

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1925.

## CLERGY :

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Mr. Thomas H. Wilson, Lower Seagoe—Rector's.  
Mr. John E. Lavery, Kilvergan—People's.

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## SEAGOE PAROCHIAL MISSION,

March 21st to March 29th.

Missioner—Rev. Canon FORRESTER, M.A.

### PRAYER FOR THE MISSION.

O GOD, the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon us sinners, and bless the coming Mission in our Parish. Seek and save the lost ; convert the sinful ; arouse the careless ; teach the ignorant ; help the weak ; and look with pity upon us all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is hoped that this prayer will be used daily by all in the Parish, old and young.

### The Bishop's Commendation.

The Bishop of Down heartily and prayerfully commends to the people of Seagoe the Mission which will begin in the Parish on March 21st and conclude on March 29th. Canon Forrester is well known to him as a most faithful Missioner who has done much for the spiritual up-lift of the Church of Ireland both at home and in the Foreign Mission field. He will faithfully proclaim the Gospel message in the ears of the people. If it had been at all possible the Bishop would have been present at some time during the Mission to take part in the Services, but regrets that owing to previous engagements he cannot do so. He will be present in spirit, and prays that the Divine Blessing may rest upon the Clergy and People of Seagoe Parish during the coming Mission.

### The Mission.

The Mission in Seagoe will (D.V.) begin on Saturday, March 21st, so that only a short period of three

weeks remains before its commencement. It is very important that during this short interval our people should do all they can to make the Mission known throughout the Parish. There are always some people who will tell you after the Mission is over that they had not heard of it, but we hope that the coming Mission will be so widely known in every one of the Twenty-two Townlands of the Parish that no one will have to regret afterwards their absence from it through not knowing when it began. **Publishing** the Mission is of the first importance, and next to "Publishing" comes **Preparation.**" This means that each one of us is going to take full advantage of the Mission when it comes. This can only be done if we prepare for it. Please make sure that you will so arrange that you will be clear of other engagements between March 21-29. You will then be quite free to attend all the Services. If you have others dependent upon you try to so arrange that they also will be free to attend the Mission Services. It will be a great help also if you can call for some one on your way to the Mission Services and bring them with you. It will be a useful part of your preparation to plan out this beforehand. There are quite certain to be some amongst us who will not at first be inclined to come to the Mission. Then in the next place we must **Pray** for the Mission and for him who is to conduct the Mission. You will use the Mission Prayer (printed above) in your private Prayers morning and evening. You will not fail to be present at Public Worship on every opportunity up to the Mission, and you will use the Prayers and Hymns and Scriptures as so many spiritual helps for the forthcoming Mission. Especially when you come to Holy Communion you will use it as an occasion of special Intercession for the Mission.

Try as far as you can to make use of these suggestions. They will be a help to you in the good

work, and then when the Mission comes you will feel that you have really done something to strengthen and establish the Kingdom of God in our midst.

### List of Mission Services.

**Saturday, March 21st, 8 p.m.**—Church workers' Service. (All those who help in any way in Church work, Churchwardens, Vestry, Sunday School Superintendents, and Teachers, Sustentation Fund and Missionary Collectors, members of the Bible Classes, and all who have done preparation work for the Mission are invited to attend this Service.)

**Sunday, March 22nd—**

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer. Sermon by Rev. Canon Forrester, and Holy Communion.

3.30 p.m.—Men's Service.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

**Monday, March 23rd—**

1.15 p.m.—Short Open-air Service outside Messrs Armstrong's Factory, Edenderry.

8 p.m.—Mission Service.

**Tuesday, March 24th—**

1.15 p.m.—Short Open-air Service outside Messrs Robb's Factory, Edenderry.

4 p.m.—Address to Mothers in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

8 p.m.—Mission Service in Parish Church.

**Wednesday, March 25th—**

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9.50 a.m.—Address by Missioner to the Children in Seagoe Public Elementary School on "Mission Work in India."

8 p.m.—Mission Service in Parish Church.

**Thursday, March 26th—**

4 p.m.—Bible Reading in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

8 p.m.—Mission Service in Parish Church.

**Friday, March 27th—**

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

8 p.m.—Mission Service in Parish Church.

**Saturday, March 28th—**

3.30 p.m.—Children's Mission Service in the Parish Church.

8 p.m.—Service of Preparation for Holy Communion.

**Sunday, March 29th—**

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, Holy Communion.

3.30 p.m.—Men's Service.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

During the Mission the Church of Ireland Hymnal will be used.

