



Kill O'The Grange Church of Ireland

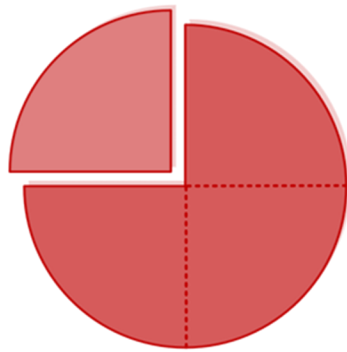
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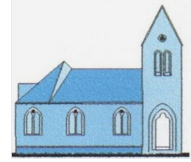
NEWSLETTER

O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem!



To Love and Serve the Lord

CHURCH SERVICES



PLEASE NOTE: Services in accordance with COVID-19 rules are detailed on pages 4 & 5. Online services continue on our website www.kotg.ie: choose ONLINE SERVICES.

SUNDAYS (AVAILABLE ONLINE)

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion
(Every Sunday)

10.30 a.m.

Service of the Word
(1st & 2nd Sunday)

'All In' Service
(3rd Sunday)

Holy Communion
(4th Sunday)

Holy Communion or Service of the Word
(5th Sunday)

Evenings

Details on page 6

Sunday Evening Prayer

OTHER

- ♦ **Daily Devotionals:** Available online daily
- ♦ **Tuesday Evening Prayer:** 7- 8 p.m. In lieu of our usual Prayer Meetings. Please pray in your homes at this time, enabling us to pray together while staying apart.
- ♦ **Special Service Booklets** distributed *via* mail by Bert Van Embden. Please see page 14.

RECTOR'S LETTER

DECEMBER 2020



As we edge closer to Christmas (too early to mention?) the words of Tolkien's hobbit Frodo to the wizard Gandalf surely resonate with us all:

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

I. Love. This.

We all have a choice in how we respond to all that we find ourselves experiencing in these days in our journey to Christmas. As we continue in our sermon series of Ezra/Nehemiah we have been made aware of the sorrow and joy, weeping and rejoicing that is happening side by side. All of us that are wrestling with the culture of COVID-19 I want to encourage you to do so with the Lord. Bring your joy and sorrow to Him. Know you are seen, heard and understood. Know how good God is even in situations that are not. Know His presence in your times of loneliness. Be at peace in the space you dwell with Him, in sorrow or joy. Pray, love, forgive, as you remind yourself that you have received all this from your Creator and as we focus on the coming birth of Jesus.

Follow the lead of Nehemiah's prayer "Then I said: 'LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you.'" (Nehemiah 1:5-6)

Blessings,

Alan

Indoor Services in Kill O'The Grange Parish Church are back!

from the Rector, The Rev. Alan Breen

*Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God (Isaiah 40:1)*

Friends,

The above verse is part of the reading for Sunday 6th December. One of the many elements that we as a community have longed to be for one another is a form of comfort. To bring it, to be it and to believe it. As many of you will know the Government announcement [Friday 27th November] brings some significant changes for how we can interact with one another as a community. For many of you this will bring comfort, and I am also aware through conversations I have had with many of you, worry and concern are there in relation to moving out of lock-down.

Can I encourage you that whatever you decide to do in the next few weeks during this time, that God, Immanuel is with you.

We will be able to have physical services in the church building again from Sunday 6th December. The booking system is the only way for people to be able to come to a service and our numbers will be limited to 30 people per gathering. Please follow all the guideline procedures in relation to being able to come to a service.

The times for the Holy Communion services will be 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. We will also have our Wednesday morning Communion service beginning on 9th December. Spaces are limited due to guidelines so can I suggest if you book a space for yourself or your family on the first week, please hold back on the following week to allow others to have an opportunity to book in. We are very much looking forward to seeing you gather again. *[Booking instructions opposite.]*

The church will continue to be open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. All our online services and devotionals will continue.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either the Office or myself,

Blessings,

Alan

30th November 2020

Services in Kill O'The Grange Parish Church during COVID-19 Level 3 restrictions

Each week we have 3 Services.

1. Sunday Morning Communion 9.00 a.m.
2. Sunday Family Communion 10.30 a.m.
3. Wednesday Morning Communion 10.30 a.m.

Please select your preferred service.

If your chosen service is full, you can either choose another time or add your name to the waitlist for next week.

If you choose to be put on the waitlist, we will be in touch soon to confirm your booking.

BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

To book a place, please follow the following steps:

- * Go to www.kotg.ie
- * Click on the Book Now button on the homepage, or go to the Online Booking menu.
- * Select the church service you wish to attend.
- * You will be required to add your name and the number of people you wish to book for in your household.
- * If you are booking for someone outside of your household, please contact the Office at office@kotg.ie to organize this, as we need to align with contact tracing and social distancing guidelines.
- * If you are unable to book into your preferred service, you have the option to join the waitlist.
- * You will receive a confirmation of your booking.
- * Unfortunately, we cannot permit access to those who have not booked in advance.

Please ensure you have your face mask with you, adhere to social distancing guidelines and use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave. Please do not attend if you feel in any way unwell or have any symptoms such as a cough, fever or shortness of breath.

The Parish's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Here at Kill O'The Grange we want to make sure that we don't stop being a community during this difficult time. It is in times like these that we need to look out for each other and take care of each other.

On our website, www.kotg.ie, we provide the option ONLINE SERVICES, where you can find:

- Sunday Services;
- Prayer Resources;
- Prayer Requests;
- Daily Devotional.

We would also like to remind you that if you need assistance in any way, the Church also has a team of people who are willing and ready to help. We could bring groceries to your home, collect medicines or even help you with some work in the garden! Please do contact us at office@kotg.ie or rector@kotg.ie.

STAR OF WONDER

As a church family, as we approach Christmas, we follow in wonder the birth of our Saviour.

In these difficult times we can't operate our usual carol and other Christmas services, but this year during the week of the 14th -19th December we are opening our church to take a walk through the trees....literally. Nine members of our church and school community have designed and decorated nine Christmas trees, being inspired by the words of the 9 traditional carol service Bible readings. Each have prepared a short reflection for us to pause and wonder over.

Come along Monday 14th - Saturday 19th (Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 1-4 p.m.) to visit Kill's Christmas "Star of Wonder". Be encouraged as we follow the Star of Christmas and reconnect to our church building. Appropriate social distancing measures will be in place. Further information from the Parish Office or Ruth Mann, Alan Hunt, Mark Groves or Keith Syms.

