

Puzzle Corner



Here's two
Sudoku
puzzles to try
this month.
The first one
is fairly
straight
forward, but
the second one
is said to be
evil!!

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		7		8	1	
			3			9
6	3					2



PASSWORDS



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DONEGALL PASS

In cases of emergency, please contact the Rural Dean, the Rev Robert Jones,
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or one of the church wardens—Hugh—90790232 or Peter—9020 7018

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March 2013



*Father,
through our observance of Lent,
help us to understand the meaning
of Your Son's death and resurrection,
and teach us to reflect it in our lives.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son.
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

March 2013



MARCH SERVICES



SERVICES	MINISTER
3rd March—3rd Sunday in Lent 11.00 am Holy Communion— <i>followed by Lenten Lunch in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship</i>	Canon K Ruddock
10th March—4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Canon K Ruddock
17th March—5th Sunday in Lent St Patrick's Day 11.00 am Holy Communion	Canon K Ruddock
24th March—Palm Sunday 11.00 am Special Service—'The Pilgrimage to Calvary and The Empty Tomb'	Canon K Ruddock
31st March—Easter 11.00 am Holy Communion <i>Come and witness with the first witness of the Resurrection—St Mary Magdalene</i>	Canon K Ruddock

LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Lenten Services continue to be held on Wednesdays ~
March 6th, 13th and 20th.

Services for Holy Week are as follows:

Wednesday 27th March ~ *The Cross of Quietness*
 Maundy Thursday 28th March ~ *The Cross of Remembrance*
 Good Friday 29th March ~ *The Cross of Bereavement*

All services at 7.30 pm

Thursday Lunchtime Services

Thursdays at 12.30 pm, followed by lunch in the hall.



Flower Rota—March



Mar 3rd Mr & Mrs J Taylor — *in loving memory of Betty Taylor*

Mar 10th Mrs N Reilly/Mrs R White — *in loving memory of their mother*

Mar 17th Mr & Mrs B McMillan
The Irving Family — *in loving memory of Charles & Agnes Irving*

Mar 24th Palm Sunday

Mar 31st Mrs C Irving

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Since the Rector's leaving, it has not been possible to know whether or not the current Prayer List is up-to-date. It is important that this is reviewed so that covering clergy can be kept informed of parishioners who are ill and perhaps require visitation.

Below is a Prayer/Visitation Card and it would help enormously if you could complete it, if you personally would like your name added to the list, or perhaps have someone close to you whose name you would like to be included. Additional cards are available at the back of the church.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for all those known to be ill or in need.

ST MARY MAGDALENE - PRAYER/VISITATION REQUEST CARD

- If you have a prayer/visitation request, please write it here.
- These requests will be used by the Rector and other ministers in prayer/visitation times.
- Please state whether your request is for prayer or visitation and give to one of the church wardens or place it in the box at the back of the church.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

During the month of February, we sadly saw the passing of two of our long-standing parishioners and one dear friend.

~ ~ ~

Ronald Richard Ballantine (Ronnie)

5 Castlehill Farm

Burial 12th February 2013

Died 7th February 2013

Ronnie Ballantine was a life-long member of St Mary Magdalene. During this time, he had been a member of The Boys' Brigade, the Select Vestry and on many occasions, the 'Parish handyman' when he turned his many talents to fixing and repairing bits of church property. Ronnie's great interest was in music and for many years he was a stalwart in the 1st Old Boys' Association Band. Primarily, of course, Ronnie was a family man and so it is to his wife May, sons Jeffrey, Michael and Leslie and daughter Angela and the extended family circle that we extend our sincere sympathies. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

~ ~ ~

James Smyth (Jim)

14 Lindsay Way

Burial 25th February 2013

Died 20th February 2013

Jim Smyth was a much loved and respected member of our parish. A quiet and lovely gentleman, he attended this church every Sunday, until in recent times when illness prevented him doing so. Jim joined St Mary Magdalene when he and Laura married in 1951 and over their many years together, their devotion to each other was obvious to anyone who knew them. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Laura, daughter Carol and the extended family circle. We assure them all of our prayerful support at this very sad time.

~ ~ ~

John Kelly

It was with immense sadness that we learned of the death of John Kelly, son of our parishioner Sadie and brother of Elizabeth. Although John and his wife Fern were members of All Saints' Church, they were good friends of St Mary Magdalene and regular supporters of 'Big Breakfasts' and other functions in this church. Who can forget The BB Table Quizzes, with John and Fern firmly at the helm? John's passing will leave a huge void in the lives of his family and it is to them that we send our condolences and assurance that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

~ ~ ~

'Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted'

FAMILY WORKER



Hi

My name is Alison and I am the new family worker for St Mary Magdalene and St Aidan's. I previously worked in a similar role for Abbey Sure Start. I have a 19 year old daughter Rebekah, who is currently in her 1st year at Queen's University studying history.