### Consecration of Seagoe New Burial Ground.

On the invitation of the Lurgan Rural District Council the Lord Bishop of Down has arranged to

Consecrate the new additions to Seagoe Graveyard. The Service will (D.V.) take place on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. The Bishop and Clergy will robe in Seagoe Parish Church and walk in procession to the Old Seagoe Graveyard. The Service will begin when the Bishop reaches the portion added to the old Graveyard in 1874, and he will then proceed to the ground added in 1919. The Form of Consecration of a Churchyard or other Burial Ground is printed in each copy of the Book of Common Prayer, and we would recommend our readers to read it over. It is a short, simple and touching Service. It will be a great satisfaction to the Parishioners of Seagoe and to many others to have the new portions of the Burial Ground Consecrated. It will mean also, we trust, that in the future the Graveyard will claim more than ever before the reverent care of its guardians—the Rural District Council. The hallowed acres where our dear ones rest deserve all the loving care and generous expenditure which we can bestow upon them.

We hope that there will be a full attendance of the Parishioners of Seagoe at this eventful service, and we are quite sure that all who have dear ones laid there to rest will also like to take part in the Service of Consecration. The Consecration of the Old Ground took place probably in the 12th century, or perhaps at an earlier date, so that it is now 800 years at least since a similar Service was held in Seagoe. We are grateful to Mr. John George Gracey, of Balteagh, a member of Seagoe Select Vestry, and also of the Rural District Council, who brought the matter before the Council and eventually succeeded in obtaining the permission of the Council for the Consecration.

### Parish Register for February.

#### Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on February 7th, 1925 :—

**Hoy**—Mary Willo Roberta, daughter of Richard and Kathleen Frances Hoy, of Drumgor.

*Sponsors*—Mary M'Mullan, Martha Walker.

**Stenson**—Sophia, daughter of George and Sophia Stenson, of Breagh.

*Sponsors*—Caroline Jennett, Sophia Stenson.

**Campbell**—Elizabeth Maud and Jean, twin daughters of William James and Jane Ann Campbell, of Balteagh.

#### PRIVATE BAPTISM.

**Donaldson**—February 14, Amelia, daughter of Isaac and Mary Donaldson, of Killicomaine.

#### Burials.

**Beckett**—Elizabeth Beckett, of Drumgor, aged 85. Interred in Lurgan New Cemetery.

**Donaldson**—February 15th, Amelia Donaldson, of Killicomaine, aged 3 weeks.

**Lent, 1925.**

We have entered on the Season of Lent. Every year the Church calls upon her members to solemnly observe the forty days in commemoration of our Lord's forty days in the Wilderness of Temptation. This year in Seagoe the season will be marked by our Parochial Mission. Lent is a loud and stern call to Repentance. Sin is enmity against God. Sin is the transgression of the Law. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Let not the season pass without your true Repentance.

**Our Finances.**

It is possible now to see how the Parish actually stands as regards Finances. Two months of the New Year have passed and the Accounts for 1924 may be regarded as closed. Some few straggling Envelopes of 1924 are still coming in. The total amount received through the Envelopes in 1924 may be estimated at about £250, the Annual Subscriptions total up to £70, the Church Cash Collections amount to £70. The outgoing expenses are—Clerical Incomes £285, other incomes £72, upkeep of Church, etc. £50. Total Receipts £390; Total Expenditure £407. The above figures are a rough estimate of the Receipts, the exact figures will be given in the Annual Report. Turning now to the New Year 1925 we find a distinct improvement. Since the first Sunday in January the number of Envelope sets taken and being used are 130 more than last year. In 1924 230 sets were in use; this year there are already 360. It is remarkable that the increase in the number of Envelopes taken is almost altogether in Edenderry District. The country parts of the Parish are taking only the same number of sets as last year. In both Edenderry and the Country there is a considerable increase in the amount contributed each Sunday through the Envelopes. The increase from Edenderry amounts to some 22s weekly, and from the country about a similar amount. The nett increase in contributions therefore amounts to about £2 4s 0d per Sunday, or about £110 per annum. This increase will suffice to cover the existing expenditure, but another £70 will be required to get the Parish up to the Minimum Stipend. This ought not to be a very difficult matter. It is not creditable to a Parish so large and populous as Seagoe to find it among the few Parishes in the United Diocese which have not reached the Minimum Stipend of £400 and a Free House.

It is most important that all the Distributors of Envelope Sets should send in the list of Names and Numbers of those who have taken sets, so that a further effort may be made without delay to get other sets distributed among the 300 workers who have not yet taken them. About 360 have taken sets of Envelopes, but there are quite 650 individual Church workers in the Parish who might take sets, but have not yet taken them.

