



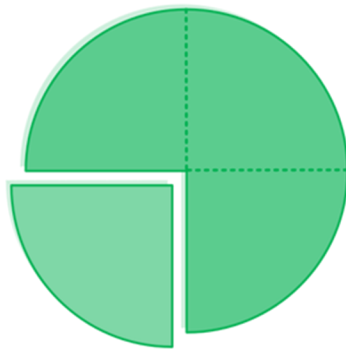
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JULY  
TO  
SEPTEMBER  
2021

**PARISH**

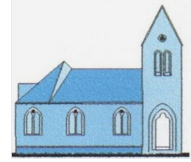


**NEWSLETTER**



*To Love and Serve the Lord*

# CHURCH SERVICES



***PLEASE NOTE: Please read the information on page 4.  
Online services continue on our website [www.kotg.ie](http://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  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

'All In' Service  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

Holy Communion  
(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Holy Communion or Service of the Word  
(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

## 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 6.

# RECTOR'S LETTER

**JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021**



*But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' Mark 4:38*

*Then Jesus came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? Mark 14:37*

There are moments I regret staying up late, and other times I don't. Times I'm sorry I was sleeping and missed something, and other times not. So much happens between these two passages above in Mark. Jesus sleeps in one, and in the other his desire for his followers is to remain awake. Many of us have faced incredible storms throughout this season of COVID. When or how do we rest? What does it look like for Jesus (or us) to sleep during a storm? What do we need to let go of for that to happen? If we don't rest at the right time, it can be difficult to remain awake when the time is necessary. Choose your rest and action wisely. We must rest in God and be awake in Him at the right times. How do we know when and how to do this? Listen for the prompting of Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

*Alan*

## **REVISED COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARISH CHURCH AND OFFICE**

### **Online Services:**

Our online services and daily devotionals will continue to be released on [www.kotg.ie](http://www.kotg.ie)

### **Sunday Physical services—July & August:**

#### **Sundays in July:**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion in KOTG Parish Church  
10.30 a.m. Outdoor gathering

#### **Sundays in August:**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion in KOTG Parish Church  
(22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August)

*Please note: no indoor Holy Communion service on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> )*  
10.30 a.m. Outdoor gathering (throughout August)

### **Wednesday Holy Communion:**

10.30 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July

*Please note that following 21<sup>st</sup> July, Holy Communion services on Wednesdays will not take place for the remainder of summer.  
Wednesday Holy Communion services will resume on 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

### **Parish Office:**

The Parish Office is open each weekday morning. However, it will be closed for the summer break from 26<sup>th</sup> July until 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Private Prayer in Church:**

Private prayer will not take place during the summer months but will resume in September.

### **Parish Prayer Meeting Online:**

Tuesday Parish Prayer has now finished for the summer months. It was wonderful to see so many people connecting *via* Zoom since it commenced during Lent!

### **Do You Need Help?**

There are volunteers within our Parish that are available and keen to help anyone with shopping or other tasks while COVID-19 is so active in our community. Please contact the Parish Office at [office@kotg.ie](mailto:office@kotg.ie) if you know of anyone who might need this help.

## Gift Day

We are pleased to announce that, following our Gift Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, nearly €23,000 has been generously donated. We are so grateful to all who have contributed, but above all to our Heavenly Lord from whom all things come.

### *Friday Coffee—July*

We are hopeful that, subject to Government guidelines, we will be able to resume our Friday Coffee Mornings for 3 dates during the month of July, starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 a.m. These will be held out-of-doors to comply with current Government rules.

We will confirm this in due course as guidelines are announced.

However, in order to plan ahead and to run Friday Coffee successfully, we do need to ask for volunteer help as follows:

9<sup>th</sup> July—Volunteers confirmed.  
16<sup>th</sup> July—Two volunteers required.  
23<sup>rd</sup> July—Two volunteers required.

If you can help on either of the above vacant dates, please do let the Office know, at:

(01) 289 6442 or [office@kotg.ie](mailto:office@kotg.ie)

Thank you!



## CHURCH REVIEW AND CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE

The *Church Review* and *Church of Ireland Gazette* will be available to collect on the first Thursday of the month when the Church is open for private prayer. If you are unable to collect, the office team will ensure you receive delivery of your magazine.

