

Date	2nd February (St. Mary's— Sunday School)	9th February (Coolkelure— Children's Corner)	16th February(St. Mary's—All age worship.)	23rd February (Coolkelure— Children's Corner)
Readings	Epiphany 4 (Presentation of Christ) Micah 6.1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12 (White)	3rd before Lent Isaiah 58.1-9a, (9b-12); Psalm 112.1-9; 1 Corinthians 2.1- 12,(13-16); Matthew 5.13-20 (Green)	2nd before Lent Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-37 (Green)	Sunday before Lent Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9 (Green)
Red Book	53	65	70	89
Green Book	39	48	52	64
9.45am	Drinagh Holy Communion	Coolkelure Service of the Word	Drinagh Service of the Word	Drimoleague All age worship
11am	Dunmanway Service of the Word	Dunmanway Holy Communion	Dunmanway All age worship	Dunmanway All age worship
12.15pm	Drimoleague Holy Communion	Drimoleague Service of the Word	Drimoleague Service of the Word (Gordon Coombes) 11am	Coolkelure Holy Communion

February

Sat 1st	11am.....Kinneigh Safeguarding Trust Panel meeting. 2pm.....Messy Church - Cox's Hall. 8.30pm.....Fanlobbus Youth Group - Cox's Hall.
Mon 3rd	7.30pm.....Methods Monday - Advanced bell ringing practice in St. Mary's Church.
Tue 4th	11am.....Holy Communion in Fairfields Nursing Home.
Wed 5th	8pmDrimoleague Growth Group - The Parlor Café, Glenilen Farm, Drimoleague. (And every Wednesday night)
Thurs 6th	8pm.....Dunmanway / Ballineen Growth Group, The Prayer Course. - Cox's Hall.
Sat 8th	10.30am...Messy Church Planning.
Tues 11thClergy Consultation Day with Bishop Paul in Cork. 6pm.....Joy Club in Cox's Hall.
Sat 15th	8.30pm.....Fanlobbus Youth Group - Cox's Hall.
Mon 17th	7.30pm.....Methods Monday - Advanced bell ringing practice in St. Mary's Church.
Tue 18th	2.15pm.....Holy Communion in Dunmanway Daycare and Community Hospital.
Sat 22nd	10am.....Cork Youth Leaders Forum in Quality Hotel, Clonakilty.
Tue 25th	9pm.....Fanlobbus Select Vestry - Cox's Hall.
Wed 26th	12.15pm...Mid week Holy Communion, St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway (Ash Wednesday) 8pm.....Ash Wednesday Service - Christ Church, Drinagh.
Sat 39th	4pm.....Messy Church - Cox's Hall. 8.30pm.....Fanlobbus Youth Group, Cox's Hall.

Newsletter

Fanlobbus Union of Parishes—January & February 2020

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Looking for a New Year's resolution?

Why not make a commitment to growing in the depth and breadth of your Christian Faith? There are now two opportunities for adults to meet together in our area where you will have an opportunity to be encouraged and learn more about the bible and prayer.

One group meets in the Parlour Café at Glenilen in Drimoleague on Wednesday nights and the other meets between Dunmanway and Ballineen on Thursday nights (see page 3 & 4 for more details).

The purpose of both of these groups is to support you in growing in your understanding of the Christian faith, and helping you to develop a closer relationship with God.

If you want to know more, please talk to Rev. Cliff, or just come along to see what it is like.

Wishing you all a meaningful Christmas and a happy New Year

Rev. Cliff.

We delivered a car full of clothes, bedding, shoes and toiletry bags to **Hope for the homeless** on Wednesday 11th of December. If you have contributions to give,



Rev. Cliff delivering bags of blessing, clothing and shoes to Hope for the Homeless in Cork on the 11th December.

please bring them to Cox's Hall, and when we have a car full we'll arrange to take them up to Cork.

We also are looking to support Home for the homeless with the rent for their facility in Shandon Street. If you would like to help, please complete a Standing Order form, which you can find at the back of the churches or from Rev. Cliff.

On the Friday 10th of January we have been invited to come along to see what Hope for the Homeless do with their outreach in Cork City. If you are interested in coming along, please let Rev. Cliff know.

We are grateful to the late **Tom Wilson** who left a modest donation in his will to both Drinagh and Dunmanway churches.

