

# MULLAGLASS MONTHLY



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## BIRD BOXES

As part of the diocesan wide Flourish Programme; aimed at improving our environmental impact as an organisation, Rev. Synnott has kindly installed Bird boxes in our graveyard. This will provide nesting space for the many species of bird we share this planet with.

We hope to expand our efforts over the course of the year with a number of plans afoot.

Thanks to Emma McQuaid who has been working with the team in Armagh to help assist our Select Vestry in this programme.

## BADMINTON

Mullaglass Badminton Club travel to Mullavilly for our first Away friendly on Tuesday 12th March.

The Badminton Club have been granted a £2000 grant. This will provide equipment, leaflets and utilities.

## BURIALS

Mrs Amanda Revels  
Brentwood Park, Richhill

'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household  
Acts 16, v31

## MARCH EVENTS

### SPORTS



**Mondays - Pilates 7-8pm**  
David's Classical Pilates



**Tuesdays - Badminton**  
6:45-7:30pm Juniors  
7:30-8:30pm Seniors



**Sunday 3rd March**  
Morning Prayer 10am



**Sunday 10th March**  
Mothering Sunday  
Holy Communion 10am



**Sunday 17th March**  
St. Patrick's Day 10am



**Sunday 24th March**  
Palm Sunday 10am



**Monday 25th March**  
Bessbrook 8am  
Mullaglass 7:30pm



**Tuesday 26th March**  
Bessbrook 8am  
Ballymoyer 7:30pm



**Wednesday 27th March**  
Bessbrook 8am  
Belleek 7:30pm



**Thursday 28th March**  
Bessbrook 8am  
Bessbrook 7:30pm  
Holy Communion



**Good Friday (29th)**  
Bessbrook 8am  
Mullaglass 7:30pm



**Easter Sunday**  
Sunday 31st March  
Mullaglass



**Big Breakfast 8am**  
Join us before worship  
for our big breakfast in  
the hall on Easter  
Sunday



**Easter Sunday**  
Holy Communion  
10am

## SELECT VESTRY

There will be a meeting of the  
Select Vestry on:

Thursday 14th March at 8pm

# Rector's Remarks

Lent is the season of reflection, conviction and repentance and it is a spiritual pilgrimage through rough and difficult terrain. A wise Rabbi once said that our aim is to reach the mountain top but our focus must be on the path before us.

Our aim is to arrive prepared at the Holy Feast of the Resurrection, Easter but we must tramp those rocky barren paths to get there. In taking time to reflect on our sin and disobedience we are all the more prepared for the mountain top where elation and rejoicing take the place of fasting and ashes.

The gospel reading on the first Sunday in Lent set the tone with these verses:

Mark 1:14-15

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

When we consider sin and disobedience to God we are of course facing up to the dark side of our human nature and it is easy to slide into despair and self condemnation. Our sin is ever before us and the condemnation of the Accuser is real but note that either side of Mark's use of the word "Repent" he brackets it with "good news" the second time on the lips of Jesus. In truth we consider these serious matters on the rough wilderness path to the summit of Easter and it is good news as repentance opens our eyes to the grace

of God freely given. Like Mark I'll say it twice, repentance is GOOD NEWS!!

Life is like Lent, there are rough and steep tracks to follow, in the distance we perceive the summit of resurrection but meantime it's head down and keep moving, we lift our eyes to the hilltop of joy and glory but we need to watch the path. As we watch our step we notice others are with us, sharing our journey and bearing us up and we must seize every opportunity to bless those who huff and puff, stumble and stagger alongside us. All the while we know that between us and our fulfilment there is much beauty as well as dark ravines and though we walk through the place of shadow and fear there is this:

"you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Repent and believe the good news!"

*Alan Synnott*

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## Diocese Dive

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MUSICAL  
CELEBRATION OF ST.  
PATRICK  
15th March, 7:30pm  
Armagh Cathedral  
Tickets: £20



WHAT'S YOUR CALL?  
25th April 7:30pm  
Mullabrack Hall  
Could you be called to;  
Parish visiting?, leading  
worship? Youth  
ministry?  
Contact Ven. Cairns  
02838840221

EASTER DAWN  
SERVICE  
Easter Sunday  
31st March  
6:30am  
The Argory,  
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