## VOX

If you wish to receive VOX magazine during 2021, please contact VOX directly. Their website is [www.vox.ie](http://www.vox.ie)

## 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.



## 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](mailto:office@kotg.ie) or leave a voicemail on the Parish Office phone which is checked on an *ad hoc* basis during the current restrictions.

## *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](http://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](mailto:office@kotg.ie) or [rector@kotg.ie](mailto:rector@kotg.ie).

## THE STOREHOUSE COLLECTION

The Storehouse would normally welcome donations of food items at this time of year. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions this year, should you wish to donate, they would very much welcome a Lidl voucher of any denomination you wish. These vouchers can then be put to good use purchasing required items. You can drop vouchers into the Office.



If you have any questions, please contact Averil Brennan.

## *Stewardship Scheme*

The stewardship envelopes for 2021 are now available.

Please contact the Parish Office at [office@kotg.ie](mailto:office@kotg.ie) if you wish to obtain envelopes for this year.



## **FUNERALS:**

\* 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021            John Barratt (Died 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to John's wife Joy, his daughters Cathy and Wendy, and to all his family and friends.

\* 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021            Lyral Pamela Hay, *née* Elliott (Died 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.)

Our deepest sympathies are also to Lyral's husband Ronnie, her son Stephen, and her daughter Alison, and to all her family and friends.

[\* Private funerals for family and friends only, owing to present circumstances.]

## **General Vestry—Zoomed again!**



The General or Easter Vestry was held this year, *via* Zoom, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

The Parish's Annual Report for 2020 had been circulated to parishioners by e-mail.

### **Select Vestry:**

Those elected to the Select Vestry and wardens appointed or elected for the year 2021/2022, are:

David Clarke, James Darling, Mark Faulkner (People's Glebewarden), Mark Groves, Helen Hearnden, Bruce Johnson (Rector's Glebewarden), Aideen LaCombre (People's Churchwarden), Brian Lambert, Sheila Lynch, Fiona McGrath, Ruth Mann, David Mumford, John Riseley (Rector's Churchwarden), Tim Roulston (Hon. Treasurer), David Shepherd, Keith Syms (Hon. Secretary).

The appointments of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary were made at a brief Select Vestry meeting held *via* Zoom immediately after the end of the Easter Vestry.

Please remember in your prayers all those above called to serve, that they may be guided prayerfully by the living Lord to serve His people in the Parish.



## **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*

Tel. (Mobile): (087) 063 8772

Tel.: (Parish Office): 289 6442 E-mail: [office@kotq.ie](mailto:office@kotq.ie)

### **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.*

## South Sudan News: New Bishop for Yei Diocese



**Bishop Levi (centre) at his Consecration and Enthronement**

There were great celebrations in Yei on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 when the Right Rev. **Levi Marandulu Yepete** was consecrated and installed as third Bishop of Yei! [He had been elected Bishop on 8<sup>th</sup> May.]

In a service that lasted several hours, retiring Bishop Hilary Luate Adeba spoke, thanking the various Governors of Yei state that he had worked with during his time as Bishop. He paid tribute to Retired Archbishop Daniel Deng and to the Primate of the ECSS Archbishop Justin Badi for his leadership and support.

He then turned attention to the Partners who supported the Diocese of Yei during his time as Bishop saying:

*'I want to thank our partners in the Church of Ireland, CMS Ireland in particular, the Diocese of Connor, and parishes in the Republic of Ireland, who have partnered with us in the Diocese of Yei throughout our ministry. Without these partners our ministry would not have been the same... I want to thank you all for having supported my ministry and help make the diocese what it is today. Without these partners it would have been very difficult for us.'*

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## New Bishop for Yei Diocese

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Partnership between Yei Diocese, South Sudan and Connor Diocese, its parishes, as well as Delgany Parish and Kill O'The Grange Parish, through CMSI, has made an impact for us here in Ireland as well as in Yei. Indeed, none of us are the same when we truly engage with the global church.

We thank Bishop Hilary, Mama Joyce and the link Diocese and parishes for their engagement over so many years. And as Bishop Levi Marandulu begins his journey, as third Bishop of Yei, we ask you to pray as we establish a new relationship with him and his wife Mama Agnes. Pray that as he sets out his priorities and vision the partnership will grow in mutuality, to the glory of God in both South Sudan and in Ireland.



