

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.



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OLD SEAGOE CHURCH.

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This ruin marks the site of one of the most ancient Christian settlements in Ireland. Tradition asserts that here St. Gobhan built a House of Prayer in the sixth century. The "House of Gobhan" is mentioned in the annals of the Four Masters an ancient Irish Manuscript, in the year 700 A.D. The Church was burned during the Rebellion of 1641, and was then re-built and used for Divine Service until 1816, when the present Church was built.

## LIST OF SERVICES:

### HOLY COMMUNION.

On the 1st Sunday of each month after Morning Prayer, and on the 3rd Sunday of each Month at 8 a.m. ; also on the Chief Festivals of the Church.

### HOLY BAPTISMS.

On the 1st Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. ; also at any of the Public Services of the Church if notice is given,

(N.B.—Two sponsors are required in the case of each child brought for Baptism.)

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

11-30 a.m., Morning Prayer ; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer.  
 Drumgor Church Hall—2nd Sunday of each Month at 3-45 p.m.  
 Hacknahay School—Last Sunday of Month at 3-45 p.m.

### WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Divine Service is held in the Parish Church every Wednesday Evening at 7-30 p.m., and during the Winter Months in Hacknahay School on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

### BIBLE CLASS.

Every Sunday Morning at 10 o'clock Classes are held—

FOR MEN in the Wooden Hall, Edenderry, and in the Seagoe Orange Hall.

FOR WOMEN in the Reading Room, Edenderry, and in Seagoe Parochial Schools.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

MORNING at 10 p.m.—Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe.

AFTERNOON at 3 p.m. - Edenderry Hall, Seagoe School, Levaghery, Lylo(Bluestone), Drumgor, Carne

**MARRIAGES** may take place in the Parish Church between hours of 8 a.m. & 3 p.m

**FUNERALS** will be attended by the Parochial Clergy if due notice be given

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*“Jesus, the Door.”*

“ I am only a little child, dear Lord,  
And my feet are stained already with sin,

But they said You had sent the children word  
To come to the Gate and enter in.”

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1907.

## CLERGY :

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,  
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,  
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.


## Churchwardens :

MR. ATKINSON COSTELLO, Carne.  
MR. T. E. MAGINNIS, Ballydonaghy.

## Select Vestry :

ALBIN, MR. JAMES	MONTGOMERY, MR. J.
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.	MONTGOMERY, MR. T. J.
COSTELLO, MR. ANDREW	MURRAY, MR. J.
GRACEY, MR. ROBERT	M'DOWELL, MR. WM. J.
LAVERY, MR. J.	ROCK, MR. DAVID
MONRO, MR. JOSEPH	STEVENSON, MR. J. H.
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.,	Secretary and Treasurer.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



VERY Happy New Year to all our Readers at Home and Abroad. We trust that the prosperity in temporal affairs which has marked the past year will continue during 1907, and that in spiritual things also we shall go forward until we reach the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Let this New Year be a year new in good resolutions, new in Christian efforts, new in Heavenly hopes; and so shall we become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

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## OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 2—1st Sunday in Advent	2	11	10			
„ „— „ „	1	7	4	1	5	6
„ 9—2nd „ „	0	16	6	0	15	1
„ 16—3rd „ „	0	1	9			
„ „— „ „	0	19	10	0	14	7
„ 23—4th „ „	1	2	1	0	13	4
„ 25—Christmas Day	0	13	4			
„ 25— „	1	19	3			
„ 30—Sunday after Xmas	0	6	3	0	9	3
Week Nights				0	7	7
	£9	18	2	£4	5	4

## Baptisms.

“As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ.”

- Dec. 1—Mary Jane, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Stewart, Edenderry.  
 „ „—James, son of James and Susanna Rea, Kernan.  
 „ „—Anna, daughter of Wm. and Jane Thompson, Drumgor.  
 „ „—Elizabeth, daughter of John and Ellen Jane Loney, Edenderry.  
 „ „—Robert Edward, son of Wm. Edward and Hester Ann Ryan, Kernan.

## Marriages.

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

- Dec. 8—Thomas Cole, Portadown, to Eliza Jane Wallace, Balteagh.  
 „ 22—Joseph Freeburn, Edenderry, to Sarah Stothers, Edenderry.  
 „ 28—Wm. Montgomery, Portadown, to Anne Flannigan, Edenderry.  
 Jan. 1—William Sherman, Edenderry, to Margretta Sweeney, Edenderry.  
 „ 2—William Pentland, Govan, Glasgow, to Sarah Connor, Edenderry.