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www.kotg.ie

PARISH OFFICE / RECTOR:

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COLIN WILLIAM MURPHY MBE

An Appreciation



Colin came from Belfast before moving in the 1970s to Rowanbyrn in Blackrock, where Colin and his family became Parishioners at Kill O’The Grange Parish Church, before moving on to Newcastle, Co. Wicklow. Colin took on many different responsibilities in his life, but was first and foremost a family man to Margaret, Sheelagh , Lynne and extended family members.

Some of the main responsibilities which Colin undertook included Corrymeela, Wicklow Uplands Council and for the last significant number of years the Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, being elected Chair in 1987, for which contribution he received the award of the MBE.

Colin’s many qualities were summed up in the numerous entries in the book of condolences, of which just a small sample included friend, inspiring, sincere, integrity, caring and funny. Those qualities were apparent in his many years as a Parishioner at Kill O’The Grange, where his talents were applied to the committee for building the new Parish Centre in 1987 and 1988. He was instrumental in many aspects of the committee work, including helping Joyce Buckley with the initial brochure, where the advertisements brought in the significant sum of 5,000 pints. The Parish Centre committee had many testing challenges, when Colin’s laconic sense of humour lightened the mood and the challenges seemed to melt away. Colin wrote a Parody of the Hall project which caught the mood of the time, which included the memorable couplet:

‘We’ll build our Hall upon a rock,
And we’ll build it better than Foxrock’.

Colin died on 15th October 2020 and will be sorely missed by his family of course, but also by the many people whose lives he touched.

JER / PHO.



**Our church—now
socially distanced!**

[Photo: James Darling]



Youth Clubs



Through all the chaos and craziness of this time, here at KOTG youth we have been continuing to move forward with what we do. Unfortunately, we did have to call off our yearly weekend away, but thankfully this hasn't stopped us getting our usual batch of hoodies to all those who have joined our group. And most excitingly, we have started a new weekly discussion group.

Born from mini meet ups last summer, every week we meet and go through a part of the Bible. Since started, we have looked at Romans, Ruth, and are currently digging into Daniel.

Please pray for the leaders team and those plugged in. We can see it in ourselves and the youth that we miss meeting as a group and are looking forward to when we can start in person meet ups soon .

*Jonathan Byford
Youth Pastor*



We received the following recent information from Bishops' Appeal:

Mother and Child Advent Appeal is very simple and very powerful – highlighting unfunded or partially funded projects that support mothers and children to stay safe, stay healthy and stay together. 3 of the 4 projects highlighted (Nepal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone and Cambodia) have been partially funded by Bishops' Appeal but we hope to raise some more awareness and, if possible, finances during Advent.

For more information on funding allocation to projects and appeals in Beirut, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Uganda, Cairo, Burundi and projects which have been struggling to cover their costs due to the Pandemic, please contact the Office where you can obtain details and further reading.

Bishops' Appeal is very thankful for all support – parish and individual.



Children and Family

Over the past month or two we have had plenty of fun. Back in October, on the Friday before midterm, 23rd October, we had MessyChurch@home. Families were able to reserve and collect a goody bag to take home full of bits and pieces for the activities, along with one or two things to munch on! Families were able to access all the content at home and we got to share each other's creations and fun on a WhatsApp group made for the event. It was great fun for all involved!

At the beginning of November Wednesday Kids Club started up. This is a space for primary school aged children to hear stories of the Bible, play some games and chill over Zoom. We run the club from 6.30 - 7 for Junior Infants – 2nd Class and 7 – 7.30 for 3rd – 6th class on Wednesday evenings. We have been having great fun and love seeing all the faces on Zoom!

We are looking forward to what December and the season of Christmas will hold for us, and can't wait to find out!

*Seb Dungan
Children's and Family Worker*



SAFEGUARDING TRUST

Please note that all children and teens must have fully completed a consent form in order to attend their respective group. Kill O' The Grange fully complies with the Church of Ireland's **Safeguarding Trust Policy** for the protection of children and young people under 18 in our care. Details are available on our website and upon request.



THE ADVENT CANDLE

Week 1—Hope [The Patriarchs]

A candle burns,
the sign of our hope.
God of hope,
come to us again this Advent.
**May Your hope live within us,
burning as a light in our lives.**

Week 2—Light [The Old Testament Prophets]

A candle burns,
the sign of Your Word.
God of the prophets,
come to us again this Advent.
**May Your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

Week 3—Faith [John the Baptist]

A candle burns,
the sign of our faith.
God of the Baptizing One,
come to us again this Advent.
**May we have a faith
that renews our lives.
May we live in the light of Your promises.**

Week 4—Love [The Blessed Virgin Mary]

A candle burns,
the sign of Your love.
God of Mary,
come to us again this Advent.
**May the light of Your love
be born anew in us.**

The Advent Wreath © David Hamflett in *Candles and Conifers* by Ruth Burgess. Wild Goose Publications 2005



**The Fifth Candle
(white) represents:**

**Jesus—The Light of
the World!**

EZRA-NEHEMIAH...WHAT NEXT? (GOING DEEPER)

If you've enjoyed our journey through Ezra-Nehemiah and would like to go deeper/learn more, here are a few ways of doing that:

Something to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkETkRv9tG8>

Something to read:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Nehemiah-Horizons-Testament-Commentary-THOTC/dp/0802864325>

A Christmas Creed

- * I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel begun in Bethlehem.
- * I believe in the One whose Spirit glorified a little town; and whose Spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.
- * I believe in the One for whom the crowded inn could find no room; and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.
- * I believe in the One who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.
- * I believe in the One who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.
- * I believe in the One whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.
- * I confess my ever-lasting need of God: the need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.
- * I believe in God who gives us the best of Himself. I believe in Jesus, the Son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

Daily Bible reading notes for 2021



If you would like me to order (or re-order) NEW DAYLIGHT or GUIDELINES, published by the Bible Reading Fellowship, for next year, please let me know. They cost €18 per annum for each publication (€36 if you would like both.)

Heather Jackson



DIOCESAN SYNODS

United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

First Session of the 51st Diocesan Synods

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

It was a strange Diocesan Synod! The delegates appeared not as friends to chat with, but as a patchwork of small squares, in the zoom windows we are becoming so familiar with. There was a physical venue, with a few – socially distanced - tables at the front of Taney hall, for the Archbishop and other essential personnel. For the rest of us, armed with our ‘book of reports’, it was mainly a listening exercise, with electronic votes. As each report was put forward for acceptance, there were few speeches save for the proposer of each; although it was possible to raise an electronic hand to indicate a wish to speak, few did, and even a report from the seconder of each report was waived.