*[From CMS Ireland website, by Linda Abwa.]*

**Bishop Hilary Luate Adeba**

### A PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS IN SOUTH SUDAN

We remember in our prayers Bishop Levi as he takes up the challenging task of leading the Lord's people in Yei.

We pray also for his predecessor Bishop Hilary and his wife Mama Joyce, good friends in Jesus Christ, as they enjoy a well-earned and peaceful retirement.

Lastly and by no means least, we pray for the Rev. Cosmas Gwagwe, currently in Uganda, and all his family, at a time of considerable unrest and disruption.

# 22<sup>ND</sup> COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

## ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY



With lockdowns looming and no signs of COVID-19 dissipating, we moved our 2020/21 session online last October. We made the decision to only have our Explorers and Junior/Senior/Brigaders on Zoom given the very young age range of our tiny tots. Even at that, we found a lot of our explorer parents felt online GB after schooling online was just too much in one day so we look forward to seeing a much bigger group of explorers in person in September '21.

We kicked off our online sessions with a quiz and from there had a wonderful year with all the girls in attendance. We were very lucky to have a number of guests throughout the year and made the sessions as fun and interactive as we could. Prior to starting our sessions, we asked the parents and girls to fill out a survey to give us an idea of what they wanted from the year and what they were looking forward to most. Dancing and baking were the most popular answers and so we planned a number of our sessions around them. There was plenty of baking done- Christmas chocolate biscuit cake puddings, chocolate cakes in mugs, Easter nests and much more. We also had the wonderful Saran Barry from 'SaranB Fitness' host a session of Zumba which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Aisling and Jennifer from the 11<sup>th</sup> Company hosted a dance session that the girls loved and it was great to see leaders from another company be so generous with their time and efforts. We focussed a lot on the girls well being and mental health throughout our sessions, checking in with them often and doing a number of exercises with them to help with any anxiety and stress that was being felt from all that was going on in the world. We were joined by Jessie Syms from GB England and Wales on one of our last sessions to chat about coping strategies and the signs and symptoms of not being ok. Jessie is a mental health nurse working with young people and was wonderful with the girls and provoked some really interesting conversations with regards to school, mental health, covid and friends/relationships. As leaders, we were delighted to see the girls be so open and forthcoming in their discussions.

To finish up our year, we had a party with the girls. With restrictions eased, we managed to meet with the girls to give out end of year gifts and party bags. Our outdoor explorer party was unfortunately rained off but we had a lovely 'paint and party' session with everyone online.

I'm really grateful to all our leaders for the time and effort they put in this year and we very much look forward to seeing everyone in person in September.

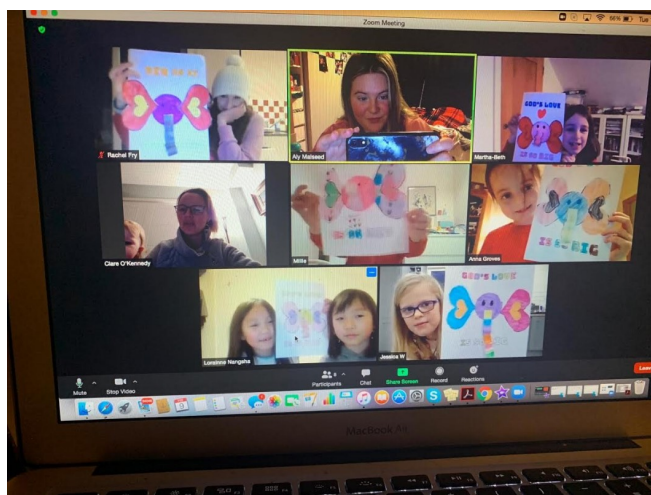
I'd also like to mention the retirement of Louise Syms who retired last September, having been a member of Kill GB since she was a Tot. Louise has taught all age groups throughout her years with us but more recently has been with explorers and has had the wonderful experience of leading her own daughter there. Louise's love for GB and her commitment was admirable, we wish her well in her retirement.

*Clare O'Kennedy*

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# 22ND COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

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*[Photos on this page supplied by Clare O’Kennedy]*



## Youth and Children's Clubs



Core has been meeting weekly on Saturday evenings from 7.30-9. Our topic as of recent has been "Conversations with Jesus", leading to some great discussion! While the games are always so much fun, the highlight as of late has been able to be together, in person, for all of this! There will be plenty going on throughout the summer, so keep you eyes peeled! If you would like to know more, please contact Johno Byford.

