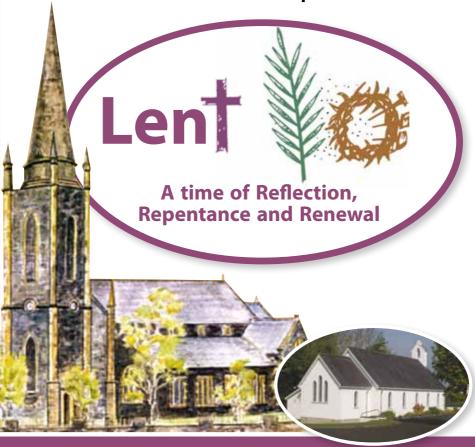
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If you are new to the Parish or if any of your details have changed (e.g. address, phone number, etc.) please let the Parish Office know. Also if you know of someone who is not currently receiving a Parish Magazine, but would like to do so, please let us know. The Parish Office can be contacted on **4062 2744** or by email to **office@seapatrickparish.com**

Freewill Offering - Envelopes & Standing Orders

Any parishioners who would like to have weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes or would like information about giving to the church by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office. If you already have Freewill Offering Envelopes, please remember to write the amount of your offering on the front of the envelope each week. This greatly helps the Count Team and the Auditors.

From the Rector...

Greetings in the name of Christ

Chocolate, coffee, chips, cookies, coke, crisps, cake, cheese, chicken and cigarettes - these are ten things beginning with the letter 'c' which a variety of people have considered giving up for Lent. Some people 'religiously' give up something for Lent every year, some think about it and for some Lent is a non-event

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - 18th February and continues to Easter. There are forty days in Lent, not counting Sundays. The word 'Lent' comes from an Old English word linked to spring. Lent isn't mentioned in the Bible, but it is a tradition that has been kept from the time of the early Church.

Giving up things in Lent or doing things in Lent isn't about trying to earn God's favour. If we think of it in that way we are probably approaching it from the wrong perspective; it is better to think of it as a time to prepare to 'celebrate' Good Friday and Easter.

In reality, whether we decide to give up something for Lent is less important than deciding to use Lent as a time to develop or further develop our relationship with God. Developing our relationship with God, developing intimacy with God won't just happen; it's something that we have to do intentionally - just like any other relationship.

I encourage you to think about what you are going to do during Lent to develop your relationship with God.

 You might choose to read Helen Clarke's booklet 'How Beautiful on the Mountains'
 a book of Daily Reflections for Lent - see page 5

- You might choose to pray every day or spend some extra time praying every day
- You might choose to read the Bible every day
- You might choose to come to Church every Sunday or come to the mid-week service during Lent - see page 11
- You might choose to

Please choose to do something to develop your relationship with God; if you're not sure what to do ask God to show you.

Roderic

A prayer for Lent

Lord God,

you renew us

with the living bread from heaven.

Nourish our faith.

increase our hope,

strengthen our love,

and enable us to live by every word

that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Women's Breakfast for You Saturday 21st February at 9.00am Holy Trinity Church Hall

A morning for all women to take "time out" for a leisurely breakfast with no cooking or washing up!! The guest speaker is Mary Good, wife of Ken Good who is the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Mary was born and grew up in America. Her interests include patchwork and contemplative prayer. She established and continues to run a 'Quiet Garden' at the See House.

Women of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you; and bring a friend if you can.

To facilitate catering it would be helpful if you would let us know if you are coming.

Please phone the Parish Office 4062 2744 or phone / text 07732 269833 or return the reply slip on the invitation cards available in Church.

An evening with Paul Marshall... Monday 16th March - Holy Trinity Church Hall



The evening will be hosted by Bishop Ken Clarke. This evening promises to be a great night for rugby enthusiasts and do encourage others to keep the date free and plan to come along.

Paul is a 29 year-old Ireland rugby international, he is a graduate of the Ulster Academy. He made his debut for Ulster in 2006 and to date has made 136 appearances.

