

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—JOHN H. TWINEM.

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

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

December 1st—Mid-week Advent Service in Church at
8 p.m.

December 5th—2nd Sunday in Advent.

December 6th—G.F.S.

December 7th—Service in Bocombra Hall at 8 p.m.

December 8th—Advent Mid-week Service in Church
at 8 p.m.

December 12th—3rd Sunday in Advent.

December 14th—Mothers' Union Meeting.

December 15th—Advent Mid-week Service in Church
at 8 p.m.

December 19th—4th Sunday in Advent.

December 21st—St. Thomas.

December 25th—Christmas Day.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at
11.30 a.m.

December 26th—1st Sunday after Christmas.
Carol Service at 7 p.m.

December 27th—St. John

Jan. 1st, 1938—Holy Communion.

Jan. 5th—Play (written and produced by Miss Ash-
down).

ADVENT.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away
the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of
light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which
thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great
humility, that in the last day when He shall come
again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick
and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal,
through Him who liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

This is the collect, which is used each Sunday in
Advent, and it stresses very strongly the note that
should be in our minds at this season of the year.
Advent is not only the beginning of the Church's year,
but it is the time, when we are bidden to think
seriously of the "comings" of our Lord Jesus Christ,
first as a little Child to save us, and secondly as our
Judge. This season has been observed by Christians

since the fourth century, and just as the Season of
Lent is meant to help us to prepare for Good Friday
and Easter Day, so Advent is meant to help us to pre-
pare for the great festival of Christmas. It is one of
the mission seasons in the Church's calendar, when
we are called to view ourselves in relation to Christ.
Has it made any difference to us that He came down
to this world to suffer and to die and then to rise
victoriously that He might live in us and work through
us by the power of His Spirit? Have we even parti-
ally realised that, when we shall stand before His
judgment seat, as we all one day must, what He will
look for in us is an account of our stewardship here
in this world, the use we made of His gifts of grace
to enable us to do His will? Is it not a sad fact that
there are many so-called Christians who have never
fully realised that the one supreme end in life is
the knowing and doing of God's will as He has re-
vealed it to us in Christ. How very few of us when
put to the test really put God first; yet unless we put
Him first, life is a failure and we are missing the joy
of knowing that we are fulfilling our high destiny
which is nothing less than this:—that we can and
must co-operate with Him in establishing His King-
dom in our own lives and in the sphere where our
earthly lot is cast. How can we co-operate with Him
if we do not come to Him in worship? Here is one
of the many reasons why we should try to use our
mid-week services in Advent, as well as our Sunday
Services, they will help us to realise that the only
thing that matters is our relationship to Christ, per-
haps, too, they will help us to see more clearly His
vision for ourselves and for the world. Unless we come
to Him, He cannot come into our hearts, and if He
cannot come into our hearts then His first coming
will have been in vain for us and His second coming
will be a terror from which we will shrink, and not,
as it should be, a time of rejoicing.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Bocombra—Tuesday, December 7th, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Sunday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. (Carol
Service).

Edenderry—Sunday, December 19th, at 8.30 p.m. (Carol
Service).

Hacknahay—December 26th, at 3.30 p.m.

PRIVATE COMMUNIONS.

The clergy will be glad to hear of any aged or in-
firm parishioners who would like a private celebration
of the Holy Communion in their homes at Christmas.
Anyone desiring this can let the Rector or Mr. Hayes
know and they will be very pleased to make arrange-
ments for it.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

There will be Holy Communion on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th, at 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m. We hope that every Communicant in our parish will make a special effort to be present at one of these services. How better could any Christian thank God for His inestimable gift of His Son, how better can we thank our Lord Himself for His love and sacrifice in coming down to this world of sin and sorrow, than by meeting Him at His board as He has bidden us to do? Christmas is a time of joy festivities and children's fun, but these are only the husk of the grain; the kernel is that at a certain point in time God came down in Christ "for us men and for our salvation" to rescue us from sin and death. This is why we give gifts at this season. By these actions we are reflecting dimly the Divine Giver, Who gave His Son. If we grasp this then surely we will want to give ourselves to Him in return, keeping nothing back, surely then we will not keep back our worship on Christmas Day.