## Burials.

“I know that my Redeemer liveth.”

- Dec. 13—Samuel Coulter, Edenderry, aged 55 years.  
 „ 14—Eliza Mayes, Levaghery, aged 40 years.  
 „ 25—Robert Major, Edenderry, aged 1½ years.  
 „ „—Robert Magee, Meadow Lane, aged 24 yrs.  
 „ 26—Jane M'Anulty, Drumgor, aged 73 years.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mayes and her son, of Levaghery, in the very sudden death of Miss Mayes, which took place on December 14th, after a very brief illness. When all around are rejoicing with Christmas joy, we cannot forget the homes upon which the cloud of sorrow rests.

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## C. L. B.

The Drumgor Detachment meets in Drumgor Church Hall on each Monday evening, at eight o'clock. The Captain of the Seagoe Company (Rev. J. E. Archer) has promoted Private John M'Mullan to the rank of sergeant, and Private Henry J. Best to the rank of corporal. The Drumgor lads deserve great credit for the way in which they have persevered in Brigade work. We are anxious to see a revival of interest in the C. L. B. amongst the lads in all parts of the Parish. The C. L. B. provides a splendid training for our growing youth in discipline, self-respect, and Christian manliness.

**OUR ADVENT SERVICES.**

The Special Services held in the Parish Church during Advent were very well attended. On Sunday evenings the Special Lectures on "Four Famous Bishops of the Church of Ireland" excited considerable interest. It was quite a new departure, but it seems to have been amply justified by the attention displayed by the large congregations who were present on each evening. A great deal of most useful information respecting the history of the Church was given by the preachers, and many of our people learned, possibly for the first time in their life, what a wealth of knowledge, eloquence, and, better still, of consecrated spiritual power, has marked the history of our Church in all ages. One result of these Advent Lectures should be that our people would begin without delay to study for themselves the history of the Church. We hope that before long the Lives of the four Bishops—Berkeley, Taylor, Bedell, and Ussher—may find a place on the shelves of our Portadown Free Library, and be accessible to our readers.

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES.**

A selection of Christmas carols was sung after evening service on the Sunday before Christmas. They were quaint and tuneful, and reminded us of Christmas in bygone days.

We had a goodly number of Communicants on Christmas Day, especially at the early morning service, when thirty-five were present. Possibly the snowfall interfered with the attendance at the late service, which was somewhat smaller than usual.

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**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.**

A most successful general meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, in the Parochial Hall. Miss G. Atkinson generously provided tea. Miss Calvert and Mrs. M'Mullan brought in their branches from Hacknahay and Drumgor. After tea, Miss Walker sang "Kathleen Mavourneen" and "A Mission of a Rose" in her usual finished way. Recitations were given by Mr. T. Atkinson and Rev. J. Taylor, and a dialogue was well rendered by Miss M. Smith and the Misses Chambers. Games were then entered into with great spirit, and after a hearty vote of thanks to those who had contributed to make the meeting a success, the party separated, having spent a most delightful afternoon.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL TICKETS.**

All the children are required to return the tickets they have earned during the year to their Superintendent. They should take care that the morning tickets are not mixed up with the afternoon ones. The sooner all the tickets are returned the sooner will the prizes be given out.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

Now that the beginning of the year has come we hope that all the parents in the Parish will see that their children begin to attend the various Sunday Schools diligently. It is not when the year is half over that it is time to begin, and many a child has been deprived of a prize because a beginning was not made in time. We often notice a carelessness in this respect on the part of the parents, and the sooner this is remedied the better. Also, as the prizes now depend on the learning of the lessons as well as attendance, we would urge on the parents the necessity of seeing that their children prepare them.

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**CARNE NEWS.**

An examination of this Sunday School was conducted by the Rector and Mr. Taylor. The answering on the whole was very fair and in some cases extremely good. It reflects great credit on the Superintendent and Teachers, and testifies to the good work which is being done in this district. We hope that the children will give even a better account of themselves next Xmas, and we would urge the teachers and children to keep the examination in view during the whole year.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

The new Calendar will be ready for Sunday, January 6th. The Scripture subject for the year will be "The Miracles and Parables of Our Lord." There will also be suitable Hymns and portions of Scripture to be learned, and the Church Catechism, with Proofs, has been conveniently arranged in short portions easy to commit to memory. For the senior classes the Collects have been chosen as a suitable and useful subject for study.

