

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1939.

## CLERGY:

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

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER.

October 1st—17th Sunday after Trinity.

October 8th—18th Sunday after Trinity.

October 12th—Mothers' Union Meeting at 3.30 p.m.

October 15th—19th Sunday after Trinity.

Children's Service at 3 p.m.

Harvest Festival, Parish Church at 11.30  
a.m. and 6 p.m.

October 16th—Harvest Festival, Parish Church, at  
8 p.m.

October 18th—St. Luke.

October 22nd—20th Sunday after Trinity.

October 28th—St. Simon and St. Jude.

October 29th—21st Sunday after Trinity.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES.

Monday, Oct. 1st, at 3.30 p.m. :—

Bocombra, Preacher, the Rector.

Carne " " Rev. W. F. Hayes.

Monday, Oct. 2nd, at 8 p.m. :—

Bocombra, Preacher, Rev. H. A. Lillie, B.A.

Carne " " Rev. G. A. Boulger, M.A.

Monday, Oct. 8th, at 3.30 p.m. :—

Drumgor, Preacher, Rev. T. H. Frizelle, B.A.

Levaghery " " Rev. S. J. Warner, B.A.

Monday, Oct. 9th, at 8 p.m. :—

Drumgor, Preacher, Rev. G. F. G. Mann, M.A.

Levaghery " " To be announced.

Monday, Oct. 15th—Parish Church.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m. Preacher, Rev. T.

Parr, M.A., Rector of Banbridge.

Children's Service at 3 p.m.

Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. H.

White, M.A., Trinity Church, Belfast.

Monday, Oct. 16th :—

Parish Church, at 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon

Taylor, M.A., Lisburn.

Monday, October 22nd:—Edenderry, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, October 23rd:—Edenderry, at 8 p.m.

## THE PRIMATE'S MESSAGE.

We print below a statement from his Grace the  
Archbishop of Armagh on the present international

conflict, in which he stresses the need for all Christians  
at the present time to play their part in the fight for  
liberty, justice and a lasting peace against the forces of  
evil and paganism embodied in Hitlerism, which for  
many years has kept the world in a state of crisis) :—

"The long suspense is over, and our country is at  
war. There is no need, where a nation is united as it  
has rarely been united before, to justify our going to  
war further than to say that all that the free peoples  
of Europe hold dear is at stake, and that if Hitlerism  
prevails freedom and justice and truth as we know  
them will be crushed. War has been forced upon us,  
in spite of our ceaseless efforts to avert it, and now  
it lies with us to use our firmest efforts to bring it to  
a victorious ending.

"We and our Allies are prepared as we were not in  
1914. But for all that, we must be under no illusions  
as to the gravity of what this war will mean for us.  
It will entail loss, human and material; suffering and  
sorrow, disturbance of home life, anxiety, and perhaps  
privation. For the men in the fighting forces, who  
stand between us and a ruthless enemy, it involves  
hardship and separation for all, and for many of them  
death or wounds or disablement. We need to pray  
that God will have them in His keeping, both out-  
wardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls.

"We need also to pray and strive that we of the  
civilian population may fight the spiritual battle which  
lies before us with the same determination as we know  
they will show in the field. For we who are to stay  
at home need courage even as they do. We need the  
moral courage which does not shut its eyes to diffi-  
culties, but looking steadily at them, refuses to be  
downcast or pessimistic. The courage we need is a  
courage of heart and mind, and this courage we must  
obtain or strengthen through prayer. "What time I  
am afraid, I will trust in God."

"The man or woman who looks only on the black  
side of things is a public danger. It is the business of  
each one of us to hearten and cheer those amongst  
whom we live. The will to faith and courage is the  
debt which every individual owes to the community.  
And where we believe our cause to be the cause of  
truth and right, what more natural than that we should  
ask God continually to give not only outward victory  
to our arms, but that inward strength to our hearts  
which will enable us to endure with steadfast patience  
and to stand undaunted against all those shocks which  
test a people's morale to its depths?

