

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

December	3rd—1st Sunday in Advent.
"	6th—Advent Service in Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.
"	10th—2nd Sunday in Advent.
"	11th—King's Accession.
"	13th—Advent Service in Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.
"	17th—3rd Sunday in Advent.
"	20th—Advent Service in Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.
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"	22nd
"	23rd
} Ember Days.	
"	21st—St. Thomas.
"	24th—4th Sunday in Advent.
"	Christmas Day.
"	26th—St. Stephen.
"	27th—St. John the Evangelist.
"	28th—Innocents' Day.
"	31st—Sunday after Christmas Day.

ADVENT.

Once again we find ourselves in the season of Advent, which marks the beginning of the Church's year. Each season in the Church's Calendar is meant to convey its own particular message. This is something for which we should be thankful, for the Church's seasons help us to keep a balanced view of the Christian Gospel, no aspect is overlooked. The note of Advent is suggested by the name itself—Advent means "approach," "coming"—it is the time when our thoughts are specially directed to the Comings of Christ. Advent calls us to prepare for the festival of Christmas, when we commemorate our Lord's first coming into this world as a little child. The first coming is sometimes called the Incarnation, because "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is the greatest fact in all history, it has changed and deepened our notion of God, it has enriched and ennobled our notion of our own lives, it has altered the whole course of human history. Advent stresses the amazing condescension of God in taking the initiative, it annually reminds us of that and calls us to stop

and think of the significance of it for us. That Christ came in human form is a unique fact, but it is more than an event which is past, it has a present significance for each one of us, for the Christ of Bethlehem and Galilee and Calvary is our Living Lord and Saviour. What He did in condescending love on the first Christmas Day in coming down to a weary, sin stained, selfish world, He is eternally doing for individuals in every age. To-day He wants to come into your life and mine and live in our hearts. It is only by His power that we can hope to live victoriously in these difficult days. Advent speaks of a past coming, in love and mercy, of a present coming in power to save; it also speaks of a future coming of Christ in judgment; it re-echoes St. Paul's warning, "we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Can we afford to ignore these aspects of the Advent call? Does it not call us to think afresh of these truths in order to apply them to our own individual lives? The mid-week Advent services are meant to be extra opportunities for us to draw nigh to God that He may draw nigh to us. Commencing on Wednesday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m., and on the two following Wednesdays, there will be a special intercession service in Seagoe Parish Church, with a short address. Printed leaflets containing the form of service will be used so that all may be able to join in. Now, more than ever there is need for Christians to pray fervently that God in His mercy will bring us safely through the present catastrophe which the human family was brought upon itself by the selfishness and ungodliness of past years. We need to pray that we, together with men everywhere, may be brought to realise that this is God's world and that until we respect and love His laws, we will never be free from fear and war and all the other hateful things, which make this world a Hell. God's plan for the world is, not that it should be an armed camp, bursting at intervals into the cruel slaughter of Armageddon, but that it should be a place where His children may live as members of the great human family, a place where righteousness, justice, goodness flourish. In Gal. chapter 5, verses 22, 23 we read "the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance"; these virtues we are called to make our own here and now by the power of the Living Christ working in and through us. Christians must ever strive to make these values realities in the present world in which we live.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

On Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day, there will be Holy Communion in the Parish Church at

8 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

The collections on Christmas Day will be in aid of the Parish Poor Fund. From this fund parcels are sent to the very deserving poor in our parish at this season. Many calls of need are also met from it throughout the year. The Rector will be grateful for subscriptions for this fund from those who cannot attend the Christmas Day Services.

Christmas speaks to us of God's great love in sending His Son down to this world of sin and sorrow to bring us back into happy fellowship with Himself. It is a time of happiness and joy for our hearts are filled with hope and light from the Eternal World. For many this year the shadow of war will cloud their skies, the absence of loved ones on active service will make complete family re-unions impossible; but amid the clash and noise of war the eternal message of God's love in Christ should bring light into our darkness, hope and courage for the future. The sacrifice of God in Christ began on the first Christmas Day and culminated on the Cross on Calvary. The Holy Communion service is the memorial of the Cross appointed by our Lord Himself; this suggests the appropriateness of the Holy Communion service for Christmas Day. It commemorates Christ's sacrifice, which began on the day "when for us men and for our salvation" He took upon Himself our flesh. Every communicant is specially invited to be present at His Table on Christmas Day to express thankfulness to Him, who said "This do in remembrance of Me.