My first couple of months in the role have been both challenging and interesting. I have received an extremely warm welcome from everyone I have met and the members of the Select Vestry have been so supportive.

A lot of my time has been spent visiting other parishes and meeting with community groups in the area. I plan to continue to develop these relationships and to get involved in many of the activities currently being organised by local groups.

I look forward to meeting more people from the parish and connecting with families in the area. I welcome any contacts or ideas you may have so please feel free to contact me on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 07749172423.

Best wishes

Alison

Appointment of new Rural Dean

The Rev Robert Jones, Rector of St John's Malone has been appointed as Rural Dean for South Belfast. During the period of our vacancy, he will chair Select Vestry Meetings and also be responsible for emergency cover for baptisms, weddings, illnesses and deaths.

His contact details are: tel 028 9066 6644 (Home) or 028 9066 7861 (Office), and of course you can still contact one of our church wardens—Hugh—90790232 or Peter—9020 7018 who will point you in the right direction.

We wish the new Rural Dean every blessing.

LENTEN LUNCH

A Lenten Lunch in aid of
Mission Aviation Fellowship
 will take place on:
Sunday 3rd March
 after morning service.

ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

This will be held
 on
Tuesday 9th April 2013
 at 7.30 pm

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting

Your input is valuable.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A camel never sees its own hump, but its neighbour's hump is ever before its eyes.

(Arab proverb)



For your diary

Ladies' Guild No Guild in March
General Vestry Tues 9th April 7.30 pm
Snooker Club Tuesdays 7.00 pm
Midweek Services Thursdays at 12.30 pm
BB Thursdays 6.30 pm onwards

*Spring is coming...
 Clocks forward*



31 March

Articles for the April magazine should be with Kate by Sunday 17th March 2013.



Some thoughts to reflect upon ~ ~ ~



1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy them, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New Friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end"!
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.



We wish to thank all those who during the last year contributed financially to the above society.

The amount of £714.16 was raised, which is very generous considering those people who are now in Nursing Homes and unable to continue giving.

Lena and Cecil

Happy St Patrick's Day

When March 17th arrives you can raise your glass and toast your friends with one of these traditional phrases.

- May your fire be as warm as the weather is cold.
- As you slide down the banisters of life may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- May you get all your wishes but one, so you always have something to strive for
- May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you wherever you go.
- Here's to your coffin...
May it be built of 100 year old oaks which I will plant tomorrow
- May your neighbour respect you, troubles neglect you, the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.
- May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.
- May you never forget what is worth remembering,
Or remember what is best forgotten.
- May you be in heaven one half hour before the devil knows you're dead.
- May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,
The insight to know where you are,
and the foresight to know when you've gone too far.
- May you never make an enemy when you could make a friend -
Unless you meet a fox among your chickens



On Friday 22nd February the Junior Section took part in the South & East Belfast Group Potted Sports event at Ballynafeigh Church Halls on the Ormeau Road. A great night was had by all the boys.

We also had three prize winners. Well done to all the boys for taking part.

*William McMillan
 Captain*



We send our congratulations to David Heasley, BB Officer and his wife Jackie on the birth of their little son Tommy.

Another member for the BB?

The Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are the Rural Dean, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mr Peter Ainley. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.

Ladies' Guild



Many thanks to everyone who so generously supported the annual auction in February. Of course, a huge thank you must go to our resident auctioneer, Betty, who in sterling form, managed to 'encourage' us to raise £185 for guild funds. This was an amazing result—I just don't know how she does it.

There will not be a meeting in March due to the Lenten Services being held on Wednesday evenings. I would just like to remind all members that these take place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 7.30 pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Lent and a very happy Easter.

Joan Rodgers—President



for our younger readers

Can you find all the words in the Easter Egg?

Basket	A T B H	Easter Eggs
Bonnet	E B E N N U	Flowers
Bunny	R F B G C G P N	Gumdrop
Chocolates	N E L O G H N A G T	Hopping
Daffodils	A T O N S O I R N I	
	Y E S W N L C P A I B S	
	N B A E E I O P D R B F	
	N Y E R T D L O E P A E	
	U L L S N O A H K S R A	
	B L I P H F T U L I P S	
	A E L D F F E N O H P B	
	R J Y I B A S K E T S F	
	H P O R D M U G J B	Rabbit
Hunt	S Y A D N U S R	Spring
Jellybean	E B S T	Sunday
Lily		Tulips
Parade		