However, the reports showed the extent to which the diocese has risen to the challenge of working within a global pandemic. By far the largest report is always that of the Diocesan Councils, which covers areas from children’s and young people’s ministries, third level and hospital chaplains, lay ministry and diocesan outreach, as well as diocesan initiatives in music, in communications and broadcasting. It also included the final report of the Diocesan Refugee Housing Appeal, and it was encouraging to see how much has been accomplished over the 3 years of its commitment.

The Council for Mission report highlighted how people’s views have changed as a result of COVID-19; for many, faith has been deepened and an open-ness to new ideas has been seen. Their report also included a wish to broaden its promotion of mission, with ideas such as a diocesan-wide ‘Mission Sunday’, and even a ‘Family Fun Day’. Suggestions from synod members (and, by extension, from the parishes they represent) will be welcomed. Perhaps your ideas could be relayed directly to Alan, as he sat on this committee! Also, the funds released by the Bishops Appeal were noted; they included €50,000 to support overseas COVID-19 responses, via Christian Aid, Tear Fund, Motivation, USPG and CMS Ireland. Some of this was targeted for South Sudan.

Other reports included those from the Church’s Ministry of Healing, the Board of Education, and the committee for Social Action.

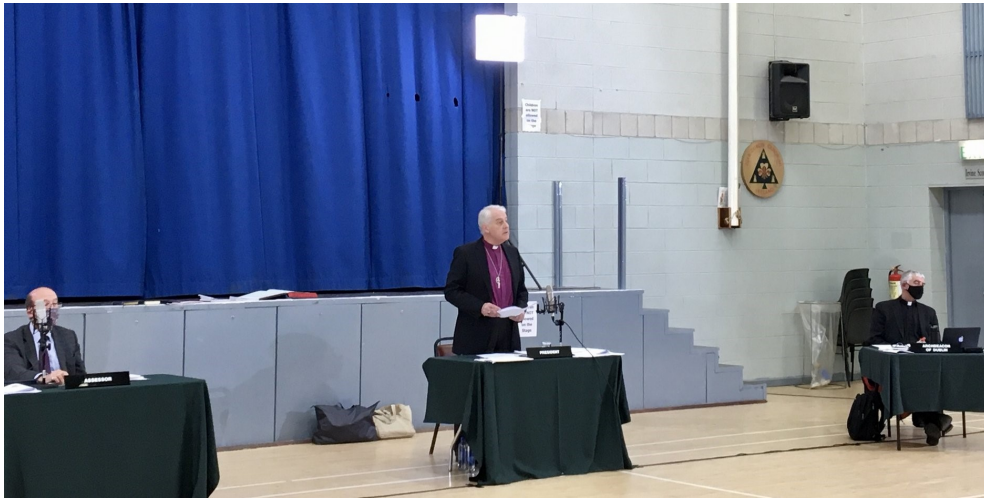
At last year’s Synod, members had divided into small focus group to discuss different areas of diocesan activity under the ‘Come and See’ initiative. Although such activity was not possible this year, we did receive a summary of the feed back from last year, provided through an online questionnaire. On the whole this was very positive, although some agreed that their parishes did not heed diocesan initiatives to frame their activities. Maybe we would all be more rounded parishes if we did!

Perhaps the tenor of the Synod was encapsulated in the opening address by the Archbishop, which can be found on the diocesan website. “Faith, hope and love – the new language learned from COVID–19 – Archbishop’s address at Dublin & Glendalough Synods”
<https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2020/10/20/>

Mary Williams

[The current Kill O’The Grange parish elected members of the Synod are Mary Williams, Bert Van Embden and Peter Rooke. The Synod took place by Zoom on 20th October 2020.]

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2020



Archbishop Michael Jackson delivers his Presidential address at Dublin & Glendalough Diocesan Synods. Also pictured is the Assessor William Prentice and the Archdeacon of Dublin, the Ven David Pierpoint.

[Photo: Dublin & Glendalough Diocesan website dublin.anglican.org]

POPPY APPEAL



Dear Parishioners,

It gives me great pleasure to be taking charge of the Poppy Appeal. I had volunteered for the role on hearing that Rosemary Knight was retiring from the position of the link between the Royal British Legion and KOTG church. I take up the baton as an honour to my dad who fought in World War II and was a member of the Royal British Legion for many years. 2020 has been a year like no other and

I am truly grateful for the extra effort that you put in with this year's giving. At the time of writing the total raised by KOTG, excluding online donations, stands at €600. This is a boost on last year's giving and all funds collected in ROI are used for ex-service men, women and their families.

Sandra Faulkner

**FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS**

MARRIAGE:

23rd October 2020

Paul Minogue to Jean Knight

We wish Jean and Paul the Lord's abundant blessings for the future.

[This was a private event under the present COVID-19 restrictions.]



As you may know, Crosslinks is an international mission society working principally within the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you would like to keep up to date with the work of Crosslinks, please visit their website at www.crosslinks.org.

They recently published a number of 'good news stories' in these challenging times, which can be found at <<https://www.crosslinks.org/people-and-places/europe/blog/2020/04/is-there-any-good-news/>>

PLEASE NOTE!

While the COVID-19 pandemic remains with us:

- Monthly services in nursing homes, organized by Bert Van Embden, are suspended until further notice.
- Special services, e.g. Evening Service, have been prepared by Bert Van Embden, and can be distributed in booklet form. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office at office@kotg.ie or leave a voicemail on the Parish Office phone which is checked on an *ad hoc* basis during the current restrictions.

Letter from the Archbishop of Dublin as the country enters Level 5

Dear Friends

The announcement on 19th October of the introduction and application of Level 5 Restrictions countrywide brings with it a range of required compliance that many have been predicting and that is now about to come into effect.

The word: Lockdown appeals to nobody. Yet it describes the situation in which we find ourselves as of midnight on Wednesday 21st October. We are being encouraged to dig deep and we have no option but to be careful of ourselves and of others, to follow The Guidelines and to look out for the vulnerable, the disabled and the enclosed in very particular ways. All of this brings sadness and disappointment, fear and anxiety in a three hundred and sixty degree perspective – personally, socially and economically to everyone in different ways. As I shared with all of you recently, there is an enhanced onus on people of faith to let the nation know that the church cares and prays for all members of society. Prayer and care bring together word and action.