CAROL SERVICE.

This will take place on Sunday evening, December 24th, at 7 p.m.

HARVEST APPEAL.

Since our last issue the following amounts have been received:—

4/—Miss L. Gracey.

2/6.—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace; Mrs. and Miss Crawford; Miss Margt. Gracey.

W.F.O. FINANCIAL YEAR.

We would remind W.F.O. subscribers and those who subscribe annually to the Sustentation Fund that the Hon. Treas. will be making out his balance sheet for the year on December 31st, when the accounts close. Money received after this date may not be acknowledged in the Parish annual report for 1939.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

The Officers of the Seago Company have decided to carry on the work of the C.L.B. in our Parish in spite of numerous difficulties brought about by war conditions.

It is the wish of the Battalion Commanding Officer that companies should endeavour to overcome any

difficulty that may arise, for during this time of national crisis the work of the C.L.B. becomes more important than ever. We are faced with a winter period of long and dark evenings, which for young people may be detrimental, if they are not occupied with some useful pursuit.

The C.L.B. offers to lads scope to follow their natural inclination to band together. In the ranks of the Brigade the best examples of esprit de corps are found. The team spirit is cultivated when each lad strives to make his squad the best, and in like manner when the squad competes for company honours. Drill is used as a means to an end, in the belief that any lad is better equipped to take his place in the world after undergoing a period of strict discipline such as is afforded by the C.L.B. The lads in our Company are trained to be obedient to their Officers and N.C.O's.; to be alert and quick in executing orders. All these aims are subsidiary to the main aim of C.L.B. work and this is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

In various ways the lads are encouraged and guided to become useful Christian citizens and to play their part in a clean and manly way, hence our motto, "Fight the Good Fight."

War or no war this fine work must go on. We appeal once more to the parents and friends of the C.L.B. to support it in whatever way they can; funds are needed, many more boys of our parish could be encouraged to join our ranks. Prizes are given to encourage Church attendance as well as for various competitions. Any parishioner can become an Honorary Member and by doing so he or she would be helping this splendid work in a very practical way. An Hon. member pays an annual subscription of 2/6, and the badge costs 1/—(E.M.)

THE COST OF THE BLACK-OUT.

The obscuring of the windows for the Evening Service entailed an extra outlay of almost £8 on material. Mr. J. H. Twinem very kindly made the curtains and fitted them gratis, thus saving considerable expense. To enable all to have a share in this necessary extra expenditure, and to save our general account, which has already more calls than it can meet, it has been decided to have a retiring collection at both services on Sunday, December 31st.

SIDESMEN FOR DECEMBER.

Morning Prayer:—The Churchwardens, Messrs. R. Scott, Wm. Hutchinson, W. R. Sherman, D. Allen.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. N. Campbell, Thos. Stanfield, H. Ellis, G. Nixon, Wm. Neil, Holmes White.

CORRECTION.

Edenderry Parochial Hall.—In last month's issue giving the list of subscribers to the heating apparatus Repair Fund the following item:—Mr. and Mrs. Roney should read Mr. and Mrs. James Roney.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Sunday, December 10th—Drumgor, 3 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 19th—Bocombra, 8 p.m.
 Sunday, December 31st—Hacknahay, 3.30 p.m.

NEW RECTORY.

We print below a summarised cash account in connection with the above, setting forth all receipts and payments up to 27th November, 1939.

It should be noted that, although this account shows a balance at the moment, yet against this there is outstanding £22, being remainder of architect's fee still unpaid; also the annual instalments of interest due on the sinking fund loan of £1,000 from the Representative Church Body. This amount borrowed is repayable over a period of 35 years at £5 7s 2d per cent. This means that an annual payment for 35 years of £53 11s 8d will wipe out the debt to R.C.B. on their loan. If the parish wishes, it can, at any time pay off part of this loan and thus reduce the annual charge by a corresponding amount.