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**THE DAY SCHOOL.**

At the recent Inspection of our Parochial Schools the Chief Government Inspector (Mr Smith) expressed himself well pleased with the progress of the pupils and the arrangements of the school-rooms. The classes for needlework conducted by our assistant teacher, Miss Bailey, called for his special approval and the work done was characterised as "excellent." During the holidays a much needed improvement has been carried out in the Girls' School by the fitting up of a new stove and flue. The school re-opens on Monday, January 7th, when we hope to see a full attendance of the old pupils as well as many new ones. Parents should see that their children attend the Church Parochial Schools, which are under the immediate supervision of the clergy, and where religious instruction is regularly imparted to the children by the clergy of the Church.

**MEN'S RECREATION ROOM.**

The Room has been well patronised by the men of the district during the past quarter, and especially at the Christmas holidays. On the afternoon of Christmas Day there was an open shooting competition for a goose. A great many entered for it, and the competition was very keen. A return shooting match with the Lurgan sharpshooters took place during December, and the Seagoe men displayed fine form, being beaten by this champion team by only 26 points. Games are played in the Room each night. The ever-popular Draughts and Dominoes have recently succumbed to the attractions of "Ludo." At a recent meeting of the members Mr. Mawhinney was appointed assistant secretary, and he has given good help in the Rooms since his appointment. Mr. Ernest Holland, our hon. treasurer, has been indefatigable in his efforts for the success of the Room. We hope for a large accession of new members during this new term. Every man in Edenderry should join the Rooms. Don't hang about the corners, but spend your evenings in the *Seagoe Men's Recreation Rooms*. Subscription, 1/- per quarter.

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**EDENDERRY MUSICAL CLASS.**

This class which met on Tuesday evenings in the Parochial Hall under the very efficient instruction of Mr Horace Wilson, organist of St. Mark's, was well attended up till the few concluding nights when several were unavoidably prevented from coming. The next session begins on Tuesday, January 15th, and we hope that all will take advantage of this very useful class. The fee is a very moderate one—Two shillings for the term.

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**EDENDERRY ELOCUTION CLASS.**

This class has just been started, and parents should take advantage of it to send their children, and have them taught this most useful accomplishment. It will give the young people confidence and take them out of themselves, and they will be a great assistance at the various entertainments in the Parish. The fee is a penny per night for those attending school, and twopence for those who are working.

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**SUSTENTATION FUND.**

The Select Vestry have arranged to make the Sustentation Fund Collection *every quarter* in Edenderry, instead of once a year. This will, we believe, be a great improvement, and as a result we expect a large increase in the amount subscribed. Any in the Parish who have not yet subscribed will, we hope, send in their subscriptions to the Sustentation Fund without delay.

**CONGRATULATION.**

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mrs Pentland (Miss Sarah Connor), the head teacher of our Sunday Infant School, Edenderry, on her marriage. In connection with our Edenderry Sunday Schools and in Church Army work Mrs Pentland has borne a noble part. While we congratulate her on her marriage, we regret extremely her loss to the Parish, but we are glad to know that she and Mr. Pentland will be associated with the work of the Church in Govan under the Rev. A. T. Lewis, Rector of Greenfield Parish. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Pentland much blessing and prosperity. A beautiful Teacher's Bible was presented to Mrs. Pentland by the Clergy, Superintendents, Teachers and Children of Edenderry Sunday Schools as a marriage gift.

We offer also our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman on their marriage. They have both been most helpful in Parish work, and to Mr. Sherman's efforts is largely due the success of the Men's Recreation Rooms in Edenderry.

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**THE BIBLE CLASSES.**

We hope shortly to have Social Meetings for all the Bible Classes. The new course of study begins on Sunday, January 6th. The subject for the year is "Lessons on the Prayer Book." We believe the members will find the Lessons most instructive and helpful in their spiritual life.

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**THE MAGAZINE.**

We hope to largely increase the number of subscribers to our Parish Magazine during the new year and with that object in view we have secured distributors in all parts of the Parish through whom the Magazine may be obtained. Those who have sent in copies for binding will have their volumes in a week or two.