This is a time not for recrimination but for consolidation. This is a time for heart and mind to work together sensibly and dutifully. This, above all, is a time to trust in The Spirit of God. The leaflet Mental Health and Wellbeing Information has been prepared by the HSE and offers pointers and guidance in the area of wellbeing. Throughout the initial period of the next six weeks where a number of essential services in society seek to keep open, wellbeing will come under intense strain in households, in workplaces, in schools and childcare facilities, in hospitals and nursing and residential homes, in shops, among many others, in the fears that countless people have for their life, livelihood and their own and their children's future.

All members of the United Dioceses are called upon to respond to this when our churches are effectively closed. Everything that we do as the people of God is now concerned with sowing in hope.

I encourage you to live by the following verse of Scripture, in the hope of God's presence in the present and the future: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. *Galatians 5:22*.

May God protect and uphold us and all others in these days,

Yours sincerely

+Michael

Archbishop of Dublin

21st October 2020





CHURCH OF IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD 2020



Please note that the May 2020 meeting of the General Synod was cancelled owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Church of Ireland General Synod 2020 was to take place in the Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre, from 7th–9th May 2020.

Pursuant to section 30 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 2020, which provides for the validity of remote meetings of an unincorporated body, notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the General Synod will be held by electronic communication technology on 1st, 2nd, and, if necessary, 3rd December 2020, as approved by the Standing Committee on 14th October 2020.

The Standing Committee has authorised the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod to propose the hours for the Synod. These times, and the link for the electronic meeting, will be communicated to Synod members in due course.

Upcoming General Synods – Dates and Locations

13th–15th May 2021, Armagh City Hotel, Armagh

5th–7th May 2022, Croke Park, Dublin

Adapted from the General Synod website:

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/10070/general-synod-2020-to-take>

General Synod website:

www.synod.ireland.anglican.org

CHURCH REVIEW AND CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE

If you have a subscription to either magazine, or would like to subscribe or renew for 2021, please contact the Parish Office for your copy. [Contact details on page 39.]

Cost for 2021:

Church Review €40

Church of Ireland Gazette €45 (for 10 issues, including combined issues for December/January and July/August.)

KOTG CHRISTMAS TREES



A message below from Seb and Graham Dungan:

It is that time of year when we look for your support to help raise funds for people less well off, by buying your Christmas tree from us. This year, those of pension age are even more often on their own and could do with both physical and emotional help.

All profits from the sale of Christmas trees this year will be split between the homeless and the aged in need.

We will have the trees on Saturday 5th December and with the changing circumstances, the collection arrangements will be announced closer to the day. For now we would very much like your commitment to purchase an excellent tree which will be paid at or around the time of collection.

This year we have a new supplier who also has a similar level of excellent quality trees and we will have the availability to smaller trees from 5 ft. The owner has assured us of the highest quality trees and some spares in case anyone is not happy when they bring the tree home. See his video below:-

<https://youtu.be/uzLoGVIE4GE>

We need to know how many trees to order and so would appreciate an immediate response to KOTGChristmasTrees@gmail.com to say whether you would like your tree small (5 – 6 ft: €40), medium (6 – 7 ft: €45) or large (over 7 ft: €50). Delivery to your house may be possible at €15 extra but not confirmed.

Please spread the word to anyone else who may be getting a tree including a note on any of your WhatsApp or Facebook groups.

Your support is much appreciated.

PASTORAL VISITS

Pastoral visits at bedsides, in homes, in nursing homes and hospitals are taking place by 'phone call instead of through personal visits during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know of anyone who would like to be contacted by 'phone, please use the numbers below.

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral visit, please contact us by 'phone or e-mail (details below.) The Rector and Bert Van Embden will follow up on all requests received.

Bert Van Embden – Lay Pastoral Worker

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A PRAYER WRITTEN BY ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL JACKSON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the
Coronavirus COVID-19
in Ireland and across the world.
We pray too for all who reach out to all those who mourn the loss of each
and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.
Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.
Amen.

KIDS' PAGE

Christmas—It's Jesus's Birthday!

We are so glad that Jesus came to us 2000 years ago, to show us what God is like and to save us from all the wrong things we do. The Good News is that He is still with us through His Spirit!

DOWN

Birth of Christ

- 1 Who were tending their flocks by night
- 2 Who announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds
- 3 The wise men bowed down to Jesus to _____ him
- 4 Jesus was born in this town
- 6 "The _____ of peace" - one of the titles of Jesus
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 Jesus was born in a _____
- 10 The shepherds were in the _____ when they saw an angel

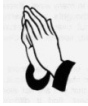
ACROSS

- 1 The wise men followed a _____ that led them to Jesus
- 5 human father of Jesus
- 7 There was no _____ at the inn for Jesus
- 9 one of the gifts of the three wise men
- 11 Jesus could not stay at the _____ because it was full
- 12 and on earth _____, goodwill toward men (Luke 2:14)


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Parish Prayer Diary 2020

December	
1 st	In this season of Advent, Lord we look to Your coming in the miracle of the incarnation—Emmanuel, God with us!
2 nd	Thank the Lord for the many organizations who work to relieve poverty and suffering at home and abroad. We pray for those at home (e.g. St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, Focus Ireland) and abroad (e.g. Mosaic Middle East in Iraq and Jordan, Tearfund, Christian Aid, CMS Ireland.) Consider prayerfully whether the Lord is calling you to assist any of them in any way.
3 rd	We pray for all young people, who have had difficulty in coping with the fallout from the pandemic and how it has affected their studies. Give them the assurance, Lord, that You will be with them in all circumstances.
4 th	Is there someone in your life that you find it very hard to forgive? Talk to the Lord about it, and hold that person in your mind as you do. Think of the forgiveness Jesus showed: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
5 th	Thank the Lord for Kill O’The Grange National School, Hilary McBain its Principal and for the teachers and pupils, who have operated under the current difficult situation.
6 th	2nd Sunday of Advent: We give thanks for all those who have provided online services during the coronavirus pandemic, and those who have participated in the Scripture readings and prayers.
7 th	We remember the residents of nursing homes, in particular those in Newtownpark House and Ashfield, where the pandemic has prevented us from holding monthly services.
8 th	Thank You, Lord, for our Parish of Kill O’The Grange, and for those who serve in so many ways, including our Readers, Churchwardens, Glebewardens and Select Vestry.
9 th	Father God, we pray for all those who are doing so much to reduce the impact of the coronavirus—the health service, doctors, nurses, carers and researchers to find a vaccine.
10 th	Give thanks for all those who reach out to others in love and Christian help, and ask the Lord what you might do to assist someone.
11 th	We pray for all who are fearful, and particularly who are without God in this world, that the light of the Lord Jesus may shine in their hearts.
12 th	Lord, we pray for a Spirit-filled revival in our land. Send the fire today!
13 th	3rd Sunday of Advent: Lord and loving Heavenly Father, as You rescued the children of Israel from Egypt, we pray that in Your good and perfect timing You will rescue the peoples of the world from the scourge of the coronavirus.
14 th	Pray today for the Christian communities worldwide, especially those in countries suffering from persecution and hardship.