Archie Kingston passed away on the 24th of November after being very well cared for by Dunmanway Community Hospital.



He worked for a short time in England before his long career in Carbery milk products.

Archie had a great interest in horses and reading. In his earlier days he offered himself for the ordained

ministry in the church and was a teacher of Sunday School when it was held in the gallery before church on Sunday mornings.

From the Treasurers

In December, letters were sent out to all parishioners explaining our parish financial situation. In summary we are very dependent on our generous parishioners contributions to the parish. The difficulty is that 82% of our donations come from those who are over 50, and this is neither balanced or sustainable into the future. We are appealing to all, and especially those who do not already regularly support the parish to consider making a commitment towards making the parish more sustainable.

If you donate through the bank (standing order) or through the church envelope scheme, then the parish as a registered charity can claim back the income tax on your donations. To make their role easier, the treasurers have asked that you **please respond to them by the 15th of January.**

Well done to all those involved in the **Christmas Cake Sale and raffle** which was held on the 13th of December in the Euro Bar in Dunmanway. To those who did all the baking, donated hampers, firewood, organised the raffles, teas and helped on the day, we would like to say a big thankyou.



A knitted Santa and Mrs. Clause in a hamper for the raffle at the Christmas Cake Sale on the 13th Dec.

The day raised €4,300 towards St. Mary's restoration fund, an excellent result and very fulfilling for those who put in so much effort into the day.

These funds are going towards the costs of restoring the Pipe Organ in St. Mary's Church was removed in September to be repaired. The cost of the restoration is going to be €23,000. We have received a grant of €3,000 from the Diocesan Organ Fund, along with the funds raised at the Christmas Cake sale.

Whist Drives

Shandrum Hall 9pm, Fri 3rd January
Cox's Hall, 9pm, Tuesday 21st January
Shandrum Hall 9pm, Fri 7th February
Cox's Hall, 9pm, Tuesday 18th February.

Table Tennis.

Table tennis takes place in Shandrum Hall

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Readings	Epiphany Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12 (White)	Epiphany 1 Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17 (White)	Epiphany 2 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-11; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42 (White)	Epiphany 3 Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1,4-9; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23 (White)
Red Book	38	42	45	49
Green Book	28	31	33	36
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11am	Dunmanway Service of the Word	Dunmanway Holy Communion	Dunmanway All age worship	Dunmanway Service of the Word
12.15pm	Drimoleague Holy Communion	Drimoleague Service of the Word	Drimoleague Service of the Word (Sam Jennings) 11am	Coolkelure Holy Communion

January

- Fri 3rd 10.30am..... Healer Prayer Group - Vesta Kingston's home.
- Sat 4th 10.30pm Fanlobbus Youth Group - Cox's Hall
- Mon 6th Dunmanway Model School - Enrolment opens.
- 7.30pm Method's Monday - Belling ringing West Cork Practice for Method Ringing,
- Fri 10th 8pm Visit to Hope for the Homeless outreach in Cork City. Contact Rev. Cliff if interested in going along.
- Sat 11th 10.15am..... Messy Church Planning in Cox's Hall.
11am Fanlobbus Safeguarding Trust Panel meeting.
11am CDYC Event Day in Cork. See CDYC website for details.
- Mon 13th Cork Cloyne and Ross - Clergy in-service training day.
- Tue 14th 2.15pm Holy Communion in Dunmanway Community Hospital.
7pm Joint Mother's Union event in Cox's Hall between Kinneigh Union and Fanlobbus Union.
- Wed 15th 10.30am..... Toddler group resumes in Cox's Hall (and every Wednesday morning)
8pm Drimoleague Growth Group - How does God guide us? Parlour Café, Glenilen Farm.
- Thurs 16th 3-4.30pm ... Dunmanway Model School Open Day.
- Sat 18th 8.30pm Fanlobbus Youth Group - Cox's Hall
- Sun 19th 4pm Licencing of Rev. Paul Robinson in St. Anne's Shandon and Chaplain to St. Luke's Home.
- Mon 20th 7.30pm Methods Monday - Advanced ringing practice for West Cork Ringers in St. Mary's Church.
- Tue 21st 8pm Parish Vision Meeting - Cox's Hall.
- Thurs 23rd 8pm The Prayer Course beings in Cox's Hall. All welcome.
- Fri/Sat 24/25th Church of Ireland Youth Department - Youth Forum in Dublin.
- Tue 28th 8.30pm Kinneigh Union Select Vestry - Ballymoney Hall.
- Wed 29th 12.15pm Mid week Holy Communion, St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway.
8pm Drimoleague Growth Group - Start of the Bible Course.
- Thurs 30th 8pm The Prayer Course - Ballymoney Hall.
- Fri 31st 10.30am..... Healer Prayer Group - Sue Hegarty's home.
7.30pm Cork Diocesan Youth Council committee meeting.

again if there were enough people interested in going.

