she still remembers the Sunday School where she was a valued helper for so many years.

At Edenderry the Rector thanked Mr. H. A. Cathcart for his valuable work as Superintendent of Edenderry afternoon Sunday School and expressed regret at his resignation. He announced that he had appointed Mr. Jos. Hynes whom, he felt confident, would continue to uphold the high standards set by his predecessors.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, February 14, at 7.30 p.m., when a most interesting address was given by Mrs. W. E. Greeves on her recent visit to India. The large number present enjoyed the talk, which was made more interesting by a series of photographs illustrating the scenes described. The Rector presided and thanked Mrs. Greeves for her kindness in addressing the meeting.

The next meeting will take place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 14, at 7.30 p.m., when a talk will be given by Dr. Winifred Hadden.

**NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.**

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

Mrs. Thomas Martin, Balteagh ..	£1 0 0
Mr. Pettigrew, Bridge Street ..	1 0 0
Mr. Richard Hoy, Lisniskey ..	1 0 0
Mr. Lester, Lisniskey ..	0 10 0
Mr. George Taylor, Lisniskey ..	0 5 0
Mr. Thomas McCormick, Ballyhannon ..	0 10 0
Mrs. A. McCormick, Ballyhannon ..	0 10 0
Mr. George McNeill, Ballymacrandle ..	0 5 0
Mr. George Connolly, Carne ..	0 3 0
Mr. W. Simpson, Carne ..	0 2 0
Mr. J. R. Reid, Killycomaine Road ..	5 0 0
Mr. James Twinem, Lylo Villa ..	5 0 0
Mr. Charles Twinem, Edward Street ..	2 0 0
Mr. James T. Twinem, Lylo Villa ..	2 0 0
Mr. Jos. Ed. McMurray, Lylo ..	0 10 0
Miss Minnie White, Lylo ..	0 2 6
Seagoe G.F.S. Work Party ..	5 0 0
Mr. L. Wilson, Ballymacrandle ..	2 0 0
	£25 17 6
Amount already acknowledged	£446 1 10
	£471 19 4

**OBITUARY.**

Two very old parishioners have passed away since our last issue. Thomas Gregson was many years past the allotted span of three score years and ten and preserved his faculties almost to the end. John Livingstone was ill only a few weeks; the new Rectory is built on land purchased from him. We regret to have to record the death of the infant twin sons of Mr. W. McClements. To the bereaved we extend our deep sympathy and pray that he who said "I am the resurrection and the life" will strengthen and comfort them in their sorrow.



**HACKNAHAY SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT.**

To Balance from 1937	..	..	£6 14 10
" Sunday Collections	..	..	1 18 11
" Harvest Collections	..	..	2 15 4
" Profit from Social	..	..	3 15 3
" Rent	..	..	3 9 4
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			£18 13 8
By Books	..	..	£4 11 3
" Rates 1937 and 1938	..	..	1 10 1
" Repairs	..	..	1 14 10
" Mission	..	..	1 3 10
" Coal and Oil	..	..	1 4 0
" Caretaker	..	..	0 15 0
" Balance	..	..	7 14 8
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			£18 13 8

**PAROCHIAL HALL, EDENDERRY.****ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1938.**

Subscriptions received in response to appeal for redecorating Parochial Hall:—

Balance from Shamrock Tea (per Mr. M'Clements)	..	..	£4 0 0
Mr. M'Clements	..	..	1 0 0
Mrs. Sherman	..	..	0 10 0
Mr. James Sands	..	..	0 5 0
Mrs. Vance	..	..	0 5 0
Proceeds of Guest Tea organised by C.L.B.	..	..	11 0 0
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			£17 0 0

This amount has been lodged in the Belfast Savings Bank.

