

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## CLERGY:

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## CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—S. McCORMICK.  
People's—J. G. GRACEY, J.P.

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

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH.

- March 3rd—4th Sunday in Lent.  
Preacher at 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Rev. J.  
I. Lea, B.A.
- March 6th—Mid-week Lenten Service at 8 p.m.
- March 7th—Missionary Meeting in Edenderry at  
8 p.m.
- March 10th—5th Sunday in Lent.  
Monthly Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.
- March 13th—Mid-week Lenten Service at 8 p.m.
- March 17th—6th Sunday in Lent.  
St. Patrick's Day.
- March 18th—Monday before Easter. Service in Church  
at 8 p.m.
- March 19th—Tuesday before Easter. Service in Church  
at 8 p.m.
- March 20th—Wednesday before Easter. Service in  
Church at 8 p.m.
- March 21st—Thursday before Easter. Service in  
Church at 8 p.m.
- March 22nd—Good Friday.  
Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer at 8 p.m.
- March 24th—Easter Day.
- March 28th—Annual General Easter Vestry.
- March 31st—1st Sunday after Easter.

## THE MAGAZINE.

With this month's issue of Seagoe Parish Magazine we enter upon another year in its long and useful history, and once again we take the opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to those who help by giving advertisements. Without advertisements it would not be possible to print it at all, as the 2d per copy for which it is sold barely meets half the cost of printing. We hope that our readers when on their shopping rounds will support as far as they can, the shops whose advertisements appear in the Magazine.

We are grateful, too, to Mr. E. Mitchell and the members of the C.L.B. for their help in distributing it each month. Owing to war conditions in the printing trade it

has not always been possible to have it printed in time for distribution as early in the month as we would have liked. This explains why on a few occasions recently it appeared rather late. To obviate this we will try and go to Press earlier in future, but sometimes it may be difficult to avoid and we hope that our readers will understand and not expect too much in these difficult times.

The cost of paper and printing has risen considerably owing to the war, and if the Magazine is to pay its way every available copy must be sold each month—at present there are about 30 copies unsold each month. It should not be difficult to find 30 new readers for 1940, and it would be a great help, if those who take the Magazine would encourage new readers. If you know of any one who would like a copy each month give the name and address to Mr. E. Mitchell, Seafield, Lurgan Road, or to one of the clergy and arrangements will be made for a distributor to call each month.

1940 will be a critical year, so while thanking those who have been regular readers in the past, we appeal for their continued support. A parish magazine plays a useful part in our parochial life both as a permanent record and as a means for disseminating information.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

### Holy Week Services.

Beginning on Monday, March 18th, there will be a service each evening in the Parish Church at 8 p.m., up to and including Good Friday evening. The addresses will centre round the Cross of Christ and its bearing on modern life. Here is an opportunity for us to meditate once again on this stupendous fact and to test our lives by its standard. For St. Paul the Cross was "the power of God unto Salvation." It can be the same for us if only we would hear its message and appropriate for ourselves its power. In these times of perplexity, when the human race is being rent asunder by the forces of evil, we cannot afford to shirk the issues with which Calvary confronts us. Only at the foot of Christ's Cross can we find release from our sins, a realization of the invincible love of God, which is stronger than death and sin, only there can we be assured that God, and those who are on

God's side, can never be defeated. It speaks to us of:—

“All our redemption cost,  
All our redemption won;  
All it has won for us the lost,  
All it cost Him, the Son.”

#### Good Friday.

Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 8 p.m.

The collections on Good Friday will, as usual, be in aid of the Church of Ireland Jews' Society.