Diocesan news

Meetings have started on the implementation of **Charting a Future with Confidence**. The first meeting took place in Bandon in December, and they will be meeting again in the new year to progress the implementation phase of this project. More updates as they become available. In the mean time, please continue to pray for our diocesan vision process:

The Charting a Future with Confidence Prayer

Almighty God, you have called us through baptism to be your Church in this place. Draw near to us in Cork, Cloyne and Ross as we seek to renew our witness to your gospel; enable us to hear your voice, to know your way, and to do your will, so that, charting a future with confidence under the guidance of your Holy Spirit, we may truly and faithfully be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Community News

Adult Pilates and DanceFit Classes

A new 12 week term of Pilates and DanceFit classes will be starting on Thursday 9th January at St Mary's N.S, Dunmanway. Our mat based Pilates classes are mixed ability and begin with body alignment and joint mobility followed by strength and flexibility exercises before finishing with stretching and relaxation. €100 for the term and €10 drop in.

DanceFit is a fun, upbeat dance aerobic class cover-

ing a variety of styles such as Latin, street dance, disco and Rock n Roll. €70 for the term and €7 drop in. For further information and to book your place please contact Cathy on 0876063848 or cathy@core.studio

Bingo

Cox's Hall:

12th January @ 3.00pm for Atha Caoire Comhaltas C.E. Branch.

19th January @ 3pm for Dunmanway Fleadh Cheoil.

Teas & Cakes served. Raffle. All Welcome!

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 8th January at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

Dunmanway Further Education and Training Centre are running a QQI Level 3 course (3N0610) - **'Caring for Children'** It will include Safety and hygiene in the home, healthy diets, guidelines for when a child or baby is unwell and guidance for play activities and good communication.



Joy Club Games in Cox's Hall on 10th December 2019.

on two Friday nights a month. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by parents. Upcoming dates: 10th & 24th January and 7th February.

As a fundraiser for the **Organ Fund**, we are going to have an opportunity to 'Sponsor a Pipe'. If you would like to support the restoration of the organ you can sponsor a pipe in your own name or in memory of a loved one for €25. You will receive a certificate, letting you know which of the 400 pipes in the organ you have sponsored.

To sponsor a pipe, put your donation in an envelope and give it to Dorothy Beamish, one of the church wardens or put it on the collection plate in St. Mary's Church with your name and the name of the person you want the pipe to be dedicated.

Would you like to help?

There are many ways to assist in the life of our church community through practical service. In most of our churches there are opportunities to do the following:

- Reading the lesson on Sundays.
- Assistant churchwardens.
- Coffee after church.
- Grass cutting.
- Church cleaning and flowers.
- Assisting at Holy Communion.
- Sound desk & playing recorded music.

We will be revising the rotas and lists of those who volunteer to help. If you would like to help with some of these areas, please talk to one of the church wardens or with Rev. Cliff.



Dunmanway and Coolkelure churches both have sound desks located towards the back of the churches. We want to get a team of volunteers trained in how to use these and volunteer to operate them during the services so that we can get the best sound possible. If you are willing to help, please talk to Rev. Cliff. Training will be organised during January or early February.

The Model School

Our seasonal celebrations began this year by singing at the Christmas Market in Dunmanway on 28th Nov. We continued by holding a Christmas Service of music and drama on Wed 11th Dec in St. Mary's Church. Well done to all the participants and thank you to all those who came to join us on the night.

We had an exciting visitor to all our classrooms two days later, Santa managed to fit The Model School into his busy schedule and we really enjoyed his visit.

Our Middle and Senior Classes went Carol singing to Fairfield Nursing Home in Drimoleague and to Dunmanway Community Hospital & Day Care Centre on 17th Dec.