*Jonathan Byford*  
Youth Pastor  
Tel.: (089) 436 2287

Zoom Wednesday Kids' Club has been meeting weekly over the past 8 months between 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.. Lots of fun and games have been had, amongst learning more about God, Jesus, and our mission as Christians to spread the word worldwide!. We played lots of games and challenges (in person!!) in our last session for the summer which was so much fun! While WKC is finished for the summer, keep your eyes peeled for announcements on what will be on over the summer months! If you have any questions or queries, please contact Seb Dungan.

*Seb Dungan*  
Children's and Family Worker  
Tel.: (089) 472 3063  
E-mail: [children@kotg.ie](mailto:children@kotg.ie)

SUNDAY CLUB

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# KIDS' PAGE

Jesus told many stories, called Parables.  
See if you can find them in the puzzle!

BibleWise

## Word Search

Parables

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## Parish Prayer Diary 2021

### Ephesians 4: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> *I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,* <sup>2</sup> *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,* <sup>3</sup> *making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* <sup>4</sup> *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,* <sup>5</sup> *one Lord, one faith, one baptism,* <sup>6</sup> *one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

The above is a prayer Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus. They were very dear to him. Read it often. In the coming weeks let's make it a prayer for ourselves, our parish, for churches for congregations and fellowships throughout the world.

### 1<sup>st</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> July

*Ephesians 4:1a 'I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord .....*

Remember prisoners of conscience everywhere 'As though in prison with them' (Hebrews 13:3)

### 11<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup> July

*Ephesians 4:1b '.....beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling'*

Listen out for God's voice this week, in the Scriptures, the news, conversations, the inner voice as you pray.

### 18<sup>th</sup>—24<sup>th</sup> July

*Ephesians 4: 6c '..... to which you have been called,'*

Are you being called to anything specific today, this week, for coming days? Pray that you, and that we all may grow in our different callings.

### 25<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup> July

*Ephesians 4:2a '.....with all humility and gentleness.....'*

Read James 3:17-18. Memorise it if you can.

### 1<sup>st</sup>—7<sup>th</sup> August

*Ephesians 4:2b '..... with patience .....*

What do you need to be patient about? Pray for help.

### 8<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup> August

*Ephesians 4:2c '..... bearing with one another in love .....*

Pray for the people you find it hard to get on with.

The rota of prayers for Parishioners is on page 18.



# Parish Prayer Diary 2021



## 15<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup> August

*Ephesians 4:2c '..... bearing with one another in love .....*

There are four words for 'love' in the Greek language Paul was writing in: *eros* (romantic love), *philos* (brotherly, or sisterly love) *storgé* (love between friends) and *agapé* (divine love). Paul enjoins us to bear with one another in *agapé*: not necessarily a feeling, often a decision.

## 22<sup>nd</sup>—28<sup>th</sup> August

*Ephesians 4:3a '..... making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit .....*

Invite God's Spirit to make you a peacemaker (Matthew 5:9)

## 29<sup>th</sup> August—4<sup>th</sup> September

*Ephesians 4:3b '..... in the bond of peace .....*

Pray for other peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)

## 5<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup> September

*Ephesians 4:4a 'There is one body and one Spirit.....'*

Pray for spiritual revival in all Christian congregations.

*Ephesians 4:4b '..... just as you were called to the one hope of your calling .....*

'We have an anchor that keeps the soul,  
steadfast and sure, while the billows roll.'

## 12<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> September

*Ephesians 4:5 '..... one Lord, one faith, one baptism .....*

Renew your Baptismal calling. Recite the Creed slowly.

## 19<sup>th</sup>—25<sup>th</sup> September

*Ephesians 4:6a '.....one God and Father of all.....'*

Repeat the Lord's Prayer slowly.

## 26<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup> September

*Ephesians 4:6a '.....who is above all and through all and in all.....'*

Be aware of the people you see on the street, in a queue, in the shops. Study them discretely and pray for them.

Many thanks to **Bert Van Embden**, who has written this Prayer Diary.