PAROCHIAL FINANCE.

Our readers will remember that in the October issue of this Magazine the unsatisfactory state of our finances was pointed out and it was shown that the Parish at that date was in debt to the bank by a sum amounting to almost £80. Until this debt was liquidated the chances of our income balancing our expenditure were greatly lessened. However, a splendid lead has been given to put an end to this unsatisfactory state of affairs by Mr. J. H. Twinem, and we are deeply grateful to him, and to those, who are so generously responding to his appeal to wipe out this debt. We print below the names of those who have helped. In our next issue we hope to print further acknowledgments, which, we hope, will show that Mr. Twinem has achieved his object.

Subscribed up to date to wipe out overdraft in bank:

£2—Misses Atkinson, Miss R. Calvert

£1—Mr. H. Murray Gibson, Rev. J. W. Appelbe, M.A., Mr. C. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Samuel Walker, Mr. T. E. Maginnis, Mr. W. Sherman.

10/-—Mr. Jacob Sandford, Mr. James Shanks, Mr. T. H. Wilson, Mr. Tom Rocke, Mrs. Jas. Twinem, Mr. James Twinem, Mrs. Archer, Mr. Douglas Stoops, Mr. Colthurst, Mr. E. A. Pickering, Misses Montgomery, Mr. George Gracey, Mr. David A. Rocke, Miss M'Dowell, Mr. Dick Forsythe, Mr. Isaac Walker, Mr. James Atkinson, Miss L. Gracey (Drumgor), Mr. E. Betty, Mr. W. A. Casey, Mr. Alfred M'Loughlin, Mr. Harry Maxwell, Misses Monroe, Miss D. Montgomery, Mrs. James Craig, Mrs. J. W. Mayes, Mrs. W. J. M'Dowell, Mr. Sam Jennett, Miss Sarah Montgomery,

Mr. James M'Murray, Mrs. Lewie, Mrs. Margaret Porter, Mrs. Thomas Shanks, Mr. John Sandford, Mr. Lewis Gilpin, Mr. Dick Robinson, Mrs. Wortley, Mr. Sam Abraham, Mr. R. Wolsey, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Mr. J. England, Mr. George Steenson, Mr. John Lynass, Mr. John E. Lavery, Mrs. Hunniford, Mr. T. H. Walker, Mr. W. Parks, Mr. James Boyce.

5/-—Mr. John Ramsey, Mr. James Sands, Mr. John England, Mrs. Preston, Mr. W. J. England, Mr. N. Campbell, Mrs. W. Best, Mr. John Montgomery, Miss Hall, Mr. W. E. Greeves, Mrs. Bobbie M'Cormick, Mr. Dick Hoy, Mr. Joseph Fletcher, Mr. Isaac Clayton, Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. S. M'Coo.

3/6—Mrs. D. Kyle.

2/6—Miss M. Twinem, Mr. W. Hall, Mrs. Adams, Mr. G. Wilson, Miss M. Campbell, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Robert Lynass, Mr. James M'Bride, Mr. J. Flannigan, Mr. H. Bell, Mrs. Dundas.

2/-—Mrs. F. Girvan, Mrs. Nixon.

1/-—Mrs. M'Clure, Mr. Tom Breen.

Total—£41 17s 0d.

CLOSING OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

The financial year for Seagoe Parish ends on December 31st, and on that date the accounts for the year will be closed. All annual subscribers to the Sustentation are reminded that their subscriptions must be paid to the Treasurer before December 31st to ensure acknowledgment in the Parish Financial Report for 1937, which will be printed in January.

The annual envelopes for 1937 are in the hands of the distributors since the middle of November, so we hope that they will have been delivered in good time.

The 1938 Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes have also been sent to the distributors so that each subscriber may have his or her set in good time for the New Year, i.e., the first Sunday in January, 1938.

Any parishioners, who are wage earners, and who have not received a set of envelopes should communicate with the Secretary, Mr. Moses Gilpin, or Mr. R. Scott, Hon. Treasurer, and they will receive a set. The Jews of old gave a tenth to God, every Christian should at least contribute a little to God's work in proportion to his substance, according as God has blessed him. The W.F.O. system helps us, when we use it, to do this regularly

CHOIR SOCIAL.