**I. ATKINSON.**

Balance in hand	..	..	£6 2 9
Harvest Offertory	..	..	3 18 4
Payments for use of Hall	..	..	24 15 6
From G.F.S. Candidates for Panel	..	..	0 5 6
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			£35 2 1
Salary	..	..	£11 2 6
N.I. Electricity Board	..	..	10 19 1
Star Electric Co.	..	..	0 7 0
Coke and Coal	..	..	3 16 9½
Cleaning Materials	..	..	0 15 11½
Ground Rent	..	..	0 1 0
Tuning Piano	..	..	0 17 0
Sundries	..	..	0 14 10
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			£28 14 2
Balance			£6 7 11
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			£35 2 1

I. ATKINSON, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

**BEETLE DRIVE.**

On Shrove Tuesday evening in Mrs. Vance's Cafe a Beetle Drive was held to raise funds for the Parochial Hall renovation scheme, when about eighty people assembled, many of whom made the acquaintance of this novel form of entertainment for the first time. It proved a great success from every point of view. Miss I. Atkinson entertained the party to supper and Miss G. Atkinson provided the prizes. The prize-winners were:—Ladies—1, Miss S. Maginnis; 2, Dr. Ruth Lemon. Men—1, Mr. A. M'Loughlin; 2, Mr. T. Hall. Booby prizes—Mrs. I. Walker and the Rev. G. A. Boulger. Travelling prize—Mrs. E. Mitchell. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Appelbe. The Rector thanked on behalf of the Hall Committee the Misses Atkinson for their practical help in providing the supper and prizes, Mr. E. Mitchell, who was a capable M.C., and the audience for their attendance and support.

**ST. PATRICK.**

On Friday, March 17, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 11.10 a.m., the day on which we think of and thank God for the coming of the Gospel to our native land by the teaching and preaching of His servant, Patrick.

The Book of Armagh, now in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, was written over a thousand years ago. Amongst other records it contains a life of St. Patrick written in the seventh century, and also a copy of his confession copied from one written by Patrick's own hand. This Confession and a letter written by him to Corolicus, a Welsh prince, are authentic and are the only sources of accurate information regarding Patrick's life. From his Confession we learn that his father was Calpornius, a deacon, and his grandfather was a priest named Potitus. It states that he was born at a place named Benaven, that he was taken captive with many others at the age of sixteen and sold into slavery to a chief named Milchu, who lived near the present town of Ballymena. Here for about six years he was employed as a slave herd, before he found an opportunity to escape. The place Benaven, his birthplace, cannot now be identified with certainty. Some think it to be at Boulogne, in France; others maintain it was near Dumbarton, in Scotland; others again that it was in Wales.

After his escape from slavery he was educated in France, then called Gaul, and was ordained deacon and priest and consecrated as a bishop. He returned to the land of his earlier captivity about 432 A.D. to preach to the native Irish. He landed at a place near Strangford Lough in Co. Down in the territory of a chief named Dichu, who became his first convert.



Dichu dedicated to God the ground on which he first heard the Gospel preached; there a church was afterwards built called Sabhall Padhrig or Patrick's Barn, hence the modern name Saul, where a new church was built on the old site a few years ago.

From Saul Patrick travelled all over Ireland. At this time the people of Ireland were living under the clan or tribal system, hence the key-men were the princes or chiefs. This explains the successful method adopted by Patrick—his aim was to preach to the chiefs, and if these were converted their clans followed suit as a matter of course. At Armagh he obtained the site of a church from a chieftan named Daire, on which about 455 A.D. he founded a Cathedral where the present Cathedral now stands. He died at Saul on 17th March, 492, and was buried near where the present Cathedral of Downpatrick now stands.

The teaching of Patrick we gather from his writings was simple and it testifies to his deep personal love for Christ and his faithful adherence to God's Word—characteristics which still mark the church he planted in this land—the Church of Ireland to which we are proud to belong—the Church which since 432 has held high in this Island the torch of the Gospel of the Love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

### BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

- February 5th—Robert George, son of Robert and Agnes Bell, 14 Foundry Street.  
February 5th—Maurice, son of William and Evelyn Jennett, 33 Carrickblacker Road.  
February 14th—William and Albert, twin sons of William S. and Annie McClements, Omagh (privately).

### MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

- February 22nd—James Porter, Kernan, and Sarah Leake, 17 Alexandra Gardens, Portadown.

### BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

- February 6th—Thomas Gregson, Drumgor, aged 66 years.  
February 10th—John Livingstone, Killicomaine, aged 78 years (interred in Knocknamuckley).  
February 14th—John Adamson, Glen Hill, Newry, aged 89 years.  
February 16th—William and Albert McClements, 29 Union Street, Lurgan, aged 6 weeks.

## 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 Sunday of each Month at 4 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

## CLASSES, &c.

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN** in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.15 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10.15 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.

**YMCA YWCA FRIENDLY SOCIETY** in Seagoe School on