# Prayer Diary

July—September 2021

## Pray for:

*Conor Kavanagh and Sara Stevenson, Imogen and Sylvia; Mark and Audrey Keegan; Ronan and Sandra Kelly, Charlotte and Samuel; Sarah Kelly; Thomas and Fiona Kilroy, and Leo; Connie Kincaid; Brian and Jean Kinch; Nigel and Carolyn Kingston; Daniel and Linda Kitchen; Jean Knight and Paul Minogue; Rosemary Knight; Claudia Kohlmann; Paul and Elizabeth Kohlmann; Theo Kohlmann; Aideen LaCombre; George LaCombre; Rebecca Adele Lalor, and Sofia; Terri Lalor; Brian Lambert, and Andrew.*

*Robert Hogan and Edna Latuu Hogan; Lesley Lawrence; Gerry and Maria Little, David, Aidan and Daire; Mark and Tanya Livingston, Scarlett, Peaches and Edith; Stanley Livingston; Andrew and Angela Logue; Peter and Cheryl Logue; Moor and Brenda Lundy; Sheila Lynch; Michael and Serena Lynn; Joan MacAllister; Lynn Alexander; Jamie, Joey and Molly Madigan; Leo Madigan; Jim and Heather Maher; Ruth Mann; David Mantle; Patricia Maybury; Pam McCarthy.*

*John McConnell; Emmet and Fiona McGrath, Ethan and Ross; Catherine McGuinness; Trevor and Debbie McHugh, and Nyanna; Heather McKay, and Julia; Leonard McKay; Richard and Muriel Meates; Kevin and Bridget Megarry; Nicholas and Marie Merton, Harry and Philip; Robert Merton; Christopher Merton; Sandra Moorehead; David Mumford, and Abigail; Colin and Daphne Murphy; Peter and Sheila Murphy.*

*Richard and Michelle Murphy, and Logan; Stephen Murphy; Scott and Beverly Nelson, and Alexandra; Derek O'Brien, Alison Digby and Andrew; Gerard and Gillian O'Donoghue; Stewart and Clare O'Kennedy, and Lottie; Cian and Linda O'Kiersey, and Dara; Eamonn and Beth O'Nolan; Wendy O'Rourke; Paraic and Susan O'Toole; Conall O'Toole; Niall O'Toole; Chris Oakes; Sandra Orr; Steven and Helen Orr.*



## **Bishops' Appeal – Update re Allocations of Funds**

Thank you to Geoffrey McMaster, Representative for the Dublin Diocese for providing the update below:

“Further funds for the India Appeal were released with gratitude to all those who donated to support the Appeal.

A Water project for two villages in Malaŵi to ensure consistent clean water and improved sanitation and to eradicate open defecation was part funded through Habitat for Humanity NI.

An Education project for 6 schools in Uganda to support the provision of up to date textbooks and school gardens that can provide a hot meal as part of a bigger initiative was part-funded *via* Fields of Life.

A Disaster Relief response in Tigray, Ethiopia, supporting people who have fled the ongoing conflict there with rations of food, tarp for shelter and medical supports was part funded *via* Tearfund Ireland.

A Health programme providing mobile health clinics for day labourers in more remote areas of Bangladesh who cannot afford to travel to get medical assistance focused on treating minor ailments locally, financial support for those who need to attend hospitals and tackling malnutrition, particularly targeting children and pregnant and lactating mothers *via* USPG and the Church in Bangladesh.

An Education programme in Bolivia supporting the upskilling of people in Bolivia who have lost their jobs due to the Pandemic with a train the trainer approach and a strong emphasis on supporting mental health was funded *via* SAMS.

An Agricultural programme in D.R. Congo supporting Mothers' Union and Youth initiatives through the setting up of Model Farms for training in sustainable farming practices *via* CMS Ireland.

Thank you for your support which makes the funding of these vital programmes possible.”

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## **Video message for People in Nursing Homes**

The Dublin & Glendalough Council for Mission has produced a short ‘Message of Hope’ video to share with those in nursing homes and care settings. Please feel free to use the Message of Hope in group or personal settings. It is available on the Diocesan YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/TOn9n-dYc7Y>



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## FROM GILL AND CARLOS OLAAKA IN UGANDA

