

**KILLIANNE UNION OF PARISHES**  
**CHURCH OF IRELAND**  
**DEC 2022 – JAN 2023**



<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"  
<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.  
<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers."  
<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you." Psalms 122:1-2, 6-8

## Killegney and Rossdroit Christmas Fair



Despite the atrocious weather on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, we had a very successful Christmas Fair in Clonroche Community Hall. After the restrictions of the past couple of years it proved to be a wonderful opportunity to get together and enjoy an afternoon with parishioners and the local community. Mrs. Claus officially opened the event to great applause. Much effort went into

decorating the hall and Mrs. Claus's Café and it all looked very festive. As well as the usual stalls we were delighted to welcome the RNLI stall and additional craft stallholders which added great variety and interest. A huge thanks to all who supported the Fair in any way whatsoever – by planning the event, helping to set up and clear the hall, by selling tickets, sponsoring raffle prizes, donating, baking or working on stalls – and to all who braved the weather to make this such a memorable occasion. Thanks also to our rector, Canon Ian, who captivated the children during





the drawing of the prizewinning raffle tickets with the help of Mrs. Claus. Congratulations to all the lucky winners far and wide! As of now an outstanding €6,000 has been raised. Well done everyone!

### **Looking forward to Christmas**

**Rossdroit Christmas Eve 7pm**

**Joint Carol Service with Killegney Friday 6th Jan 7pm In Rossdroit**

**Killegney Christmas Day 10:15am**

**Joint Carol Service with Rossdroit Friday 6th Jan 7pm In Rossdroit**

**Killanne Christmas Day 11:30am**

**Carol Service Friday 30th Dec 8pm**

**Templeshanbo Christmas Eve 8:30pm**

**Carol Service Sunday 1st Jan 11:30**

**Children's Christmas party.** We are looking forward to our children's Christmas party which will be held in Killanne hall on sat 17th Dec from 6pm onwards.

### **Bishops visit**

Our new bishop Adrian Wilkinson will be with us on 8th Jan taking Holy Communion Killegney 10:15 & Killanne 11:30. There will be no service in Templeshanbo that Sunday.

### **New Services**

A service focusing on wholeness and healing. Saturday 3th December 7pm Killegney This service will encourage space for reflection, peace, and there will be the opportunity to receive prayer.

A service of a more relaxed vein. Although some liturgy will be used, the worship will be more contemporary with multimedia in use

10th December 7pm. Rossdroit This service will be aimed to engage and encourage.

**The Camino de Santiago;** known in English as the Way of St James, is a network of pilgrims' ways or pilgrimages leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in north-western Spain, where tradition holds that the remains of the apostle are buried. As Pope Benedict XVI said, "It is a way sown with so many demonstrations of fervour, repentance, hospitality, art and



culture which speak to us eloquently of the spiritual roots of the Old Continent." Many follow its routes as a form of spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth. It is also popular with hiking and cycling enthusiasts and organized tour groups. Created and established after the discovery of the relics of Saint James the Great at the beginning of the 9th century, the Way of St James became a major pilgrimage route of medieval Christianity from the 10th

century onwards. But it was only after the capture of Granada in 1492, under the reign of Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile, that Pope Alexander VI officially declared the Camino de Santiago to be one of the "three great pilgrimages of Christendom", along with Jerusalem and Rome. Two of our parishioners Dave & Teri Morris with relatives from American completed the pilgrimage last month. Below is the thoughts of Dave & Teri on the experience

**Dave:** I found walking the final 3 stages of the Camino a very profound experience. The weather suited us for walking ( about 25 km /day) in that in early Oct it's neither too hot or too wet. As we put one foot in front of the other, day after day, you had great time and space to get a new





perspective on where you are in your life. And of course, the spiritual element was always in the background, as we walked in the footsteps of the countless Pilgrims who trod this path before us all down the centuries, each bearing their own bundle of cares to lay at the feet of the Apostle James in the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. A magnificent place of worship, and we felt privileged to attend Mass there at our journey's end.

**Teri:** The Camino has been on our bucket list for some time. We booked our trip in 2020 to celebrate our 30th Wedding Anniversary and 60th birthdays for both Dave and myself. We planned to walk between 120 (60 + 60) to 150 (120 + 30) kms. But covid scuppered our plans and we didn't get going until this year. In the end we did 117 kms in 5 days. It was one of the most wonderful experiences ever. I couldn't believe we had so much fun. My cousins from America (Jack & Sissy) joined us.

We spent each day much the same: getting up, having a Galacian breakfast, walking for most of the day with a nice break in between for lunch, resting then having a local meal for dinner. We met people from all over the world and everyone was so friendly. 'Buen Camino' was the greeting we received and gave in return. It was a great way to get close to mother earth being outdoors for most of the day, and to solve the world's problems at the same time chatting as we navigated the path. And when the day ended, and the final km walked, we all had a wonderful sense of accomplishment and a feeling that we had done something special.

