

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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"It all depends on me and I depend on God"

CLERGY:

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CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—GEORGE LEAKE.

People's—J. R. REID.

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

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST.

August 4th—11th Sunday after Trinity.

August 6th—The Transfiguration of our Lord.

August 11th—12th Sunday after Trinity.
Monthly Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.

August 13th—Mothers' Union at 7.30 p.m. in Seagoe
School.

August 18th—13th Sunday after Trinity.

August 24th—St. Bartholomew. z

August 25th—14th Sunday after Trinity.
Monthly Service in Hacknahay at 3.30
p.m.

CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop confirmed thirty boys and thirty-four girls, all belonging to the Parish, on Friday, July 5th, at 8 p.m. The following are the names of those confirmed:—Desmond Gillespie; Thomas Currie, David Magee; Samuel Kearns; Nelson Hall; William Simpson, Alfred Guy; Cecil Gracey; Victor M'Neill; Walker Vennard; William Best; Wilson Roney, Robert Alexander; Kenneth Pentland; James M'Cormick; William Carville; Eric Gilpin; Bertie Ellis; Victor Ellis; William Montgomery; William Hall; David Moore; Brian M'Court; George Hunter; Sydney Guy; Thomas Walsh, Samuel McKay, Roy Stanfield; Robert Stanfield; Henry Abraham; Rhoda Marsden, Dorothy Milligan; Helen Sharpe, Lila Rainey; Annie Sharpe; Maud Irwin; Dorothy Fletcher; Ray Lyness; Irene Gracey; Isobel Kirk; Willo Hoy; Ada Lester; Isobel Ruddell; Dorothy Ruddell; Betty Metcalf; Helen M'Murray; Lilian Campbell; Ethel Treanor; Maureen Lyness; Molly Maxwell; Millicent Hoy; Hilda Walker; Hannah Simpson; Gwen Major; Hazel M'Crory; Evelyn Roney; Muriel Donaldson; Adeline Walsh; Edna Montgomery; Viola Morrison; Violet Creeny; Ruby Russell; Susan Anderson, Margaret Ann Metcalf.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN AIR RAID.

The above was chosen as his subject by the Rev.

H. O'Connor, M.B.E., when addressing the congregation present at the annual Orange Anniversary Service held on Sunday evening, July 7th, and in a most helpful way he stressed the need for A.R.P., which he developed as follows:—

"Acquaint thyself with God"—Job. chap. 22, verse 21.

"Repent and be converted"—Acts, chap. 3, v. 19.

"Prepare to meet thy God"—Amos, chap 4, v. 12.

In these verses are contained thoughts which are essential for us all in these difficult days. It is only by keeping in touch with God by public worship and private prayer that we can get the spiritual strength we need. We hear much about the necessity of keeping up the public morale, in plain language this simply means that men and women are needed, who are calm and confident in days of anxiety and strain, and who are brave and courageous in the midst of disappointment and suffering. These qualities are all matters of the soul and will only be found in those whose inner lives are strengthened and nourished by communion with God.

The present world catastrophe in the last resort is due to man's sin, his refusal to live in God's world as God's child. Hitlerism and Fascism are the outward symptoms of this deep-seated evil in the soul of man. It is not God's will that twentieth century man should use his God-given powers and his God-given scientific knowledge to destroy and waste human life and property. It is the result of human sin, Christianity is again being attacked by the forces of paganism which it met and vanquished in the early centuries of our era. But here is a point which we must not neglect—are our hands clean as a nation and as individuals? Are our consciences guiltless? It is true we have not organised our national and private life on the Nazi or Fascist basis, but nevertheless, the canker of secularism is much in evidence since the last war. God was not publicly denounced, but He has been ignored, His commandments have been set aside, Christ's teaching has been treated with contempt in many quarters. That this is no exaggeration can be seen, when we recall to mind facts like these which cry out in our midst:—the neglect of public worship on the Lord's Day; the refusal to apply Christ's teaching to problems like unemployment; the appalling revelations of the divorce courts; the turning of a deaf ear to the appeal of the Foreign Missionary Societies for financial help to enable them to cope with amazing opportunities in India, China, Africa and elsewhere to ex-

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tend the knowledge of Christ; the absence of self-discipline and self-sacrifice in many lives; (It is interesting, that a leading French Statesman recently gave this as the reason for the downfall of France); the secularising of education, the gambling traffic in football pools and dog and horse racing. These are some of the evils which are only too obvious in Christian Britain. Unless we "repent and be converted" we may win the war but we will never win the peace.