June 2021

*Dear KOTG family,*

Warm greetings from Kampala and I do hope that all the KOTG family are well and healthy, and with God's guidance moving forward well in this strange life we are leading. The good news is that from all I have read as I follow Irish news (mainly through a RTÉ app), as I write, things in Ireland are looking better than they have for a long time, and there is much hope of more interaction and fewer restrictions soon. I do truly pray that things carry on the positive note and that we have turned a corner. Sadly, in Uganda, we have entered a 'second wave' and gone into another partial lockdown. We had never really moved out fully out of restrictions since March 2020; there has been curfew from 9 p.m., some amenities like bars have remained closed, and schools had not opened up fully as yet, though most classes had returned (in phases). Very unfortunately, with an increase in infection rates, schools have closed again as of 7<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks, and so everything is on hold once again. Even more frustrating is that there had been a roadmap released from the Ministry of Education and all signs were that schools would resume normally in August. As well as that, very sadly churches have closed once again (having been open since November) and a few other new restrictions have been introduced, such as a ban of inter-district travel (very similar to Irish counties) and a stronger emphasis of all the SOPs of mask wearing etc. We are thankful that most shops are still open and people are not going to be as massively affected as they were last year, but it is disheartening when many countries are making progress that we have reverted. Still, we are thankful that though the latest daily rate was our highest recorded at just over 1,100 cases, total recorded deaths are still less than 400 (over a period of 15 months), which is truly wonderful. For us at home, nothing much is changing; the boys' teacher is still coming to teach them until their term ends on 30<sup>th</sup> June, as we had chosen not to send them back to school in January, and Carlos and I remain working from home a lot. We will definitely miss church, but we pray the time will go quickly and hopefully these measures will make a positive impact and our numbers will not spiral out of control.

Healthwise, we have had some good news and bad; Carlos and I both had our first vaccination, which was a great blessing, and are due to have the second at the start of July.

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

Generally, the progress in the country has been quite slow and the vaccinations have run out a couple of times, but things seem to be moving forward with some hope that things will stabilise soon in terms of availability (a lot of ours come from India, and naturally there were delays as they went through their devastating recent wave). On the down side, I had quite a nasty bout of sickness when I was diagnosed with pneumonia, which caused some breathing challenges. We did a COVID test which was negative, but it is possible it was present before the test was done, and triggered the pneumonia, though it is hard to know for sure (the timing just seems strange otherwise!). However, with support from friends and much prayer we managed to get through and we are very grateful for the fact we could negotiate the hospital systems here at a time they were beginning to get stretched with this current COVID second wave. We are so thankful that the boys stayed well and were able to stay with some good friends for a few nights, which helped enormously. I am so much better now and we really are thankful to God for seeing us through a difficult time.

At Abaana, we had also been enjoying a bit of ‘normalcy’ before this latest lockdown, with many children able to resume school and also third level courses. Staff were able to interact quite freely with children and it was good to see schools functioning, albeit not at full capacity, but various classes being able to attend for shorter, intense terms to catch up on the months of missing schooling. Children were delighted to be back studying, making the current lockdown all the harder. At the New Life Homes, boys have started some tailoring classes which they have really enjoyed, having started learning the skill last year, but then there was an inevitable hold for some time. They really enjoy learning how to make items and it could be a good option for less academic children to find a way to provide for themselves in future.

We also had a great blessing in that a few sponsored children (including choir children and New Life Homes boys) were even able to go on a Scripture Union camp, especially for those who had finished primary school (known as P7 leavers). One boy Hakim had this to say:

*“I was very happy when I was told that there is camp this year. While at camp, I learnt as a Scripture Union leader I have to live an exemplary life always and encourage other children to fix their eyes on Jesus. At school, I was elected as the Scripture Union leader at Juliana Junior school but I did not want to go for that position in secondary school but in this camp, I changed my mind. I will stand again, when I join secondary school because I have learned more good things in camp, like always to get time and have my quiet time, read my Bible, make good choices and friends, keep my body pure as a young boy.”*

There were also some graduations in the last couple of months, and a number of Abaana sponsored children were able to complete their courses. There were two very special cases of sponsored children finishing their degrees at Makerere University; one got a 1<sup>st</sup> degree in statistics, and another former street-attached child got a degree in psychology. It is just such a huge privilege and blessing to be part of the journey of these amazing, resilient young people who are so determined to make the best of the opportunities they have in life, despite the challenges they have been through. Both of these young men have pledged to offer any support to Abaana they can, through volunteering their time and skills when needed, and we are grateful that both recognize the hand of the Lord in their success.

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

We pray they would both be able to progress well in whatever comes next; both would love to do further studies and are researching options for Masters scholarships as they work in the short-term.