The rota of prayers for Parishioners is on page 22.

Parish Prayer Diary 2020



December	
15th	We pray for the governments of the world, and especially our own governments in Ireland, north and south, that wise decisions are made, especially over the control of the pandemic.
16th	Is there anything in your life that troubles you? Share it with a trusted friend if you can and, above all, take it to the Lord in prayer!
17th	We pray today for the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough and for Michael, our Archbishop.
18th	Jesus my Lord, I Thee adore; O make me love Thee more and more!
19th	Thank You, Lord, for the work of Agapé Ireland in bringing the Good News of the Gospel to young people in our schools and colleges, remembering the commitment of Will Johnson in this.
20th	4th Sunday of Advent: This is the day the Lord has made: we will rejoice and be glad in it!
21st	Remember in your prayers our Rector Alan and his family, and our Parish staff Bert, Johnno, Seb and, in the Office, Caroline and Jane.
22nd	Pray for all who are lonely and feeling unwanted and unloved especially at this time. Help us to seek them out.
23rd	We lift to You, Lord, our friends who are serving You so faithfully in other lands, naming before You Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda, Bishop Hilary and Mama Joyce in South Sudan, and the Rev. Cosmas Gwagwe.
24th	As we give gifts to our families and friends this season, remember in your giving organizations that look to us for financial and practical help as they help others, e.g. Tearfund, Christian Aid, CMS Ireland and many more.
25th	Christmas Day: On this day above all, thank the Lord that He has come to us, even in the form of a helpless baby who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.
26th	Saint Stephen's Day: As we think today of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, pray for all in our world suffering persecution for their faith.
27th	1st Sunday of Christmas: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will! Thank You, Lord, for Your Amazing Love in sending Your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
28th	We pray today for Joe Biden as he approaches his inauguration on 20 th January as the 46 th President of the United States of America, remembering also his Vice-President Kamala Harris.
29th	Thank You, Lord, that we can once again meet in the church for services of Holy Communion.
30th	Pray for our local community, the shops and businesses, and those who are there to help us—An Garda Síochána, the medical services and health workers.
31st	2020 has been a most difficult and unprecedented experience for all people worldwide. We pray that the Lord, who has “the whole world in His hands” will pour on us all His abundant guidance and help throughout 2021.

This month's Prayer Diary has been written by **James Darling**.

Prayer Diary

December 2020

Pray for:

Nigel and Andrea Osborne, and Anna; Philip and Valerie Osborne; Andrew and Fiona O'Sullivan, Jessica and Patricia; Lorcan and Mary O'Sullivan; Paraic and Susan O'Toole; Niall O'Toole; Conall O'Toole; David and Yvonne Owen, Cameron and Lochlan; Ian and Roseane Packham, and Thiago Ray; Amanda Packham; Pamela Packham; Olive Packham; Paul and Kate Patterson, and Grace; Claire Patterson; Patricia Pearson; Jason and Suzy Pittock; Stuart and Caroline Plascott, Ciara and Charlotte; Henry and Rachel Pollard; Letitia Pollard; Brian and Monica Priestley, Robert and Olivia; Stephen Priestley.

John and Lynda Priestley, and Jessica; Andrew Priestley; Matthew Priestley; Patrick Quinlan and Elaine O'Donoghue, and Max; Sam and Comitte Ramadoss, and Blessie; Orla Reck; John Reid; Nicolas and Selene Revland, Luca, Mimi and Finn; Leslie and Liz Richards; James Richards; Rebecca Richards; Sarah Richards; Suzanne Richards, and Max; Beata Riehn; John Riseley; Shangar Ronglo and Andrew Nangsha, Lorraine and Chaandrouy; Peter Rooke; Stephen and Sonya Ross, and Aaron; Brianna Ross; Mackenzie Ross; Liz Roulston; Tim and Claire Roulston; Karl and Cathryn Schäckermann, Ryan and Emma; Uli and Pauline Schäckermann; Erik and Siobhan Schidlack, and Niamh.

Derek Scott; Simon and Tam Scott, Micaiah Samuel and Aviyah Elicora; Stuart and Susan Scott, and Benjamin; Paul and Sandra Sharpe, Evie, Alex and Zoë; Tim and Claire Silk, Hope, Jade, Jonah and Fleur; David and Hilda Shepherd, Anna, Sophie and Sarah; Valerie Simms; Derek and Eva Singleton; Kerrie Singleton; Philip and Shirley Smith; Caroline Smith; Jessica Smith; James Smith; Matthew Smith; Desmond and Mary Smyth; Giles Smyth and Madelaine McMahan, and Ezra; Gordon Smyth; Norman and Sylvia Smyth.

Keith and Lara Stevenson, and Jody; Rebecca Stevenson; Ben Stevenson; Gillian Stevenson; Nicola Stevenson; Des Stronge; Robin and Carolanne Sutton, and Ethan; Marcus and Alice Swift; Keith and Louise Syms, Henry and Chloe Nicola; David Taylor; Emily Taylor; Norman Thompson; Ngor Tong; Apiok Tong; Awor and Dier Tong, Kuol and Ngok; Mary Toomey; Graham and Rebecca Tucker, Natasha and James; Maree Tucker; George and Wendy Tuthill; Graham and Claire Tynan; Bert Van Embden.

Ronald and Jennifer Vincent; Ben Vincent; Mark Vincent; Patrick and Sonya Waldron, Jason, Eoghan and Amelia Gabrielle; Alan and Miriam Walker, and Patrick; Patrick and Violet Walker; Ivan and Sharon Walpole; Conor Walpole; Daniel Walpole; Killian Walpole; Janet Walsh; Jocelyn Ward; Eddie and Shirley Watchorn; Alec and Sandra Watkins; Olive Waugh; Ernest and Barbara Webb; Brian Weir; Marcus and Mackenzie West; David and Mary Williams; Joan Williams; Michael and Debbie Williamson, Megan, Hayley and Jessica; Simon and Glynis Wilson-Moore, Ben, Aimee and Joshua; Lewis and Jane Winning, Toby and Robyn; Pauline Woods; Arthur Young; Fergal and Andrea Young, Liam, Ross and Robbie; George and Deirdre Young; Hazel Young.