This present war is different from all preceding wars in this that the distinction between soldier and civilian no longer holds good in the matter of risk. There is a sense in which it is true to say, that every resident in these islands is on active service, it has often been pointed out that in this struggle the members of the civilian population are now called upon to share the risks and the suffering, which hitherto were borne only by those in the fighting services. This means that just as the soldier, sailor or airman has always to accept the possibility of death, as a result of his position; so too in these days, we on the home front, are no longer immune; if we are all in a sense combatants now, we must accept the consequences. For the Christian there is nothing terrifying in this, for he knows, with St. Paul, "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Are we ready suddenly to pass into the nearer presence of God? If we live as in His Presence here day by day we need have no fear of coming closer to Him in the Life beyond the grave.

MOTHERS' UNION.

There was a large attendance of members at the afternoon meeting held in the Rectory on Thursday, July 25th. Considering the very wet weather during the preceding weeks, it was fortunate that the day was comparatively fine, so that after tea indoors all present were able to enjoy the fine view and good Killicomaine air for an hour out of doors. Mrs. Marks did good work for the Red Cross by collecting 11/- from those present with the help of tea-leaves! Others tried their skill at putting, and Mrs. Hoy returned the best score, for which she received a prize.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13th, in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped there will be a special speaker.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

All Sunday Schools in the Parish will be resumed on

Sunday, August 11th, when it is hoped that all children and teachers will be in their respective schools refreshed and ready for another year's work.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

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

Mr. J. R. Reid, Killicomaine Road	..	£5	0	0
Mr. David McKane, Ballymacrandle	..	0	5	0
		£5	5	0
Already acknowledged	..	642	5	7
Total	..	£647	10	7

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

We congratulate all concerned, and especially the Honorary Secretary, on the healthy state of the recent Excursion accounts. The committee is in the happy position of possessing a substantial balance, which has been put into the keeping of the Select Vestry until such time as it is needed. We print below a detailed statement, which sets out very clearly the income and expenditure.

INCOME.

461 Adult Rail Tickets at 2/6	..	£57	12	6
239½ Adult Refreshment Tickets	..	11	19	6
256 Children's Rail and Refreshment Tickets	32	0	0	
Allowance on Catering Account	..	0	10	0
Total		£102	2	0

EXPENSES.

By 719 Railway Tickets, G.N.R.	..	£56	18	5
Catering A/c (Messrs. Davison)	..	27	0	0
Hire of Hall and Field	..	1	0	0
Printing Account	..	0	18	6
Insurance of Children	..	1	0	0
Bill posting account	..	0	2	6
Gratuities	..	0	12	6
Incidental expenses and postages	..	0	4	6
Balance on hands	..	14	5	7
Total		£102	2	0

To Balance on hands—£14 5s 7d.

R. MC'CLEMENTS (Treasurer).

W. HUTCHINSON (Secretary).

SIDESMEN:

AUGUST.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. J. H. Twinem, R. Scott, T. Maginnis, J. Ward.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. Holmes White, N. Campbell, Wm. Hewitt, H. Ellis, Wm. Neill, J. M'Loughlin.

SEPTEMBER.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. Geo. Wilson, D. F. Stoops, J. Gee, T. Stanfield.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. J. Walker, D. Allen, R. M'Murray, A. Kirke, W. H. Best, G. Nixon.

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DISTRICT SERVICES.

Drumgor—Sunday, August 11th, at 3 p.m.

Hacknahay—Sunday, August 25th, at 3.30 p.m.

EDENDERRY BRING AND BUY SALE.

The Edenderry Parochial Hall Committee hope to run a "Bring and Buy Sale" in the near future, in order to raise money to keep the finances out of debt. The date will be announced in Church. The idea is as the title suggests, that you bring something in the way of provisions, garden or farm produce, or something of a similar nature and this is placed on a stall for sale. The "black-out" last winter considerably reduced the income for the letting of the hall, and so an effort must be made to find money for running expenses, heating, etc.

It is hoped that our parishioners, both in town and country, will help the committee by their gifts and by their presence at the sale.

BAPTISMS.

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

July 7th—Robert Norman, son of James Alexander and Elizabeth Liggett, 4, Watson's Lane, Portadown.

July 7th—Christina, daughter of Joseph Alexander and Margaret M'Crory, 20, Florence Court, Portadown.