"The Church's duty at this crisis is, as ever, to  
minister to human souls; to point them to God the  
source of all help and power, so that they may through

Him be strengthened against faithlessness and fear, discouragement and restlessness.

"If by their ministrations in public and in private, the clergy set themselves to the steadying of people's minds and the stiffening of their resolve by leading them to lift up their hearts to God, they will be serving the community in the most practical and effective way. Hands will not be weak, while hearts remain strong.

"JOHN ARMAGH.

"September 8, 1939."

**EVENING PRAYER.**

Owing to the A.R.P. black-out at night it has been necessary to alter the hour of the Evening Service to 6 p.m. since September 17th. We are glad to see that this change has not interfered with the attendance. The Select Vestry are taking steps to have the windows screened, and until further notice the hour of Service will be at 6 p.m. This will enable us to have daylight for some time when setting out for Church, and on the other hand it will enable worshippers to be back at home in good time when the dark winter evenings set in.

Now that considerable trouble and expense has been incurred in making the Church conform to lighting restrictions, it is hoped that an increasing number of our people will attend the Sunday evening Services. It may mean slight adjustment in hour of the evening meal in the home, but at a time of national emergency it is not too much to expect that our people will cheerfully make the best of and overcome inconveniences that comparatively speaking are slight.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL IN THE PARISH CHURCH.**

This popular annual Service will take place on Sunday, October 15th. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

The preacher at the Morning Service at 11.30 a.m. will be the Rev. T. Parr, M.A., Rector of Seapatrick. There will be a Children's Service at 3 p.m.

At Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. the preacher will be the Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Rector of Trinity Church, Belfast.

On this Sunday there will be a special collection for Church Expenses, and it is hoped that every parishioner will make a thank-offering in the special envelopes which will be supplied and return it at one of these services.

On Monday evening at 8 p.m. the collection will be for the Dublin University Mission to Fukien, and the preacher will be an old Seagoe curate, the Rev. Canon Taylor, M.A., Rector of Lisburn Cathedral. Canon Taylor was curate of Seagoe from 1905-1907, and many of his old friends will be glad of the opportunity of hearing him again.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday afternoon, October 14th, at 2 p.m., and gifts of corn, flowers, etc., will be greatly appreciated and should be left at the Church on Saturday morning. Those who are free to do so, should come along on that afternoon to help with the arrangement of them.

The Harvest Festival Services should have a special significance this year. The month of September has been one of the best for years, thus enabling the harvest to be saved in good condition.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**

The opening meeting took place on Tuesday, 14th September, in Seagoe School at 7 p.m. The Rev. W. G. Kerr, of Mullabrack, had kindly promised to give an address but he was unable to travel owing to lighting restrictions. There was a splendid attendance of members and it was agreed to hold meetings in future on the second Thursday afternoon of each month, as it is not feasible to "black-out" the school windows. The next meeting will be on Thursday afternoon, October 12th, at 3.30 p.m., in Seagoe School.

**THE PAROCHIAL HALL, EDENDERRY.**

We are grateful to Mr. E. Mitchell for his help in making the windows of the Parochial Hall light proof. This will enable the organisations which meet here during the winter to carry on as usual. It has been done with plywood, which makes the use of daylight possible during the day, as the shutters are removable. It is hoped that those attending the Sunday Harvest Service in the Hall on October 22nd, will contribute generously to the collection to help to defray the cost of the material.

The hall is looking well now that it has been re-decorated on the inside, and the members of the committee are to be congratulated on having these very necessary renovations carried through.