A Thought for Christmastide

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (AV)

FLASHBACK! TO 16TH NOVEMBER 2014



The Rev. Arthur Young (Rector, centre) with past and present KOTG youth workers, from left Jonathan Douglas; Anita Conkey, *née* Adrain; Norman Thompson; The Rev. Graham Buttanshaw.

[Read Graham Buttanshaw's letter to the Parish on page 33.]



FROM GILL AND CARLOS OLAAKA IN UGANDA

November 2020

Dear KOTG family,

Warm greetings from Kampala, and we trust that as you read this in (I can only assume) a grey and cold Dublin, things are as good as they can be, despite the very many challenges I know so many KOTG families are going through. We were sorry to read about the rise in cases again, leading to another lockdown, but are glad that for now, at least, schools remain open. We are praying for the winter season ahead, as I know it may seem daunting imagining what the next few months will hold.

The last time I wrote in August, here in Uganda we were having just 10 cases a day on average; these days, our cases range from 200 to 300 daily, per 2,000 to 3,000 tests being done, so the actual numbers of patients is probably much higher, if we extrapolate a 10% positive to the population. Thankfully, the death toll is still relatively low, and the hospitals are not overrun; I have heard of several cases where people were tested due to being a close contact of a known patient, but have had no symptoms at all, and for that we are very, very grateful. The restrictions that are on-going are not unmanageable; masks in public, a 9 p.m. curfew, and some non-essential services still closed (such as cinemas, gyms and swimming pools), though people are still encouraged to work from home where possible, and schools are closed for the majority of children. ‘Candidates’ (being those in exam years, equivalent to Junior or Leaving Cert, as well as Primary 7s, the final year of primary school) were allowed to return in mid-October, and so far things have been fair, though not all parents did send their children back. Some international schools were also allowed to open, as the pupil numbers are small and classroom sizes manageable. For Josiah and Judah (who turned 7 in October) their school year began with term 1 in September through a ‘home school’ set-up as organized by their teachers through a mix of ‘zoom’ lessons and some set work using Google Classrooms, and it is manageable, though some days, classes don’t happen due to unstable Internet (even still, our monthly Internet bill has more than doubled; unfortunately, it is still something quite dear here.) Churches have been allowed to open, with a strict capacity of 70, and all congregants wearing masks and sitting socially distanced; Gill attended the first One Life service on 1st November as the male Olaakas stayed home (as children under 12 are not allowed), and it was good to see church friends again, albeit in the strange circumstances, and it was a real blessing to get to worship together, as that had been a big gap over the past months. All in all, we are grateful for many things; less driving through the chaotic traffic needed, more time at home together, and we do have the ability to have the occasional playdate with nearby friends, so we count our blessings.

At Abaana, our amazing staff have been as hard at work as ever. With children out of schools, we made a plan to visit every child in their home instead; quite a colossal feat, as we sponsor 1600 children. These originally came from communities where we have built 15 schools, but over time, some have moved away, or as they joined Secondary, stay with other relatives during holidays (a very common practice, and even more so now, during this prolonged season, when many children have gone to a village setting to stay with grandparents or other relatives where food is grown, so is very cheap, rather than staying with their parents in a city environment). This has meant children are currently quite scattered, and our staff team in the sponsorship department has just 5 members, so the logistics and energy needed to carry out this task have been quite intense. With good planning and incredible commitment, over 90% of children were seen over 2 months, and in those visits the staff got to pray with the children, encourage their parents, and have the child write to their sponsor, and additionally, more families received COVID-19 relief food parcels. We also organized learning materials to be distributed, so that children could continue to study, and arranged teachers to be able to do some spot visits and marking, where this was possible. We are just grateful that we have been able to make this time away from school a little easier for the children with whom we work.



Relief food distribution in progress at Arise&Shine

“Thank you so much Abaana Ministries for this food, it is going to help us so much because my mother did not have enough food for all the 8 of us at home, sometime for me I was surviving on jackfruits which we pick from the trees around our community”
 – 16 year old in Busia

Aside from this, Abaana was also a partner in an emergency hostel for over 200 street connected children who were housed at a vacant primary school, before 80 of them moved to a vocational centre.



Doreen with new tank

Additionally, some children have been blessed with what we call ‘special gifts’, where a sponsor sends money and we purchase something for the child. Because we live in a developing world context, often the things that the child and family most need are very practical – clothes, a mattress, sometimes food. One teenage girl called Doreen was recently given money for a gift, and her choice was – a rainwater storage tank! As the family don’t have running water at home, they fetch it from a spring or well using 20 litre jerrycans, each incurring a small cost, which, heavy though they are when full, need to then be carried home; a common practice, but as back-breaking and unpleasant as it sounds. What is also a blessing is that the family can also sell some of the water to neighbours, so they can also save themselves the long trek to the well, and Doreen’s mum can earn a little income.

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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Doreen and her mother are delighted that their lives have got a little easier; “Am so happy for the tank because it is going to save us from fetching water. The place was really far. I am so grateful.” It is hard to think of a teenager in Ireland who could understand the joy of such a gift, and it is such a privilege to be part of making people’s lives a little easier.

At the New Life Homes, 11 boys have continued to be cared for, as others have been with their families during the lockdown period. Two teachers from their school have been coming on-site to go through maths and English, and the boys have also had special lessons in phonics, so their learning has not stopped, for which we are thankful. We have also been blessed to partner with another organization which has been doing vocational training with them, such as paper bag making. Some professional counsellors have also been coming to spend more intense time with these boys, as they are prepared to transition back to a family home in future, as these are all boys for whom there remains challenges in their immediate family set-up, and alternatives need to be sought for their long-term care. We are grateful for all these interventions and pray that God continues to work in each of their lives.

Thank you for your prayers for us, as we know that there are many prayer needs you have yourselves. We do hope and pray that those who have had poor health or been bereaved are doing as well as can be expected. We are also very grateful for the prayers and support for my Mum and Dad Sheila and Peter as well, during this challenging time. Please continue to pray with us as below.