**Sunday School Prizes.**

For the past four weeks the Annual Distributions of Sunday School Prizes have been taking place at some centre or other throughout the Parish. The round began in Levaghery on Thursday, January 29th, and ended up at Drumgor on Thursday, February 19th. At each centre there were large attendances, and great enthusiasm. A very large number of Prizes were distributed. Many of the children got Hymn Books and Prayer Books, others got nice Bibles, and some chose Stories. There were many requests for special books, but in most cases it was impossible to obtain them. The mere purchasing and choosing of the books is a stupendous task, but when request is made for a particular book it multiplies the difficulty greatly. At Hacknahay there was a crowded School and a very attractive programme of music and recitations. The Prizes were distributed by Mrs Bunbury Atkinson, of Gleneyre, who also most kindly presented four special Prizes to children who had not missed a Sunday during the year. **Carne, Edenderry and Seagoe** also had crowded attendances. A novelty was introduced at Edenderry, where a display of slides was given with the new Electric Lantern. They were much enjoyed by the children. The number of Prizes distributed this year was a record. At Carne much preparation had been made, and an excellent programme had been arranged by the Superintendent, Mr. D. W. Murray. **Drumgor** was the last of the Distributions. A large number of Prizes were awarded, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**The Mothers' Union.**

Owing to the Consecration of the Graveyard taking place on Tuesday, March 3rd, it will not be possible to hold the usual monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union on that afternoon. A special meeting of the Union will be held during the Mission Week (see list of Services) on Tuesday, March 24th, in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 4 p.m.

**Men's Recreation Room.**

The following subscriptions have been received for the furnishing of the Men's Recreation Room in Bridge Street:—

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| Mr. Charles Montgomery     | ... £1 0 0 |
| Major D. G. Shillington    | ... 1 0 0  |
| Right. Hon. R. Best        | ... 2 2 0  |
| Mrs. Alan Bell             | ... 2 0 0  |
| Lt.-Col. Blacker           | ... 1 0 0  |
| Mrs. Atkinson (Eden Villa) | ... 1 0 0  |
| Lord Justice Moore         | ... 1 1 0  |

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The Rector would be glad to receive further subscriptions, and thanks very sincerely those who have already subscribed. During this week a large Stove has been placed in the room. The room has also been thoroughly cleaned and repaired. A sum of £25 will be required to put the room in complete order and to provide for initial expenses.

**Eleven Years Ago.**

(Extracts from the War Diary of the late Private Herbert M. Murray, P.P.C.L.I.)

**Wednesday, February 16th, 1916.**—At 3 p.m. put on our packs to march to Billets in Bailleul. No orders arrived, so decided to find somewhere to put up for the night. Eventually got fairly comfortable quarters in a Convent.

**Thursday, February 17th.**—Up at 6 a.m. Went for walk round town. Got identity disc. At 1.30 marched off to billets 4 miles away. Made ourselves "at home" in an old barn with horses and cows and chickens as companions. Saw our first aeroplane fight.

**Friday, February 18th.**—Up at about 8 a.m. The old women at the farm-house made us coffee and biscuits. We sat round the fire in the kitchen. Fell in at 4 o'clock and marched up to trenches. Halted for inspection and short talk by Colonel Buller. Arrived at dug-out. Called out for fatigue making new dug-out. First experience of fire. Shells flying overhead and machine-guns turned on us. Quiet about 9.30 and returned to dug-out.

**Saturday, February 19th.**—Up at 7 a.m. Did nothing but lie in dug-out. Afternoon went with Chamberlain to front line trenches. Saw them sniping some guns. Came out of trenches to billets in Loere for four days' rest.

**Sunday, February 20th.**—Up about 8 a.m. Inocula-

ted against Typhoid. Feeling sick from effects of it. Went to bed early.

**Wednesday, February 23rd.**—Still in billets in Ioere. Morning purchased some luxuries for trenches. Afternoon fell in at 4.30 to march off to trenches. Arrived in 1st line trenches supports.

**Thursday, February 24th.**—"Stand to" 6 a.m. Very cold. Snow on ground. Unsuccessful effort to light fire to make breakfast, so had to be content with some grape-nuts and bread. Fatigue filling up sandbags. Afternoon making a new dug-out. "Stand to" about 6 o'clock.

**Band of Hope.**

On Tuesday, March 10th, a Band of Hope meeting will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. The charge for admission will be 3d. A programme of Dialogues, Songs and Recitations will be given.

**Temperance Sunday.**

Sunday, March 1st (1st Sunday in Lent) is the day set apart for Temperance Sunday. The collections at Morning and Evening Prayer will be on behalf of the Diocesan Temperance Society and the Ulster Temperance Council.

**ITEM.**

Miss Isobel Atkinson's Sunday School Class in Edenderry Morning Sunday School contributed £1 11s 0d towards the support of the Seagoe Bed in the Mission Hospital at Chota Nagpur.

**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 Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. If 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 thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

**EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.**

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon 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

**DISTRICT SERVICES.**

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**CLASSES, &c.**

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.