A most successful "Beetle Drive" was held in Mrs. Vance's Cafe on Tuesday, September 26th, in aid of the Renovation Fund, and close on a hundred people had a most enjoyable evening's fun. Mr. E. Mitchell acted as M.C., and at the conclusion the Rector called on Mrs. Mitchell to distribute the prizes. The winners were:—First lady, Miss M. B. Gracey;; 2nd lady, Miss W. Mullen; first gent, Miss S. Maginnis, who was playing as a gent; 2nd, Mr. David Allen; "booby" prize, Miss Somerville; travelling prize, Miss Ward.

The Rector thanked all present for their support and kindness in coming, and Miss I. Atkinson, Hon. Sec. of Hall Committee, for her help in organising it.

**DAY OF NATIONAL INTERCESSION.**

Sunday, October 1st, has been set apart as a day of special intercession for the Nation and for world-peace. This will be observed in Seagoe Parish Church in an appropriate manner.

**MR. AND MRS. T. H. WILSON.**

Their many friends in Seagoe extend to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson their sympathy in their indisposition. Mr. Wilson is undergoing treatment in Belfast which we hope will prove beneficial to him. Mrs. Wilson is in Lurgan Hospital as a result of a fall. She is progressing as well as can be expected.

**SIDESMEN FOR OCTOBER.**

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. D. Allen, J. Gee, H. Ellis, Foster Shanks.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. N. Campbell, Wm. Hewitt, Wm. Neill, G. Nixon, J. McLaughlin, Holmes White.

**OBITUARY.**

We regret having to record the passing from our midst of three parishioners in the last month. William Henry Harrison had served in the Army during the last War and had been in failing health for some time and he bore his trying illness with fortitude and patience. Mrs. Simpson died rather suddenly after a brief illness. Arthur Campbell came to reside in Seagoe Parish a few years ago after serving the Richardson family faithfully for many years. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy and pray that in the days to come they may be strengthened and comforted by Him who says, "I am the Resurrection and the life."

**NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.**

The Hon. Treasurer for the above fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions since the publication of the previous list in the August issue of this Magazine:—

Mr. George Connolly, Carne ..	..	£0 3 0
Mr. William Simpson, Carne ..	..	.. 0 2 0
Mrs. A. Hoy, Bridge Street ..	..	.. 0 10 0
Mr. G. Leake, Seafield ..	..	.. 0 10 0
Mrs. E. Walsh, Tamniflasson ..	..	.. 0 10 0

£1 15 0

£538 3 7

£539 18 7

Already acknowledged

Total

**C.L.B.**

The annual Church Lads' Brigade Conference which was to have been held in Seagoe on September 9th was cancelled owing to the national emergency. However, it is the wish of the leaders of this useful Church organisation for boys that its activities should continue unabated for the welfare of our lads in spite of war-time conditions.

The Seagoe Company has already opened for the winter session, and judging from the fine turn-out of members on the opening night a successful year's work is anticipated.

**HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT.**

At the public meeting in Portadown Town Hall on Thursday, September 28th, there were many representatives of Seagoe Parish present. The need for help in providing hospital supplies for the wounded and comforts for the soldiers was stressed.

After both Services on Sunday, October 1st, in Seagoe Church there was a retiring collection for this very worthy object.

**"THE MORAL ISSUE."**

"Neither prayer to God nor the appeals of man to Hitler have been able to avert the tragedy of a European war. Evil has temporarily had its way, for it has shown in the actions of Hitler that it will not yield to anything except force. And the time has come when persecution, aggression, and disregard of the pledged word must be put down by force, terrible though the result will be in terms of suffering and human life.

"The moral issue which Hitler's policy has raised is clear enough: either the democracies were to tolerate the disregard, and eventual disappearance, of principles fundamental to Christian civilization, or else they must make a firm stand against the Nazi Government of the Third Reich to root out, at whatever cost, those forces that have consistently violated the sanctity of human life and freedom. The conditions that Hitler was planning to bring about in Europe were a very denial of the rights which the Christian revelation has shown to be the possession of man. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, the world watched Hitler recklessly plunging Europe into war without making an effort to avert the indescribable woe that he is bringing upon his people and his fellow-men. But Hitler has shown no respect for the brotherhood of man, and the tyranny which he has displayed in his own country he would extend beyond its borders as far as ambition and his bombers would lead him.