### **Statement Read to Churches prepared by Canon Ian**

As most of you know, over the past eighteen months, my wife Donna has faced health issues resulting in her moving back North to be with family, just before Easter. Due to my sense of belonging in the Parishes of Killanne & Killegney Union, and wider parish and diocesan commitments, it was felt that I should stay here continuing relations with Donna and the family, through media calls and visits. The reality was also, the unlikely possibility of me gaining a Parish closer to home. To my utter surprise however I received an invitation to consider the vacancy in Carrickmacross Group of Parishes, County Monaghan in Clogher Diocese. Sharing the news with my family of the interest from Carrickmacross, I was unprepared for the depth of response especially the tears of my grown daughters. I have been here for five years, and different people will view that time in different ways. A long time, a short time, a time of maintaining, a time of growth, a time of loss. But to my wee girls it was a long difficult time for them, and now I am beginning to appreciate how stressful it has been for them. After meeting with the parish and diocesan nominators they have offered me the opportunity to take up the position which I have accepted. Because of the parishioners I have met from Carrickmacross I am looking forward to my next stage of ministry, taking with me the riches I have gained from County Wexford, the sunny southeast. The move will take place sometime well into the new year.

Revd Canon Ian

## Church service times for March 2022-May 2022

<b>December 2022</b>	<b><u>Christmas Services</u></b>	<b>January 2023</b>	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2 (Purple)</b> 10:15am Rosdroit HC (R) 11:30am Templeshanbo HC (R) 11:30am Killanne MP (L)	<b><u>Rosdroit</u></b> <b>Christmas Eve 7pm</b> Joint Carol Service with Killegney Friday 6th Jan 7pm In Rosdroit	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Christmas 2/ Epiphany (White)</b> 11:30am Templeshanbo (R) <b>CAROL SERVICE</b> <b>ONLY ONE SERVICE IN UNION</b>	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 3 (Purple)</b> 10:15am Killegney MP (R) 10:00am Templeshanbo MP (L) 11:30am Killanne HC (R)	<b><u>Killegney</u></b> <b>Christmas Day 10:15am</b> Joint Carol Service with Rosdroit Friday 6th Jan 7pm In Rosdroit	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany 1/ Baptism of Christ (White)</b> 10:15am Killegney HC (R) 11:30am Killanne HC (R) <b>VISIT OF BISHOP</b>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 4 (Purple)</b> 10.15am Rosdroit MP (L) 15:00 Templeshanbo 11:30am Killanne MP (R)	<b><u>Killanne</u></b> <b>Christmas Day 11:30am</b> <b>Carol Service Friday 30th Dec 8pm</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany 2 (White)</b> 10.15am Rosdroit MP (L) 10:00am Templeshanbo HC (R) 11:30am Killanne MP (R)	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day</b> 10:15am Killegney HC (R) 11:30 Killanne HC (R)	<b><u>Templeshanbo</u></b> <b>Christmas Eve 8:30pm</b> <b>Carol Service Sunday 1st Jan 11:30am</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Epiphany 3 (White)</b> 10:15am Killegney HC (R) 10:00am Templeshanbo MP (L) 11:30 am Killanne HC (R)	
		<b>Sunday 29th Jan Epiphany 4 (White)</b> Templeshanbo 11:30 (R) Joint Service	

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# Prayer Diary Psalm 118:1-2 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.

<b>Mon.</b> Pray for the children and youth in our churches. And those involved working with them.	<b>Tues.</b> For those who have had to cope with separation from family.	<b>Wed.</b> Pray for local Garda and other emergency services who face danger for our safety.	<b>Thurs.</b> Residents & Staff of local Hospitals and Nursing Homes and the families of residents after the year its been.	<b>Fri.</b> Local businesses that they prosper and benefit our community.	<b>Sat.</b> Pray for all living with addiction issues.	<b>Sun.</b> Pray and give thanks for all parish & diocesan readers.
<b>Mon.</b> For all those connected with the Mothers Union.	<b>Tues.</b> Pray for the those affected by the war in the Ukraine.	<b>Wed.</b> For those involved with local schools.	<b>Thurs.</b> All involved in contributing to the work of the parish.	<b>Fri.</b> All involved with working on the land and with live stock and their families.	<b>Sat.</b> All suffering with long term illness and their families	<b>Sun.</b> Pray for Your neighbours
<b>Mon.</b> Those unemployed. Both long term and recently.	<b>Tues.</b> Try and spend time being quiet and listening to God. It's good to listen as well as talking.	<b>Wed.</b> Our Archdeacons and for the new Bishop of our diocese. Very Revd Adrian Wilkinson	<b>Thurs.</b> Those in prison and their families.	<b>Fri.</b> Pray for comfort for those bereaved,	<b>Sat.</b> Pray for the those affected by the war in the Ukraine.	<b>Sun.</b> For peace & hope to those who find it difficult facing the future
<b>Mon.</b> Those in persecuted churches and the agencies supporting them	<b>Tues.</b> Our local Councillors & TD's	<b>Wed.</b> For all involved in continued decisions regarding Brexit	<b>Thurs.</b> Overseas Aid and mission, especially in current economic difficulties.	<b>Fri.</b> The homeless & and the work of local charities.	<b>Sat.</b> For those working in Ireland away from family and friends.	<b>Sun.</b> Pray for other denominations in our community.