

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1937

## CLERGY :

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## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—JOHN H. TWINEM.

People's—ROBERT MC'CLEMENTS.

THE CLERGY WILL ESTEEM IT A FAVOUR IF  
IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE INFORMED  
IMMEDIATELY.

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER.

- Sun., Oct. 3rd—19th Sunday after Trinity.  
Edenderry Harvest Festival Service, 3.30 p.m.
- Mon., Oct. 4th—Edenderry Harvest Festival, at 8 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 8th—Dedication of Blacker Memorial Tablet  
by His Grace the Lord Primate, at 3 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 9th—Opening Meeting of G.F.S. Candidates  
in Edenderry Parochial Hall, at 3 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 10th—20th Sunday after Trinity.  
Harvest Festival—Drumgor, at 3.30 p.m.  
Levaghery, at 3.30 p.m.
- Mon., Oct. 11th—Harvest Festivals:—Drumgor at 8  
p.m. Levaghery at 8 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 13th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry at  
8 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 17th—21st Sunday after Trinity.  
Harvest Festivals—Bocombra, at 3.30 p.m.  
Carne, at 3.30 p.m.
- Mon., Oct. 18th—St. Luke.  
Harvest Festivals—Bocombra, at 8 p.m.  
Carne, at 8 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 20th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry, at  
8 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 21st—Parish Church Harvest Festival  
at 8 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 24th—22nd Sunday after Trinity. Holy  
Communion at 8 a.m. Harvest Festival,  
Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Children's Service at 3.30.
- Mon., Oct. 25th—G.F.S. Social Evening in Seagoe  
School.
- Wed., Oct. 27th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry at  
8 p.m.

## PAROCHIAL FINANCE.

My Dear Parishioners,

I feel it is my duty to point out the very unhealthy state of our Parochial Finance. In spite of the fact that the late Chancellor Archer bequeathed the sum of £100 to this Parish, which sum was paid by his executors to our parochial treasurer in the month of July, at present we are in debt to the Bank to the amount of £77. This surely is a regrettable state of affairs and cannot be allowed to go on. It need not be the case, if every parishioner did his or her duty by taking a Freewill Offering envelope and bring it to Church every Sunday. The minimum that is required

per year for the maintenance of parochial expenditure free of debt is £600; this means that from our Church collections and Freewill envelopes at least an average of £12 per week is needed. The total receipts from Church collections and freewill offerings for the month of August, in which there were five Sundays, was £44 18s 7d—this makes the weekly amount for August just under £9 per week. This means that we must raise £3 per week more than we are raising at present.

How is this to be done? It can easily be done without undue hardship on any one. (1) Let all subscribers increase their freewill offerings by 3d per week; there are about 500 subscribers; if this were done at the end of the year we would not be in debt to the bank. (2) Bring your envelope regularly week by week. In the 1936 report there are far too many names with sums like 1/3, 9d appearing as their annual contribution to the upkeep of their Church. (3) Let every adult wage-earner become a regular subscriber through the free-will envelope system.

I am writing this statement as I feel that the parishioners of Seagoe do not realise the gravity of the situation. No business man, no farmer or housekeeper would allow expenditure to exceed income. Are we going to allow God's work to be carried on in an unbusinesslike, slovenly manner? The estimate I have given of our weekly needs, if we are to keep free of debt is the very minimum, and I am not including in it extraordinary expenditure such as rent of temporary house or repairs to Church fabric (this year about £60 was spent on the heating system alone). It is surely a mean thing for people to claim to be parishioners and to use the Church for funerals, marriages and baptisms and make no effort to help in its upkeep. As I write this, I am not unmindful of the chosen few who by their example and regular contributions are doing their bit; to them we are grateful, but it is hardly fair that a few should have to shoulder the responsibilities of the majority. There is no home in our parish so poor that could not subscribe at least 3d per week for the maintenance of the Church's work in this Parish. I hope all who read these words will act on the suggestions I have made and that they will use their influence on others to do likewise. I know a neighbouring parish which would be classed in the category of a poor parish, and yet every year the Select Vestry have a substantial balance over on the year's working which they are able to invest, and until our Select Vestry are in a similar position our people should not rest contented. For a number of years this Parish has been spending more than its income. We have now come to the time, when something must be done to put our finances on a sound basis. I am confident that when our people know the facts they will not be slow in putting things right.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. APPELBE.