With much love from

Gill, Carlos, Josiah and Judah

Prayer points:

- We thank God for His continued provision at Abaana and personally, though finances are tight at times, but we trust in Him as a good Father to meet our needs.
- We pray for children in Uganda who will have almost 1 full year at home (as most children will not return until early 2021, as the school year ends in late November, and will not open until February). We pray that they can be occupied in various things and kept safe.
- Presidential elections will be happening in January 2021. Already there has been a little unrest and violence, as is unfortunately very common. The sitting President has been in power since 1986 and there is quite a lot of unrest and desire for change by some parts of the population, especially the youth. We pray for peace and sense to prevail.

[All photos in this article from Gill Olaaka]

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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ABAANA SPONSORED WALKING/RUNNING EVENT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hPZtGQa1WQ&t=8s>

On 13th November, Abaana staff and volunteers participated in a sponsored walking/running event entitled '6000 miles', in aid of a new school to be built, the 16th Abaana will have been blessed to construct. More about the project can be seen in the video up, and in case anyone would like to donate to this cause, this can be done through the link below. Many thanks to those who have supported us so far.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abaanauganda>

6,000 MILES

Abaana is looking to raise 20,000 (95m) by people pledging to travel at least 6,000 miles collectively - the distance from U.K. to Uganda. We would love for you to partner with us as 20-30 Abaana Uganda staff and volunteers carries out a walking challenge as part of this effort to raise money to build Atukubui school, Ngora district.

13 Miles (18km) **13/11/20**

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda *[Continued from previous page]*



Meeting teachers at a school to launch the outreach learning materials support programme



**Abaana staff praying with family members during a home visit
Abaana**

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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Judah's 7th birthday



Some of the primary children who received term 2 learning material



NLH Children with their paper bags they made

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NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN...

[Ecclesiastes 1:9]

Who invented the 3 rules to protect yourself from COVID-19?

1. Social distances.
2. Wash your hands.
3. Use face masks.

Did you know?

3500 years ago the people of Israel were told:

1. **Exodus 30:18-21** Wash your hands.
2. **Leviticus 13:4, 5, 46** Keep your distance, cover your mouth and avoid all contact.
3. **Leviticus 13:4, 5** Anyone infected was to remain in quarantine from 7 to 14 days.

Yet today there are those who argue that the Bible is not a modern book!



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year our [#ChristmasShoeboxAppeal](#) is going to be run differently. Due to the effects of COVID-19 restrictions, it is not possible to send gift-filled shoeboxes from Ireland this year, so we're asking schools, families, friends, communities and businesses to [#TeamUpForTeamHope](#) by donating gift-filled shoeboxes online.

These donations will allow our network of local partners in Africa and Eastern Europe to purchase items for shoeboxes, which will then be delivered straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoeboxes are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they deliver is incredible.

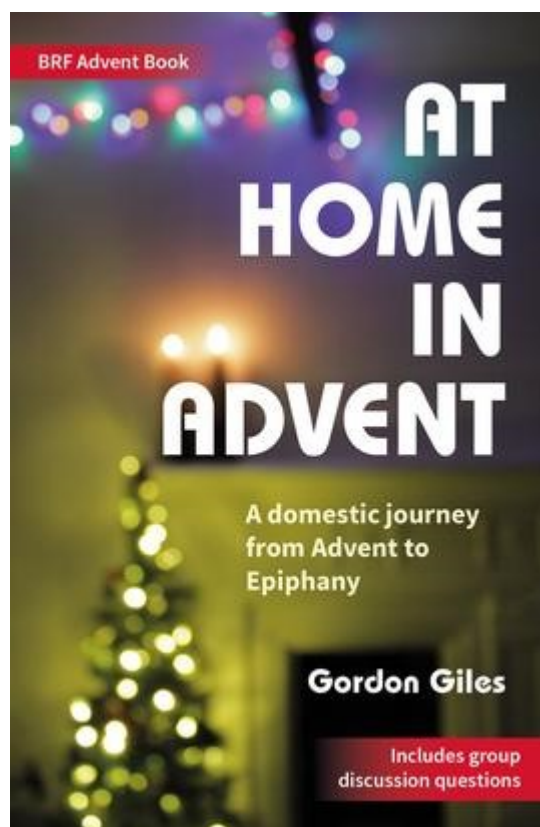
You can do your shoebox anytime up to 23rd December. Full details can be found on <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal Manager is Jonathan Douglas, a former youth leader at Kill O'The Grange Parish Church.

ADVENT BOOK

At Home in Advent by Gordon Giles will be available for purchase through the office in November. It is “a domestic journey from Advent to Epiphany.”

Heather Jackson organizes the supply of these books each year and they would usually be on sale after church services. However, this year as things are somewhat different, should you wish to purchase a book, please contact the Office at office@kotg.ie and we are happy to organize. The books will cost €10 each.



BIBLE STUDY

“When Jesus speaks: will we listen? (Conversations in the Gospels)” is a Bible study series on Zoom organized by David Shepherd which started on Tuesday 24th November. There are two further sessions, on Tuesdays 1st and 8th December, all at 8.00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us as we begin our series of interactive lectures eavesdropping on “Conversations with Jesus”.

Why? Because by listening to Jesus’ conversations we learn more about God and more about ourselves.

The first conversation we listened in on is Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well (John 4). There will be opportunities to ask questions (and answer some if you wish), but all are welcome, even if you just want to watch and listen and not say a thing!

An e-mail has been sent out with the details. If you are interested in finding out more or have any questions, please contact the Office.

SOUTH SUDAN NEWS

The Rev. Cosmas Gwagwe has written recently that he is now back from the camp and is working again at the Theological College which has reopened in Arua, and they are delighted the students have all returned. His wife Cecelia has come with him but is suffering from repeated ear infections and other ailments which need investigating and is very weak. However they have no money for specialist treatment so please pray for healing.

Bishop Hilary was down to oversee the College reopening but has returned to his home in Yei as the border with South Sudan has reopened. He is planning for his retirement in January and asks for prayer for that and also for the election and consecration of his successor in February.

Cosmas says the situation in Yei has improved and the roads are now passable but altogether in the country there is still sporadic fighting and violence. Please pray that the Transitional National Unity Government will be peacefully and successfully implemented.

If you look up the CMSI website (www.cmsireland.org) you can enjoy participating in the following.....

- Carols and Stories for Advent on Tuesday 1st December at 8 p.m.
- Prayer Room Wednesday 2nd December at 1p.m.