"We have a good conscience. We have been compelled to meet force with force in defence of right, but we need to take care now of the peace which we fight to secure. War, though it may, and we pray it will, be effective in checking evil, is negative in its effects, and we need to take thought for the peace that must one day come. Upon what Christians do and think now depends not only the success of our arms, but also the preservation of civilization and the eventual attainment of just peace. If we can preserve the spirit that has united and inspired the people of this country in these last anxious days, we shall make a contribution as great as any Christian State can make at the present time towards establishing the Civitas Dei in some measure on earth.

"The ceaseless petitions for peace and for the rule

of justice in Europe must be accompanied by a reaffirmation of faith in the providence of God. The faith of many is likely to be sorely tried in the near future and men's hearts may feel like failing for fear of what is coming upon the earth. It is for the Christian, always led and encouraged by the Church, to assert the truth of the love of God and His ultimate Sovereignty even though the foundations of the earth seem out of course. So far there is, thank God, no ill will, still less hatred, towards the people of Germany, and we can distinguish between a people who are as peace-loving and humane as ourselves and their rulers who have deceived them and abused their trust. This spirit of charity and understanding must be maintained if Christian principles are not to be disastrously weakened in the conflict. Above all we must preserve our own spiritual integrity. The clear conscience with which we embarked upon the war must not be tainted by self-righteousness, nor by that false national pride which only prolongs bitterness among nations. These are the things that Christians are especially charged to maintain when panic, hatred, and mass emotions can do terrible damage to man's spiritual life. And each in his own way, we do not doubt, will set an example to his fellows in service, fortitude and sacrifice.

"God will judge the man whose insensate wickedness and ambition have brought us to the desolation of war, and let loose a rain of human destruction upon Europe. But because the forces against which we contend are evil, we need not fear, for no power on earth can separate us from the presence of God. Pain and suffering beyond human reckoning have come to man-

kind, but the outcome of the physical, as of the moral, conflict is not in doubt. Above all stands God to whom we return with penitence renewed and increased prayer. The fundamentals for which we strive are imperishable. The victory for them was won at Calvary."

(From the "Guardian.")

#### MARRIAGES.

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

- Sept. 1st—Alexander Fleming, 286 Obins St., Portadown, and Christina Sloan, 145, Bridge Street, Portadown.  
 Sept. 26th—Victor Grattan, Danesfort, Avenue Road, Lurgan, and Elizabeth Jane Irwin Lyness, Tannifiglasson, Portadown.  
 Sept. 27th—William Henry Best, Gobhan Cottage, Upper Seagoe, Portadown, and Margaret Atkinson Robinson, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

#### BURIALS.

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

- 11th Sept.—William Henry Harrison, Levaghery, aged 60 years.  
 12th Sept.—Sarah A. Simpson, Bright Street, Portadown, aged 70 years.  
 21st Sept.—Arthur Campbell, Knock, aged 74 years. (Interred in Knocknamuckley).

#### BAPTISMS.

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

- 3rd Sept.—William James, son of Thomas and Eva Benson, Drumnacanvey.  
 3rd Sept.—Doreen, daughter of Thomas and Eva Benson, Drumnacanvey.  
 31st July—Thomas John, son of Thomas and Agnes Jane Dunlop, Killicomaine (Privately).  
 16th Sept.—Robert Gordon, son of James Henry and Emma England, Kernan (Privately).

### 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.)

**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 3 p.m.

**Edenderry**—Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Oct—Easter.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licences are issued by Ven. Archdeacon Hannon, the 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 £1, 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.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

### 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.

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

**G.F.S. CANDIDATES**—Oct.—Easter, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

**SEAGOE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY**—Mondays, Orange Hall, at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**—9.15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.