#### Easter Day.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
11.30 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

All communicants are earnestly requested to be present at the Lord's Table on Easter Day. For the Christian it is a day of glad thanksgiving, and the Holy Communion service is the thanksgiving service instituted by our Lord Himself. It is the Resurrection which transforms the Cross from a tragedy into a triumph. If Christ had not risen St. Paul said: "Your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins"; "but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." If there had been no Easter Day, how utterly without hope we would be. Death and the grave, until Christ rose, were for men full of gloom and despair. For the Christian they are robbed of their terror, they mean not the end of all things but a new beginning, a passing into fuller life in Christ's nearer presence. Easter fills us with hope for the future, but it also has just as vital a message for us in this life—He who was crucified and died, lives and we can have His presence to strengthen and guide us here and now. He invites us to come to Him that He may refresh and strengthen us for the battle of life. It is He, who says "This do in remembrance of Me."

#### MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Thursday, February 8th, when an appropriate address was given by Captain Tatnall, C.A.

The next monthly meeting will take place in THE PAROCHIAL HALL, EDEN-DERRY, on THURSDAY, MARCH 7th, at 8 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. E. J. Mackie (Chile).

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVINGS.

Two of these annual functions took

place recently at Levaghery and Drumgor. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Hayes presided at Levaghery, where after a short programme, tea and games, the prizes were presented by Miss Bradshaw.

At Drumgor the prizes were presented by Mrs. Appelbe, after tea and the usual popular games a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

We are grateful to the superintendents and teachers in these Sunday Schools for their steady and devoted service. Both halls are in good repair and have been greatly improved by the addition of new forms with backs.

#### DISTRICT SERVICES FOR MARCH.

Drumgor—Sunday, March 10th, at 3 p.m.

Bocombra—Thursday, March 14th, at 8 p.m.

Hacknahay—Sunday, March 31st, at 3.30 p.m.

#### HACKNAHAY SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

(For year ending Dec. 31st, 1939.)

##### RECEIPTS.

Sunday Collections	...	£2	3	6	
Harvest	...	...	3	2	6
Classes	...	...	1	0	0
Rent	...	...	3	9	4
Concert	...	...	2	6	6
Balance from 1938	...	7	14	8	

£19 16 6

##### PAYMENTS.

South American M. Society	...	£1	0	0	
Prizes	...	...	4	6	6
Forms	...	...	2	3	6
Rates	...	...	0	19	0
Coal, oil, repairs, etc.	...	...	3	5	0
Caretaker	...	...	0	15	0
Balance in hand	...	7	7	6	

£19 16 6

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

It is hoped that the financial report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1939, will be in the hands of parishioners before Easter. We are glad to note that it shows a decided improvement in the state of our parochial finances. They are now in a healthy position but if this happy state of affairs is to continue our W.F.O. envelopes must be sent in regularly. Any parishioner requiring a set of envelopes can have them by applying to Mr. J. H. Twinem, Hon. W.F.O. Secretary.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES.**

During Lent there is a special intercession service each Wednesday in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. It is a pity that so few think it worth their while to attend. Never in the world's history was there a greater need for those who profess Christ's name to join in prayer that God's will may be done, His name hallowed, his Kingdom come. We need to pray for ourselves that we may be shown what God's will is and given the strength to do it; we need to pray for our country and its statesmen and for all in authority, for the overthrow of evil and for the re-establishment of a true and lasting peace in the world. We know not what may lie ahead, there must be many set-backs, disappointments and heavy burdens, but if we link ourselves to God in prayer, the worst that the future holds in store will not find us unprepared.

**The Overseas Work of the Church.**

During the month of March there will be two special preachers, who will deal with Missionary work. On March 3rd at both services in the Parish Church the preacher will be the Rev. J. I. Lea, B.A., C.M.S. Secretary, Belfast. At these two services Lenten self-denial envelopes will be available, in which an offering can be placed for the work of the Church Missionary Society. These envelopes will be given out on Sunday, March 3rd, and can be placed in the boxes in the Church porch or put on the plate on Sunday, March 10th. There are many calls on people's generosity in these days, many of them are pressing, but there is a danger that we will allow these to crush out of our minds the prior claim of the extension of Christ's Kingdom amongst those, who know Him not. In our own parish there are pressing needs to be met, but this is no excuse for being selfish or self-centred. There are misguided people, who would say that it is waste to send money abroad when there is so much need at home. This is a fatal mistake, the kind of a mistake which Judas made, when he criticised Mary for giving expression to her love for Christ by anointing him with the precious ointment. "Less for Christ; more for the poor," "Less for foreign missions, more for the Church at home," are false and misleading mottoes. The more we give to