**COLONEL BLACKER MEMORIAL.**

The dedication of the mural tablet which is to be erected by Mrs. Blacker in memory of the late Col. Blacker has been postponed until Friday, October 8th, at 3 p.m. His Grace the Lord Primate has kindly promised to preach and dedicate the memorial.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.****Hacknahay—**

Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Rev. G. A. Boulger, M.A.

Monday, Sept. 27th, at 8 p.m. Rev. J. I. Lea, B.A.

**Edenderry—**

Sunday, Oct. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Rev. R. F. Scott, M.A.

Monday, Oct. 4th, at 8 p.m. Rev. C. J. McLeod.

**Drumgor—**

Sunday, Oct. 10th, at 3.30 p.m. Rev. H. A. Lillie, B.A.

Monday, Oct. 11th, at 8 p.m. Rev. A. McKelvie, B.A.

**Levagherey—**

Sunday, Oct. 10th, at 3.30 p.m. The Rector.

Monday, Oct. 11th, at 8 p.m. Rev. Jas. Douglas, B.A.

**Bocombra—**

Sunday, Oct. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Rev. J. Warner, B.A.

Monday, Oct. 17th, at 8 p.m. Rev. A. N. Parkinson, B.A.

**Carne—**

Sunday, Oct. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Rev. J. M. Wright, B.A.

Monday, Oct. 18th, 8 p.m. Rev. L. MacManaway, B.A.

**Parish Church—**

Thursday, Oct. 21st, at 8 p.m. Rev. C. H. B. Craig, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's Ballysillan.

Sunday, Oct. 24th, at 11.30 a.m., 3.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. R. H. Kimber, M.A., Vicar Choral of St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.

The Collections at all these Services, except those in the Parish Church, will be allocated as follows:—The Sunday afternoon service collections will be devoted to the work of each Sunday School.

The Monday evening Collections will be sent to the South American Missionary Society for the support of an Indian girl.

The Thursday evening Collection in the Parish Church will be in aid of the Dublin University Mission to Fukien. On Sunday the Collection will be in aid of the Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

**CHURCH LADS BRIGADE.**

The winter's work is now in full swing. On Tuesday, Sept. 21st, there was a very successful social for the senior members of the Brigade. The officers, assisted by some of the ladies of the parish, dispensed tea, after which the whole gathering took part in the old-time games until it was time to go home. On Thursday evening, Sept. 23rd, the members of the Training Corps had their tea party. At both these functions the prizes for the past year were distributed to the boys with the best record for parade and Church attendance.

May we here appeal to the parents to encourage their boys to join this splendid organisation, the aim of which is to train boys to be loyal Christians and

good Churchmen. In Captain Mitchell and his assistant officers we have a C.L.B. staff of which any parish should be justly proud, and apart from the help of the C.L.B. in itself, it is a privilege for any boy to be able to associate with our C.L.B. leaders. This association in itself should go a long way in making men of our boys.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

During the past month no less than five presentations were made in Seagoe Parish. At a choir social held in Seagoe School on Thursday, Sept. 16th, on behalf of the choir, Mrs. Appelbe handed to Mrs. Pollock (nee Miss White) a beautiful set of table linen on the occasion of her recent marriage. Mr. Harry Hynes received a dressing case on his leaving the choir to pursue a course of theological training in St. Johns College, Highbury, London. They were both faithful choir members and well deserved this recognition from their fellows. After a sumptuous tea, the ever popular games were played until break-up time.