It is hard to imagine that the last time I wrote, Mum was still in the Rehab, but now of course she has been home in Springhill for the last couple of months, and by all standards, is an absolute superstar doing incredibly well. We are so thankful for the support and care she and Dad are receiving from many different people, and we trust that God will continue to be the source of strength and hope as they adjust to all the changes. Thank you to all the KOTG family for the support and care to them and us; it really does mean a great deal.

Love,

*Carlos, Gill, Josiah and Judah*

### *Please pray:*

- For Uganda as it enters this new lockdown period, for compliance with SOPs, for limited cases, and for wisdom for decision makers in knowing what is next.
- For protection and wisdom for Abaana staff as we figure out the best way to support our sponsored children in this current lockdown, and in whatever happens going forward.
- For Susan (a boy!) and Emmanuel, the graduates, for them to find good jobs in their field and for provision and direction in their hopes for further Masters studies.
- For the NLH boys and other children who attended the SU camp to apply their learning and continue to ‘fix their eyes on Jesus.’



NLH boys, at SU Camp

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## From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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**Emmanuel graduation**



**Boys doing tailoring at NLH**

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**Jojo and Judah in class**

# From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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**Project work—Judah and Josiah**



**Stella in P6 -  
happy to be back at  
school!**

**[Photos in this article: Gill Olaaka]**



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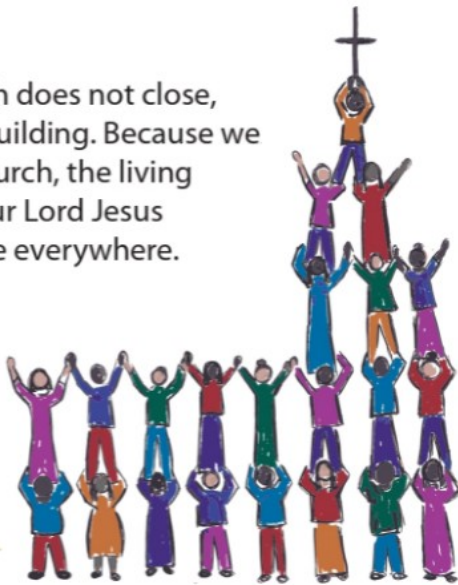
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The church does not close,  
only the building. Because we  
are the church, the living  
body of our Lord Jesus  
and we are everywhere.



## A PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL WORLD

Composed by HRH Prince Philip,  
Duke of Edinburgh (1921—2021)

“O Lord, the creator of the universe and author of the laws of nature, inspire in us thy servants the will to ensure the survival of all the species of animals and plants which you have given to share this planet with us. Help us to understand that we have a responsibility for them and that ‘having dominion’ does not mean that you have given us the right to exploit the living world without thought for the consequences.

Through him who taught us that Solomon could not compare with the beauty of the flowers of the field,  
Amen.”

Source: *The Daily Telegraph*,  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
—article by Jake Kerridge

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock... (Revelation 3:20)



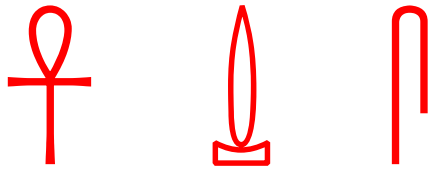
### *Are you hearing the bell?*

There was a field in the countryside with two horses in it. From a distance, they looked like any other pair of contented, grazing horses. But local people knew better. One of the horses was blind. Even so, his owner had chosen not to have him put down, but instead to provide him with some help. He had attached a small bell to the halter of the other horse. That way the blind horse could always know where his field companion was. The blind horse stayed near to his sighted companion, and followed the sound of her bell, wherever she went.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems that leave us feeling helpless. Instead He watches over us and even brings others into our lives, to help us when we are in need. Sometimes in life, we are the blind horse, being helped along by someone sent to us from God. At other times, with other people, we are the guide horse that others can lean upon, to find their way. Ask God to send you whatever help you need during the year, as well as the grace and stamina to be the help that others may need. The Bible urges us to 'bear one another's burdens.' (Galatians 6:2)

*(Adapted from the Kenmare and Dromod Newsletter)*

## A GREETING IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN



**Ānkh! Wedja! Seneb!  
Life! Prosperity! Peace!**

*This greeting is found in Ancient Egyptian inscriptions,  
and is often used in greeting the Pharaoh.  
It is probable that both Joseph and Moses, familiar with the  
customs in Egypt, would have known this greeting.*