The Select Vestry are greatly encouraged by the splendid response made up-to-date and are grateful for the help of the collectors. They hope that those who undertook to contribute over a period of five years to the building fund will, if possible, fulfil their promise regularly. If through an oversight no collector has called, subscriptions could be handed to any member of the Select Vestry or Mr. H. M. Gibson, Hon. Treas., Rathlin, Carrickblacker Road.

RECEIPTS.

Sale of Old Glebe	£1,100	19	1
Interest from R.C.B.	19	1	5
Loan from R.C.B.	1,000	0	0
Subscriptions from Parishioners	554	14	7
Interest from Belfast Savings Bank	4	2	4
	£2,678	17	5

PAYMENTS.

Contract Price of New Rectory	£2,105	0	0
Cost of Site	300	0	0
Architect on account	50	0	0
Sinking Well	55	14	6
Land Registry, Certificate & Search Fees	3	16	2
Transfer and Agreement Stamps	2	1	6
Fee for Map	1	11	6
Interest to R.C.B. (Dec., '38—June '39)	12	19	10
Insurance	0	10	10
Valentine Wilson & Co. (Costs)	12	12	0
Electricity Board for Poles	9	0	0
Gate and Posts	6	0	0
Shrubs	7	15	0
Permanent Blinds and Fixtures	10	7	6
Carting of soil	5	12	0
Expenses of Sale of Old Glebe:—			
Advertising, Stamps, P.L.V. Certificate	12	2	9
Law Costs to R.C.B.	3	3	0
Valentine Wilson & Co., Costs	25	0	0
Balance on hand	55	10	10
	£2,678	17	5

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The Hon. Treas. for the above gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

David Kane, Ballymacrandle	£0	5	0
J. Connelly, Carne	0	3	0
William Simpson, Carne	0	2	0
David Webb, Lylo	0	10	0
Jos. Ed. McMurray, Lylo	0	10	0
Misses McCormick, Lylo	0	6	0
Miss Minnie White, Lylo	0	2	6
Mrs. Henry Sinnamon, Levaghery	0	10	0
Mr. Thos. Laverty, Levaghery Gardens	0	2	6
Mrs. Heyburn, Bachelor's Walk	0	2	6
Jas. Turkington, Kernan	0	10	0
T. J. Dundas, Kernan	0	2	6
T. H. Walker, Kernan	1	0	0
	£4	6	0
Already acknowledged	£551	10	7
	£555	16	7

LEVAGHERY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Two interesting functions took place recently in Levaghery School. The first was a presentation to Mr. W. H. Best on the occasion of his recent marriage. It took the form of a beautiful tea service, which was handed over on behalf of the School to Mr. and Mrs. Best by Mr. E. Gibson. A sumptuous tea was provided, and the various popular games were played during the evening. The Rector, who presided, paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Best for the Sunday School, and wished him and Mrs. Best a long and happy married life.

On Tuesday, November 28th, about forty members of the Royal Welch Fusiliers were entertained to tea, given by the teachers and their friends. The Rector, who presided, welcomed the guests. After doing full justice to the nice things provided all settled down to a varied programme of games and vocal items. Our Welsh friends entered into the spirit of the fun and were quite at home at "The farmer wants a wife," etc. Capt. Leonard, who was accompanied by Capt. the Rev. J. E. Robertson, B.A., Chaplain, at the conclusion expressed the appreciation of the guests for the kindness shown to them. The teachers are to be congratulated on the success of the venture and on their thoughtful initiative in showing this friendly spirit towards the troops.

SUMMARY OF W.F.O. & CHURCH COLLECTIONS

(for quarter ending September 30th, 1939).