On Monday, Sept. 20th, Seagoe Christian Endeavour Society paid their tribute to Mr. Hynes, by presenting him with a wallet of notes, as a token of their good wishes for his future in the high calling to which he is devoting his life. Miss Montgomery, the senior member present, in handing over the gift paid a high tribute to Mr. Hynes's work in the C.E., and she was supported in her remarks by the Rector and almost all who were present.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21st, at the C.L.B. social, Lieut. David Allen was made the recipient of a handsome chiming clock, suitably inscribed, by the members and officers of Seagoe C.L.B. as a token of their good wishes for him and Mrs. Allen on their recent marriage. Mrs. Appelbe presented it to Mr. and Mrs. Allen on behalf of the C.L.B. The Rector, Capt. Mitchell and Lieut. Hynes bore testimony to Mr. Allen's sterling qualities and his usefulness to the C.L.B., which he has served faithfully since he entered the Training Corps.

On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, the senior children and superintendent and teachers of Edenderry Afternoon Sunday School met to show their appreciation of Mr. Hynes's work there as Superintendent, and on their behalf Mrs. Appelbe handed to him a camera as a mark of their esteem and good wishes on his leaving. The Rector presided. Mr. Cathcart, his successor in Edenderry, Mrs. Magee, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jos. Hynes paid a high tribute to their late superintendents zeal and work for the welfare of the Sunday School. Tea and games added to the enjoyment of the evening.

It remains for us to congratulate the recipients. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen many years of health and happiness, and we pray that Mr. Hynes may have every blessing both in his training for the sacred ministry and afterwards in his exercise of it.



**SEAGOE AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Ruby Matchett has kindly consented to act as Superintendent of Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School. We know the teachers will give her a hearty welcome and co-operate with her in keeping up the high standard which has always been the mark of this Sunday School. Miss Matchett takes up her duties on Sunday, October 3rd, and we wish her God's blessing.

**G.F.S. CANDIDATES.**

We hope to introduce this side of G.F.S. activity into the parish this winter. Mrs. Appelbe, with the help of Miss S. Montgomery, will be responsible for it. It is really a junior branch of the Girls' Friendly Society and is open to all little girls of our Parish who are eight years of age and over, and they remain in it until they are eligible for full G.F.S. membership. Here the G.F.S. spirit will be taught by work and play. The first meeting will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 9th. We hope that parents will encourage their little girls to attend.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**

The opening meeting of the winter session took place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, at 7.30 p.m. After tea, the Rector delivered an address on the Lord's Prayer. There was a fair attendance of members.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7.30 p.m. The name of the speaker will be announced in Church later.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.****Receipts:—**

Sale of Rail and Refreshment tickets	..	£75	3	0
Balance from 1936	..	..	0	11 0
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			£75	14 0

**Expenses:—**

To Railway Co.	..	..	£43	10	4
Messrs. Davison—Catering	..	..	30	10	0
"Portadown News"—Printing	..	..	0	17	6
Billposting	..	..	0	2	6
Insurance of Children	..	..	0	12	0
					£75 12 4
Balance in hand	..	..	0	1	8
					(R. S.)

**MID-WEEK SERVICE.**

During the winter months it is proposed to have a service in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Wednesday evenings, commencing on Wednesday, October 13th, at 8 p.m. The Service will be of a simple nature, and

it is hoped that many will take advantage of it. A great many homes in the town end of Seagoe Parish are scarcely ever represented in the Parish Church, and it is hoped that many of these will make an effort to attend. Here is an opportunity for old people who find the distance too great to walk to Church on Sundays.

**OBITUARY.**

We regret to have to record the passing from among us of two parishioners. Mr. Eddie Crawford was in failing health for a considerable time; he bore his trying illness with true Christian fortitude. Mrs. Best had reached the allotted span and her comparatively sudden Home-call came as a great shock. To all the bereaved we extend our deep sympathy, and pray that God may comfort them in their sorrow.

**A FORMER RECTOR OF SEAGOE.**

A parishioner has sent in a newspaper cutting dated October 7th, 1905, which will be of interest to many of our readers, and which we print.