Christ, the more we will give to the poor; if we are stingy with Christ there is very little likelihood that we will be generous to others. No church or parish ever suffered because they supported generously the work of the Church in foreign fields, the reverse is true the Church that tries to help the missionary cause is never hard pressed to find money for its home work. If men and women refuse to help Christ in extending His Kingdom abroad, there is not much hope of their supporting His Kingdom at home. The individual or the parish that turns a deaf ear to the missionary appeal is spiritually dead.

On Thursday, March 7th, in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Mothers' Union there will be a meeting, which will be addressed by the Rev. E. J. Mackie, who has worked in Chile under the South American Missionary Society. This should be of special interest to us in Seago as the South American Missionary Society has always been well supported by this parish. This meeting will be open to all parishioners and their friends and a good attendance is requested.

**GENERAL EASTER VESTRY.**

The annual General Easter Vestry for this parish will meet in THE PAROCHIAL HALL, EDENDERRY, on Thursday, March 28th, at 8 p.m. All registered vestrymen and vestrywomen are entitled to attend. The main function of this annual meeting is to elect a Churchwarden and twelve members of the Select Vestry for the ensuing year.

**NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.**

The Hon. Treas. for the above gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions since our last issue.

Mr. George Connolly, Carne ...	£0	3	0
Mr. Wm. Simpson, Carne ...	0	2	0
Mr. E. R. Betty, Margretta Park	1	0	0
Mr. Wm. Sherman, Carrick-			
blacker Road ...	5	0	0
Miss Marshall, Shaldene, Bridge			
Street ..	1	0	0
	£7	5	0
Already acknowledged	£589	18	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>£597</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE.**

Since the commencement of the year

attendances in Church on Sundays have been poor; this no doubt is partly due to inclement weather conditions and the prevalence of influenza and colds. Now with the approach of spring weather and the early introduction of summer time, which will lessen considerably the length of the "black-out" period in the evenings, it is hoped the congregations will improve.

**SIDESMEN FOR MARCH.**

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. Wm. Hutchinson, W. R. Sherman, J. Stephens, J. Ward.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. J. Walker, A. Kirke, Wm. Hewitt, J. McLaughlin, D. Allen, H. Ellis.

**THE CHURCH ARMY MISSION.**

From Sunday, Feb. 18th, a ten day series of Evangelistic Services are being conducted in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, by Captain Atkinson and Capt. Tatnall. We are grateful to the Seagoe Christian Endeavour Society for their help in advertising these services.

From Sunday, March 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. a similar series of services will be held in Carne Hall, after which the van will proceed to a neighbouring parish.

The Church Army Captains have kindly undertaken responsibility for the addresses at the mid-week Lenten Services in the Parish Church on Wednesdays during their stay in the parish.

**OBITUARY.**

We are sorry to have to record the passing from our midst of Mrs. Craig, Levaghery, and Mr. John Sandford, Lylo. Mrs. Craig, though not in robust health for some time, was up and about as usual. Her "Home-call" came quite suddenly. She will be greatly missed in her home; she was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Mr. Sandford came to reside in this parish some years ago and though he remained a member of St. Mark's Parish until the end he did not forget his duty to Seagoe.

To the bereaved we express our sincere sympathy and pray that God in His mercy will comfort and sustain 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 February—William Samuel, son of Thomas and Mary Ryans, 5, Carrickblacker Avenue, Portadown.

**BURIALS.**

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

6th February—Alice Jane Craig, Levaghery, aged 72 years.

7th February—John Sandford, Lylo Hse., aged 74 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.