*Right: The Right
Rev.
Hilary Luete
Adeba,
Bishop of Yei,
with his wife,
Mama Joyce.*

[Photo: CMS Ireland]

*Left: The Rev.
Cosmas Gwagwe*



Prayer request:

Please pray for Linda Abwa's husband Billy who had COVID-19 and is still very unwell. They are all exhausted. Linda is CMS Ireland Partnership Co-ordinator for DR Congo, Egypt and South Sudan, and is a good friend to Kill O'The Grange Parish.

A LETTER FROM THE REV. GRAHAM BUTTANSHAW

Dear Friends at Kill

For those who don't know me I grew up in Killiney, was once Youth worker in Kill (in the early 1980s - ouch). I'm now a Vicar in West Yorkshire, and still longing to be back in Dublin!

I went out from Kill O'The Grange to work in South Sudan at the time Kill was running the Kagwada project. Rev. Henry Leju was then the pastor of Kagwada Parish, on the Juba to Yei road.

The first time I met Henry was on a beautiful star-lit night (with no artificial light) in Kagwada and I remember vividly his baby son, Sokiri, screaming in terror when he saw me – I was the first white person he had ever seen!

Over the years Kill continued to support me (up to 1999) and the people of Kagwada and surrounding villages through CMS Ireland. Henry studied at the Irish School of Ecumenics in the 90s and many still at Kill will have met him during his year there. Henry became an archdeacon, principal of Canon Benaiah Poggo College in Kajokeji (his home area) and Bishop's Commissary. He set up an ran, for many years, an ecumenical training project (KaETP) and became a CMS Ireland Overseas Partner. When the project centre was destroyed in 2018, Henry moved to Moyo (across the border in Uganda) and carried on the work, although his CMSI support had finished by then.

Henry owned a compound with several buildings in Moyo. I have stayed there. Henry was one of many innocent victims of violent troubles between Ugandans and Sudanese that year and Henry was forced out of his home and made homeless, which he has been ever since.

Henry's lovely wife Enike is resident in a refugee camp near Moyo with some dependents from Henry's extended family. For the last few months Henry was locked down in Kampala with his eldest son, Edward, but is currently with Mama Enike in the refugee camp in Madi District near Moyo.

A few months ago his son Edward asked me to help his mum and dad build a house to retire to on the outskirts of Kampala. They have bought a plot of land and I have seen photos of the solid foundation that has been laid.

At the Bishop of Kajokeji's request, CMS Ireland have agreed to be a conduit for funds to help Henry and Enike's family complete the house. A total of \$12,000 is still needed. Perhaps some folk from Kill would like to contribute. Fuller details of costs can be provided if requested.

Henry and Enike are extraordinary people of great integrity, who have shown throughout their lives an extraordinary commitment to serving others selflessly. I do so hope and pray that we can help make their remaining years a bit more comfortable.

I also hope it won't be too long before Janet and I can be with you again in Kill.

With my love and prayers as always.

Graham Buttanshaw



Ven. Henry Leju

[Flashback! Please see the photo on page 23.]

On a Lighter Note...



The Oldest Computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with very limited memory. Just 1 Byte and Everything Crashed!





Rock on...



“Rock ‘n’ Roll and God work well together in the hands of someone who loves them both.”

Sir Cliff Richard, interviewed by Pierce Morgan on his 80th birthday, when asked by what epitaph he would like to be remembered.

PARISH NEWSLETTER:

WE RETURN TO THE NORMAL PATTERN OF QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS NEXT YEAR.

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Booking and enquiries: 289 7291

**Please note: Classes are not being held at present owing to the
COVID-19 pandemic, but will resume in the future.**

Church Activities

	Contact / E-mail:
Choir:	<i>Vacant</i>
Church Flowers:	<i>Vacant</i>
Church Music Group:	Diane Faulkner
Growing Groups: <i>(Fortnightly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, usually 2nd & 4th weeks of month)</i>	Parish Office
Parish Visiting:	The Rev. Alan Breen / Bert Van Embden
Prayer Chain: <i>(Home based)</i>	Blanche Cooper
Prayer Meeting: <i>(Every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre Den upstairs.)</i>	Parish Office
Young at Hearts: <i>(1st Friday of each month)</i>	Rosemary Knight
YOUTH GROUPS:	
Girls' Brigade: (Age 3 – 18) <i>Tuesdays, 3.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (Sept./April)</i>	Clare O'Kennedy (Captain)
CORE Youth: (1 st – 6 th year) <i>Saturdays, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.</i>	Jonathan Byford
Maxpack: (5 th & 6 th class) <i>Every 2nd Friday, 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.</i>	Seb Dungan
Shake, Rattle + Hum: (pre-school) <i>Wednesdays. 9.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Suspended</i>
Crèche (0 – 3 years old): <i>At 10.30 a.m. Sunday service</i>	Seb Dungan
Sunday Club: (Age 4—3 rd year secondary school) <i>At 10.30 a.m. Sunday service</i>	Karl and Cathryn Schäckermann
GAMES & SPORTING:	
Parish Bowling Club: <i>Monday/Thursday, 7.15 p.m. – 9.15 p.m. (September/May)</i>	Ruth Mann
Clonkeen Bowling Club: <i>Tuesdays. 8.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m. (September/May)</i>	Grainne Fitzgerald

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES ON CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Please see below some useful information regarding COVID-19 support initiatives that have been set up by various community groups. The Church also has a team of people who are willing and ready to help if you need assistance in any way. Please do contact us at office@kotg.ie or rector@kotg.ie.

Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown (DLR) Community Support Forum and Helpline

DLR have set up a new dedicated helpline focussed specifically on ensuring the cocooning elderly, vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries such as groceries, medicine and fuels. **The DLR Community Call Helpline can be reached on (01) 271 3199 (Monday to Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week).**

An Post

Special measures to help fight COVID-19 have been put in place by An Post for elderly, cocooning and vulnerable people who can't get to the post office to collect their pension or any other social welfare payment. You can now allow somebody else, known as a temporary agent, to collect it. The Temporary Agent form is available in all post offices, online and is also attached with this e-mail. ***We would highly recommend that a family member or trusted friend does this for you.*** In addition, post offices will hold all payments for up to 90 days if your nominated Temporary Agent is not available on your normal pension collecting day, and the timing of payments is now every two weeks. For further information, please see gov.ie/welfare.

SeniorLine

SeniorLine provides a National Helpline, where people will receive the most up to date guidance on COVID-19 as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. This information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and is available between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. every day of the year on 1800 804591.

Website: www.thirdageireland.ie.