Enrolment for September 2020 will be open from the 6th to the 31st January. Forms and details available from the school office. We will hold our Open Day on Thursday 16th January from 3pm - 4.30pm. Please inform any families who may be interested in enrolling a pupil for the coming school year.

We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas!

In the autumn we have been running the Bible Society's new course called **'The Bible Course'** between Fanlobbus and Kinneigh Unions. About 20 people meet each week, meeting alternately in Cox's Hall and Ballymoney hall on Thursday

nights. We could highly recommend this course as a great introduction to the Bible and very helpful in gaining an understanding the different themes and main characters as well as encouraging us to read and apply the Bible's teaching in our lives.



In the New Year the group has expressed a desire to continue learning together (an new people are also welcome). We plan to look at the topic of Prayer in the Spring to complement what we have already been learning about listening to God through the Bible. We will continue meeting between Dunmanway and Ballineen on Thursday nights, starting on the 23rd of January in Cox's Hall. All are welcome to join in.

At the Parlor Café at Glenilen Farm near Drimoleague, the **Alpha Course** was facilitated by the Methodist Church in partnership with the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Church from September to November. There were about 30 people who attended each week, and we enjoyed learning together. The participants expressed a desire to continue meeting and will continue on Wednesday nights, starting on the 15th of January looking at how God guides us. From the 29th of January they will be **starting the Bible Course**, which is an 8 week overview of the Bible, using videos and discussions. New people are very welcome to come along.

Cox's Hall Toddler group is open to the community with about 25 families coming along each week. As well as playing with toys and catching up with friends, we

make a craft and have a bible story based on the lectionary gospel reading for the following Sunday.

In the New Year we are going to be offering a **Christian Parenting course** to encourage and support these young parents in their task of bringing up their children. We will consult with the parents as to when the best time in the week suits them to meet and make arrangements accordingly.



In 2015 we developed our **parish vision** for 2016-2020 which has helped to guide and focus our activities over the past few years. In the New Year we are going to reflect on how we implemented our parish vision, what was achieved and consider the areas that did not progress as well as planned. We will then seek God's direction for the next 3-5 years and develop a vision statement for 2020-2024, which we hope would be launched in September. We are going to develop this together as a Union of Parishes. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January in Cox's Hall at 8pm. Churchwardens and a few representatives from each church should attend. If you are interested in being involved talk to Rev. Cliff or one of your churchwardens.

From the Bell Tower.

Our weekly practices are going well, with about 10 children learning to ring from 6.30-7.30 (min 10 years old) and the adults from 7.30-9pm. If you would like to give it a go, come along any Wednesday night. If we are ringing, just knock on the trap door! Every second Monday we have a more advanced practice with visiting ringers

from other towers in West Cork. We are planning to ring out the Old Year and **ring in the New Year** with a short prayer service and ringing on **New Year's eve, starting at 11.15pm ...** all are welcome.

Some training for methods conductors is being arranged in the New Year, facilitated by the Ringing Master of Irish Association of Change Ringers.

After Easter we are planning on going on a tour of some of the towers around Belfast, including Kilmood, who have a set of bells installed by Martin Hough which are very similar to our bells in St. Mary's.

In **Fanlobbus Youth Group** this autumn we have invited Christians adults come along and talk about their **careers** and how their **faith** makes a difference. We have had a counsellor, farmer, rector / engineer, pilot and someone who went on a mission trip to South Africa. It has been very interesting, learning about different careers as well as how living as a Christian makes a difference in their lives.



Captain Alex Jeffers (Pilot) visiting Fanlobbus Youth Group at the end of November.

Messy Church has been going very well with 52 people attending (plus 12 leaders) for the Christmas Messy Church on the 14th of December. At Messy Church we explore a bible theme through crafts and science experiments and story-time followed by dinner together. This event is designed especially for families to attend together. Future dates are : 1st & 29th February and 12th March. This is a great event to invite families to come along. Invitations for the next Messy Church will be available towards the end of January.



Messy Church stable scene craft, 14th December 2019.

Would you be interested in going on a **tour of Israel?** A few people from the Bible Course expressed an interested in going to visit Israel in the next year or two. It is quite expensive, costing between €1,500 - €2,000 depending on duration, sites we choose to visit and the level of accommodation booked.

It is suggested that October / November time would be the best time of year to go. Rev. Cliff and Eunice have led tours to Israel in the past, and would look into it