*It appears on the famous Rosetta Stone inscription, which can  
be seen in the British Museum, London.*

*The exact pronunciation is unknown, as Ancient Egyptian  
hieroglyphs did not use vowels.*

## **Pause for Thought**

**Every person who becomes a  
Christian... is given spiritual  
gifts...which empower you to glorify  
Jesus Christ... by serving others in the  
Church.**

**See 1 Corinthians 12.**

## *Teddy's Platinum Jubilee*

A special occasion recently occurred marking the Platinum Jubilee of our honorary parishioner, Teddy, much loved tortoise who resides with James Darling. Teddy has been a member of James's family for 70 years—since 20<sup>th</sup> April 1951—and is estimated to be approximately 110 years old! A marvellous milestone!

Teddy is a regular attendee at our parish picnics (when pandemic rules allow us to hold them.) His species is *Testudo graeca* L. or Mediterranean spur-thighed tortoise. He came from Morocco.



**Teddy, pictured by James on his Platinum Jubilee**

The photo of the church on the front of this Newsletter and on our parish website was taken by James on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010. If you view it in at least 400 times enlargement, either from the website [www.kotg.ie](http://www.kotg.ie) or from an electronic version of the Newsletter, you will see, under the centre window –Teddy!

*Ancient Egyptian hieroglyph for tortoise (see p. 27):*



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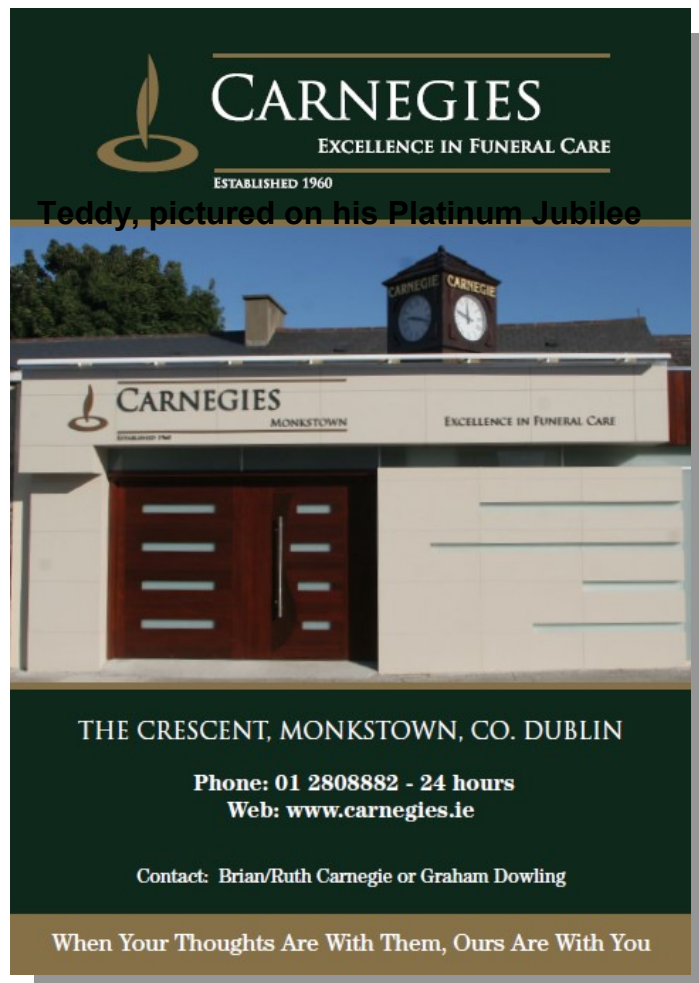
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**Teddy, pictured on his Platinum Jubilee**



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Church Music Group:	Diane Faulkner
Growing Groups: <i>(Fortnightly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, usually 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> 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>(1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month)</i>	Rosemary Knight
<b>YOUTH GROUPS:</b>	
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 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> year) <i>Saturdays, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.</i>	Jonathan Byford
Maxpack: (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> class) <i>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> year secondary school) <i>At 10.30 a.m. Sunday service</i>	Karl and Cathryn Schäckermann
<b>GAMES &amp; SPORTING:</b>	
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>	John Toomy

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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](mailto:office@kotg.ie) or [rector@kotg.ie](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.thirdageireland.ie).