July 7th—Thelma, daughter of James and Minnie M'Cann, 1, Florence Court, Portadown.

July 7th—George Courtney, son of George and Lucy Hewitt, 6, Railway Street, Portadown.

July 7th—Sophia Carolyn Murray, daughter of John and Sophia Victoria Dobbin, "Innishmore," Eden Crescent, Portadown.

MARRIAGES.

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

8th July—George Barrington, 77, Grosvenor Road, Urmston, Manchester, and Sarah Coulter, Ballyhannon.

10th July—Thomas John Liggett, Mullaglass, Scarva, and Mary Preston, Lylo, Portadown.

11th July—William M'Murray, Ballygargan, Portadown, and Annie Magee, Kernan.

BURIALS.

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

July 20th—Martha Maginn, 42, Enfield Street, Belfast, aged 80 years.

July 26th—Sarah Roney, Railway Street, Portadown.

MRS. MARGARET PORTER.

We regret that Mrs. Margaret Porter has felt obliged to give up her position of caretaker of Seagoe P.E.S., a position which she has faithfully fulfilled for a number of years. Mrs. Porter never spared herself, and her bright and obliging disposition endeared her to us all. No matter what function or meeting was held in the School she was always behind the scenes. We are grateful for her unselfish and devoted service, and we pray that she may be long spared to enjoy her well-earned rest. We are glad to know that she is well on the way to recovery after her recent indisposition.

WANTED A CARETAKER FOR SEAGOE P.E.S.

Owing to Mrs. Porter's retirement applications are invited for the above position. Particulars as to duties, etc., can be had from Mr. G. Leake, hon. sec., Seagoe Select Vestry, to whom also applications should be made in writing. It would suit someone living fairly near the school, as in winter time the furnace has to be lighted early to have the School heated in time for 9.30 a.m.

OBITUARY.

We regret the passing of Mrs. Roney after a long and trying illness. For six years she had been confined to bed, but in spite of this she was always bright and cheerful and she bore her weakness with courage and fortitude. To her son, who is serving in H.M. Forces, and to her husband and relatives we tender our sympathy, and pray that God may strengthen and sustain them in their sorrow.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

I knew a man and his name was Horner,
Who used to live in Grumble Corner;
Grumble Corner in Cross-Patch Town,
And he never was seen without a frown.
He grumbled at this; he grumbled at that;
He growled at the dog; he growled at the cat;
He grumbled at morn; he grumbled at night;
To grumble and growl was his chief delight!
He grumbled so much at his wife, that she
Began to Grumble as well as he,
And all the children, wherever they went,
Reflected their parents' discontent.
If the sky was dark and betokened rain;
Then Mr. Horner was sure to complain.

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And if there was not a cloud about,
He'd grumble because of a threatened drought.
His meals were never to suit his taste;
He grumbled at having to eat them in haste;
The bread was poor, the steak was tough,
Or else he hadn't had half enough.
No matter how hard his wife might try
To please her husband, with scornful eye
He'd look around, and then with a scowl
At something or other, begin to growl.

One day, as I loitered along the street,
My old acquaintance I chanced to meet,
Whose face was without the look of care,
And the ugly frown he used to wear,
"I may be mistaken, perhaps," I said,
As after saluting I turned my head.
"But it is, and it isn't, Mr. Horner,
Who lived so long in Grumble Corner."

I met him next day, and I met him again,
In melting weather, in pouring rain,
When stocks were up, and when stocks were down,
But a smile somehow had replaced the frown.
It puzzled me much, and so one day,
I seized his hand in a friendly way,

And said: "Mr. Horner, I'd like to know
What can have happened to change you so?"
He laughed a laugh that was good to hear,
For it told of a conscience calm and clear,
And he said, with none of the old-time drawl:
"Why, I've changed my residence, that is all!"
"Changed your residence?" "Yes," said Horner,
"It wasn't healthy in Grumble-Corner,
And so I've moved; 'twas a change complete;
And you'll find me now in Thanksgiving Street!"

Now, every day, as I move along
The streets so filled with the busy throng;
I watch each face, and can always tell
Where men, and women, and children dwell;
And many a discontented mourner
Is spending his days in Grumble Corner,
Sour and sad, whom I long to entreat
To take a house in Thanksgiving Street!

(The above poem recently appeared in a literary paper and it is worth printing, as it expresses the Christian duty of thanksgiving. St. Paul would endorse it, for did he not say? "Giving thanks always for all things to God.")

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 Rev. W. J. Gransden, 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.