The members of the choir were most hospitably entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson, on Tuesday, November 16th, in Seagoe School. After tea, all present took part in the ever-popular games, and the party came to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The Rector, on behalf of all present, conveyed their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for their kindness.

PRESENTATIONS AT LEVAGHERY.

A much enjoyed social was held in the Levaghery Hall on Thursday, November 11th, at 8 p.m. It was organised by the Superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School, assisted by the Edenderry Morning teachers. As is usual there, the room was tastefully decorated. A very nice tea was served to a merry crowd of young people, including Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie. During the course of the evening Mrs. Gillespie, formerly Miss Sophie Jennett, was the recipient of two handsome presents. On behalf of the Levaghery Superintendent, teachers and children, Miss Bradshaw presented a comfortable fireside chair as a token of their good wishes. From the Edenderry Morning Sunday School staff, Miss Jean Watters presented a handsome silver cake basket. Mr. Stanfield and Mr. McClements expressed their appreciation of the unfailing support given, for many years, by Mrs. Gillespie in both the Sunday Schools mentioned. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Hayes paid tribute to the interest Mrs. Gillespie had taken not only in the Sunday Schools but in other sides of parish work. Mrs. Gillespie acknowledged the gifts, and her husband expressed their gratitude for the good wishes and kindness which these represented. The usual games were played. Solos were sung by Miss Grace Robinson, Mr. Joe Hynes and Mr. H. McNeill. The happy evening terminated with the singing of the National Anthem—(W.F.H.)

MID-WEEK SERVICES.

These services in Edenderry Parochial Hall were well attended and the singing was greatly helped by our hon. organist, Miss McDougall, and the junior choir.

As the customary Services will be held in the Parish Church in Advent, these will not be held in Edenderry during that time, but will be resumed in Edenderry again after Christmas, commencing (n.v.) on Wednesday, January 12th, at 8 p.m.

CAROL SERVICES.

There will be a Carol Service in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Sunday evening, December 19th., at 8.30 p.m., and in the Parish Church on Sunday, December 26th, at 7 p.m.

PARISH ALMANAC.

This is now on sale, price 2d, at Mrs. Vance's, Bridge St., and at Miss Agnes Guy's, Lower Seagoe. There is only a limited number available, so no time should be lost in securing copies to avoid disappointment.

ARMISTICETIDE.

The commemoration of the cessation of hostilities in the Great War has come and gone once more. As usual, it was observed with the fitting solemnity it so rightly deserves. At Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday

morning, November 7th, the local branch of the British Legion paraded under the command of Major Shillington, M.P. The Seagoe branch of the C.L.B. paraded, also under Captain Mitchell, and the C.L.B. Band led the procession to and from the Church. A substantial collection was taken up at this service in aid of the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund.

After the service in Church a short service was held at the Parish War Memorial at the Church gates and a wreath was laid by the C.L.B.

Seagoe had also the honour of being represented at the Cenotaph Service in Belfast on November 11th., when the Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Assistant Chaplain to Seagoe C.L.B., and Lieut. Jos Hynes laid a wreath on behalf of the C.L.B.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Those teachers who attended the Sunday School Conference in Lurgan on 6th November were well rewarded by being privileged to take part in a most inspiring service in Shankill Parish Church, when a very helpful address was given on Sunday School work by the Rev. W. H. Good, M.A., Rector of Christ Church, Lisburn. After the service, we adjourned to the Parochial Hall, where we listened to two challenging addresses by Miss Millington, of the Sunday School Society of Ireland, who is an expert on this side of the Church's work. Her words were sincere and practical and we left with a new vision of the worthwhileness of this great, but sometimes difficult, work.

On Monday, November 8th, the Sunday School teachers of Seagoe met in Seagoe School for a social reunion. At this meeting we had the privilege of hearing Miss Millington again speaking on the "Aims and Ideals" of a Sunday School teacher. Her helpful words should prove an inspiration to us all as we face our work of helping the young to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. After the talk, tea was served and then games were played and enjoyed until it was time to go home.