July 2nd—W.F.O... £6 4 11	Collections ..	£1 1 8
July 9th—W.F.O... 5 8 6	Collections ..	0 11 10
July 16th—W.F.O... 5 9 6	Collections ..	1 3 4
July 23rd—W.F.O... 5 3 7	Collections ..	1 2 7
July 30th—W.F.O... 6 14 7	Collections ..	1 7 0
Average per week—£6 17s 6d.		
Aug. 6th—W.F.O... £8 6 2	Collections ..	£1 2 1
Aug. 13th—W.F.O... 5 10 5	Collections ..	1 2 9
Aug. 20th—W.F.O... 7 15 8	Collections ..	0 19 11
Aug. 27th—W.F.O... 5 14 5	Collections ..	1 11 8
Average per week—£8 0s 9d.		
Sept. 3rd—W.F.O... £7 2 4	Collections ..	£1 3 2
Sept. 10th—W.F.O... 6 8 3	Collections ..	1 19 8
Sept. 17th—W.F.O... 8 11 11	Collections ..	1 12 4
Sept. 24th—W.F.O... 8 15 3	Collections ..	1 8 2
Average per week—£9 5s 3d.		

MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Thursday, November 14th, at 3.30 p.m., when a helpful talk "On things that Abide" was kindly given by the Rev. G. A. Boulger, Ardmore.

A considerable amount of knitted articles, etc., has

been sent in to the Portadown Hospital Supply Depot from the M.U. work party.

There will be no ordinary meeting in December, but instead the members are asked to attend the Advent Service in Church on Wednesday, December 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

ARMISTICETIDE.

The annual Remembrance Day Service took place in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, November 12th, at 11.30 a.m. The British Legion members did not parade as was expected, but the collection for the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund was as good as in former years.

There was a fine turn-out of the Seagoe C.L.B. Company, under Capt. E. Mitchell. After the service in Church a wreath was laid at the Parish War Memorial at the Church gates by the C.L.B.

An inspiring sermon was preached by the Ven. A. G. Hannon, M.A., Archdeacon of Dromore. P.O.S.

Before the end of December the collectors for the Armagh Protestant Orphan Society will again be making their annual round. It is hoped that, as in former years our parishioners will make a generous response to this most worthy cause. Though many calls are being made on our purses, the cause of the orphan must always have a prior claim on our sympathy.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In spite of the very inclement weather a well attended meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers took place in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Wednesday, November 29th, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided, and a most interesting and helpful discussion took place on the aims, difficulties and opportunities of a Sunday School teacher.

At the present time there is a great need in our Parish for more teachers. Here is an opportunity for men and women in our parish to come forward and offer their services for this vital work. The Rector would be glad to have the names of any who would like to help in this capacity. It will be a sad day if our Sunday Schools are handicapped for lack of teachers; it is a service that requires no great learning or skill but a keen earnestness to serve Christ and His

Church, for the Sunday School is meant to be the link between the child and the Church. In these days of secularism and apathy the Church looks to its faithful members to help in this way.

TWO SEAGOE STALWARTS.

We are glad that Mr. T. H. Wilson is well enough to take his place at the organ again after his recent indisposition. He has been playing the organ for over sixty years.

Another fine record is that of Mr. Joseph Monroe, who has been Sustentation Collector and later W.F.O. distributor for over sixty years, and he is still rendering valued help in this capacity.

OBITUARY.

The late John Adams came to reside in Levaghery a few years ago. His sterling Christian character endeared him to all who knew him. After a comparatively short illness he passed away in Lurgan Hospital. Kathleen Sharpe was in failing health for some time; during a trying illness she was bright and cheerful to the end. Rosina Glassey underwent a serious operation in Belfast. She leaves a young family to mourn her loss. To all the bereaved we express our deep sympathy, and pray that God may strengthen and comfort them in their sorrow.

BAPTISMS.

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

4th Nov.—Anna Rachel Patricia and Mabel Moira Hazel, daughters of Robert John and Mabel Lavery, Kilvergan.

BURIALS.

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

13th Oct.—Henry Wiggins, 36, Sarah Street, Portadown, aged 65 years.

1st Nov.—John Henry Adams, Levaghery, aged 61 years.

3rd Nov.—Kathleen Sharpe, 29 James St., Portadown, aged 19 years.

7th Nov.—Rosina Glassey, Tarson, aged 39 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 to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. 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 3 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Oct—Easter.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licences are issued by Ven. Archdeacon Hannon, the 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 £1, 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.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10.15 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.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m. as announced.

G.F.S. CANDIDATES—Oct.—Easter, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

SEAGOE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY—Mondays, Orange Hall, at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL—9.15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.