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**ADVERTISEMENTS.**

We have secured a good many new advertisements. Get your goods from those who advertise in our Magazine, and you will not only get real value, but will help on our Magazine. Next month we hope to refer to our advertisement columns more fully.

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The average attendance at Seagoe Church on Sunday mornings during 1906 was 414, and on Sunday evenings 268. We hope that during 1907 there will be a considerable advance on this. We should have the Parish Church crowded both morning and evening, if even a moderate proportion of the Parishioners attended.

ITEMS.

We would call attention to the Temperance leaflet in this number. The evil of intemperance makes its appearance regularly at "set times," and cannot be condemned too strongly.

The time when we celebrate the coming of the "Saviour into the world is not a fitting occasion for drunkenness and revellings and such like."

We hope that the parents will see that their children attend the various temperance meetings and come with them. There is nothing like example.

A new set of Almanacs is now on sale, price one penny. We hope those who have not secured one will do so at once and learn the texts which are set down for every day of the year.

We hope that the Parishioners who have the Almanac first published, will remember to pray for those objects set down for every day of the week, and also use the prayers printed on the other side of the picture.

The Wednesday Evening Service in the Parish Church will be continued, and we hope the Parishioners will take advantage of it. The Lord's Day is not the only one on which it is incumbent on us to worship God in His own House.

The Rector has been able to help a considerable number of the very poor amongst the Parishioners through the generous offerings of the worshippers on Christmas Day. Contributions from those unable to attend the Christmas services would be thankfully received by the Clergy.

The Rev O. W. Scott, of Gilford, will speak on "Temperance Work" at the Band of Hope Meeting in McDerrry Hall, on Friday, January 11th, at 8 o'clock. Readings, music, and recitations. Admission free.

We hope that the ladies of the Parish are not forgetting the Bazaar. These long winter evenings are the time to make useful articles.

The decision to have the Bazaar in the Show Grounds in June seems to have met with general approval. We hope that all will keep it before their minds and think out plans to make it a success.

It has been suggested that the ladies in the various parts of the Parish should organise working parties to meet once a week at the most convenient place for them. This would make the work pleasanter, and we hope the suggestion will be acted on. Now that Christmas is over it would be a good time to begin.

It will interest all to know that Miss Wade and the Misses Dawson are very well. Miss Wade is enjoying better health than she has done for a long time. We wish our old Rectory friends a very happy New Year.

An Elocution Class has been started at Carne under the efficient instruction of Mr. R. Wilson of Portadown, who is a gold medallist. It bids fair to be a success as there are over twenty members already. Those who wish to join should do so at once. The class meets on Monday evenings.

A successful Temperance Meeting was held here on December 7th. Recitations were given by Gilbert and Cissie Price and Adelaide Murray which were very well done and were much appreciated. A dialogue, entitled "Is it right to Smcke," was extremely well done by Herbert Murray and Sam Gray. Mr. David Murray, to whom is due the credit of arranging the meeting, gave two readings in excellent style. The Rector gave an earnest address with the result that a large number enlisted under the temperance banner.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

In the Register of Burials for 1798 (the year of the Rebellion), the following entries occur:—

1798, June 30.—Alex. Bell, Private in Seagoe Infantry, aged 22, was buried.

Nov. 11th.—Henry Shepperd, Private in ye Seagoe Infantry, aged 26 years.

1800, March 12th.—Mary Mitcalf, aged 109 years, was Buried

From the Marriage Registry for 1799:—  
Jany. 25th.—George Brown, Private in the Seagoe Infantry, and Isabella Vaughan—By Banns.

The following entry refers to the old Church:—

At a Vestry held in ye Parish Church of Sego on the 21st day of April 1701, It was then Enacted by the Minister Churchwardens and Parishioners then present, that ye sum of thirteen pounds & twelve shillings should be applatted on & levied of ye inhabitants of ye said Parish for ye uses following viz. for tarring ye Church of ye said parish three pounds sterling, for Erecting a porch of stone & an oaken stile five pounds stg. for expenses of ye Churchwardens at ye Courts two pounds and twelve shillings and for badges for ye poor one pound stg.

ROBERT THOMSON,	}	Churchwardens.
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THOMAS GILPIN,	}	Sidesmen.
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