A Suggestion to Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents.

The aim of our Sunday School work is that we are trying to bring our young people to know and love their Saviour, Jesus Christ, so that they may be workers, witnesses and worshippers. Every child in our Sunday Schools should be encouraged to become a regular worshipper in God's House on Sundays, and they should be taught, and this is especially true in the case of those who are old enough to attend Church, that worshipping in God's House is far more important than going to Sunday School, important and helpful as this is.

To encourage the habit of attending Church we should revise our system of marking in all our Sunday Schools, and here is a suggestion, which if adopted would make for greater efficiency:—Instead of giving one mark each Sunday to each child, make the mark for each Sunday 5; give 1 for attendance, 1 for being in time, 1 for knowing the repetition word perfect, and 2 for being present at Church the previous Sunday. Of course it would be unreasonable to mark infant or junior classes this way, but it should be used in all classes where the children are nine years or over.

MOTHERS' UNION.

There was a splendid attendance at the monthly meeting held in Seagoe School on November 9th, when a splendid address was given to the mothers by Mrs. Davison on the importance of little things.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7.30 p.m., when Mrs. Richardson, of Furlough, Mullahead, Tandragee, has kindly promised to give the address.

G.F.S.

As we go to Press the G.F.S. Conference in Lurgan is drawing near, and we hope that a 'bus load will travel from Seagoe branch. An account of the conference will appear in our next issue.

The G.F. S. Badminton Club has proved quite a success, and Mrs. Mitchell's labours for its welfare have been well rewarded.

We are deeply indebted to Miss Topsy Wilson for so kindly volunteering to help the G.F.S. by forming a singing class for the members. We expect great things from it under Miss Wilson's capable guidance.

W.F.O. BOXES.

We are glad that so many have commenced already to use the box in the main porch for their W.F.O. envelopes. A similar one is being provided for the side porch.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We are grateful to the Rev. G. Howe Daunt for £1 received at the Harvest Festival Service for the Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

A WELCOME GIFT.

Our parishioners will be glad to learn that a chair belonging to Bishop Saurin, which was purchased by Mrs. Gerald Atkinson, Corcrain House, at the late Chancellor Archer's auction, has been presented by her to Seagoe Parish Church. Mrs. Atkinson has had the chair polished and reconditioned at her own expense and we are deeply grateful to her for her kind thought and generous action. The chair will be placed in the chancel in a few weeks' time.

James Saurin was consecrated Bishop of Dromore on December 19th, 1819. Bishop Saurin died at Kingstown, Co. Dublin, on April 9th, 1832, and was buried in St. Anne's, Dublin, on 13th April, when the See of Dromore was united with Down and Connor under the provisions of the Church Temporalities Act, and the then Bishop of Down became diocesan of Dromore. It is interesting that Seagoe should have an article of furniture belonging to the last Bishop of Dromore when it was an independent Diocese. The chair is of peculiar interest to Seagoe people for yet another reason, viz.—Bishop Saurin's son, the Ven. Jas. Saurin, Archdeacon of Dromore, was Rector of Seagoe from 1827 to 1879. Archdeacon Saurin is still remembered by some of our parishioners in Seagoe. His predecessor in Seagoe was the Rev. Stewart Blacker, and his successor was the late Dean Dawson.

Archdeacon Saurin died at Warrenpoint on the 11th May, 1879, and was buried at Seagoe on May 14th of that year.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A play written and produced by Miss Ashdown (a former choir member, who has gone to live in Lisburn with her family) will be given on the 6th January, 1938. Our readers are asked to keep this date in view; rehearsals have been in progress for many weeks and we are looking forward with interest to its production. Further details will be announced in our next issue.

BAPTISMS.

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

November 7th—Robert, son of William and Anna M'Clements, Lisnamallard, Omagh.

November 7th—John Nesbitt, son of Thomas Dale and Annie Elizabeth Rae, Tamnificarbet.

MARRIAGE.

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

November 27th—William James Bennett, Knockmena, and Margaret Anne Wilson, Lisniskey.

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.