"The Very Rev. Abraham Dawson, A.M., Dean of Dromore, who has just resigned the Parish of Seagoe, has been a familiar figure in the neighbourhood of Portadown for almost half a century. The Dean was born in the historic town of Dungannon, where his father occupied a leading position in the medical profession. He was educated at Dungannon Royal School under the Headmastership of the Rev. Dr. Darley, afterwards Bishop of Kilmore. In the year 1846 he entered Trinity College, Dublin, where, after a distinguished course, he graduated in the year 1850, and was ordained in the following year for the curacy of Christ Church, Belfast, on the nomination of the Incumbent, the late Rev. Dr. Drew. During his tenure of this curacy Mr. Dawson (as he then was) did strenuous work, and helped largely in building up what is now one of the leading parishes in the city of Belfast. His first Rector (Dr. Drew) proved a life-long friend, and the Dean has ever cherished the most affectionate remembrances of his former chief. In 1857 Mr. Dawson received well-deserved promotion in his appointment to the important Parish of Knocknamuckley. Here he laboured with great zeal, and during the crisis of the Revival in 1859 controlled and guided with great tact that remarkable outburst of religious enthusiasm. Many a strange story can the Dean relate from his revival experiences. As a result of his efforts, the spiritual work of the Parish was carefully organised, and a handsome rectory was built.

"In the year 1879, on the death of Archdeacon Saurin, Mr. Dawson was appointed Rector of Seagoe. Here the most important work of his ministerial life was accomplished. Under the skilful superintendence of Sir Thomas Drew, President of the Society of Archi-



fects, and a son of his former Rector, the Church at Seagoe was restored, so that it is now one of the most beautiful Churches in the Diocese. The late Baroness von Stieglitz, of Carrickblacker generously assisted the Dean in the accomplishment of this most important work. In all departments of parochial effort the Rector's capacity and energy were apparent, and he succeeded in winning the affections of all those in the parish of every creed and class.

"In 1886 Mr. Dawson was made Rural Dean, and in 1892 the late Bishop Reeves appointed him to the ancient office of Archdeacon of Dromore, which was instituted so far back as the year 1244. In 1894, on the death of Dean Campbell, of Lurgan, the present Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Welland) conferred upon him the high office of Dean of Dromore. Dean Dawson has also for many years been a member of the Diocesan Council and a Diocesan Nominator for the Diocese of Dromore. Latterly, failing health and the infirmities of age, compelled him to abandon much of his active work, and within the last few months he felt obliged to resign his position as Rector of Seagoe. During his long and active life he has never failed to keep abreast of the literary thought of the day, his favourite study being Archæology and Irish Antiquities. Many papers and pamphlets on this latter subject were published by him from time to time. Dean Dawson will be much missed in this neighbourhood for a long time to come, and we can assure him that he carries into his retirement the respect of all creeds and classes for his sterling Christian character."

## BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

Sept. 5th—Joan Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas James and Ethel Walsh, Tamnifiglasson.

Sept. 5th—Robert Frederick, son of Robert and Jane Richardson, Upper Seagoe.

Sept. 5th—Elizabeth Beryl, daughter of Samuel George and Elizabeth Jane Gracey, 30, James Street.

Sept 5th—Margaret Jane, daughter of Robert Henry and Helen Violet M'Nulty, 11 James Street.

## MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

15th Sept., 1937—Edward Walter Trimble, 28, Mourneview St., Portadown, and Elizabeth Allen, 35, Carrickblacker Road, Portadown.

## BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which died in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

Sept. 9th—Robert Edward Crawford, Century Street, aged 35 years.

Sept. 23rd—Mary Grahah, Corcreeny, Waringstown, aged 72.

Sept. 24th—Emily Best, 139, Bridge Street, aged 70 years.

## SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH

**HOLY COMMUNION**—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals

**HOLY BAPTISM**—1st Sunday of each Month at 4 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be Confirmed Members of the Church, Churchings are held at each Baptism Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11 30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays, 7 p.m.

### DISTRICT SERVICES.

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**Edenderry**—Services as announced.

## CLASSES, &c.

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN** in Edenderry on Sundays at 10-15 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS** 10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor, Bocombra.

**MOTHERS' UNION**—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 30 p.m.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE** in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY** in Seagoe School on alternate Mondays at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Ven. Archdeacon Hannon Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES**—BAPTISM 3/7, Children (Factory) 1/- and 2/ (non residents); **MARRIAGE** 3/7. An extra Search Fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.