He has represented Ireland U21, Ireland A and won his first senior international cap against Italy in the 2013 RBS 6 Nations. Paul is a committed Christian and will share how he practises his faith on the international scene.

Lent - an opportunity for thought and reflection

During Lent we are encouraging people to read 'How Beautiful on the Mountains' - a book of Daily Reflections for Lent written by Helen Clarke.

Helen is a trained nurse, midwife and counsellor. She is married to Bishop Ken Clarke, formerly Bishop of Kilmore, who is now the Mission Director of SAMS. Bishop Ken will be leading our week of focussed Mission in October.

Helen grew up in rectory homes in Cork and then married Ken and together have been in ministry, both North and South of the border and in Chile. Helen loves to spend time with family and friends and walking.

In the book both her daughter Lynda and her husband Bishop Ken wrote some of the reflections, with Ken contributing the reflections for Holy Week.

The booklets will be available in Church or by contacting the Parish Office.

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Year of Mission - an exciting start

Like other parishes throughout the Diocese of Down and Dromore we officially launched the Year of Mission at our services on Sunday 4th January. Those who were present joined together in praying a Covenant Prayer and were given a commitment card which they could sign and keep as a reminder of our focus during the year.

The words on the Commitment Card are:

In this Year of Mission 2015, I willingly take my place within the welcoming, worshipping and witnessing life of this Church as we commit to reaching beyond our walls with the good news of Jesus Christ.



There are still some Commitment Cards and copies of the Covenant Prayer available in the Church.

We followed our morning services with a lunch. This was very well supported with over 150 parishioners attending. It was great to come together for a family lunch and show our commitment to our Church and each other. The feedback from the day has been extremely positive and encouraging.

The weather was kind to us, cold but the day stayed dry – this was greatly appreciated by all, especially the barbeque team who braved the temperature to expertly cook the burgers and hot dogs. The kitchen was also a hive of activity, with an army of willing volunteers preparing delicious soups, bread and desserts.

A massive, 'Thank You' to all who helped make our time together so enjoyable – those who donated, prepared and served the food, set up and cleared the Hall and to all those who attended.

End-of-Year Financial Update

Ministry and mission could not continue and develop in the Parish without the financial support of parishioners. So a big **thank you** to each person and family who contributed financially to the mission and ministry of the parish in 2014. Thank you for your continued generous support; your giving makes a real difference to what we can do as a local Church - a Church that is seeking to 'Grow in God's Love and Share it with Others.'

Although the figures for 2014 still have to be finalised our giving through weekly envelopes, standing orders and loose collections was £184,000 approx. This is an increase of approximately £9,000 on the 2013 figure. In addition to this, the Building Repair Fund has realised £12,000 approx. Thank you to all who give.

It is great to see our income increasing and we thank all who contribute, but our income is still less than our expenditure. Parishioners will realise that we cannot continue in a situation where our income is less than our expenditure, so we ask all parishioners to give generously, as we seek to continue to develop the ministry and mission of the church.

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Mothers' Union

As our normal meeting night coincides with Ash Wednesday on **18th February** all members are asked to attend the service at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. We'll meet in the hall after the service for supper and a short financial AGM. Ladies serving supper are: Rosemary Porter, Pamela Shannon, Maureen McGaw and Anne McClements.

Thank you to Phyllis and Vivien for organising our Annual Dinner on 14th January. The meal and entertainment were excellent and enjoyed by everyone.

Joan West (Secretary)

St. Patrick's Ladies Guild

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th February, when we will be visiting the Banbridge District Council Civic Building. Members are asked to meet at the Civic Building reception no later than 6.45pm, as the tour commences at 7pm. This will be our last opportunity to visit Banbridge Council offices before the new Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon District Council comes into effect on 1st April 2015.

If you have any enquiries about the Ladies Guild or would like more information please contact the Parish Office.

Sandra Donaldson

Refresh - a group for younger women

Our next meeting is **on Thursday 12th February** when we are going to Bitty Button in Portadown for a workshop. We will be meeting in the carpark at Holy Trinity and sharing lifts over to Portadown. Times will be confirmed nearer the date.

Refresh is a group for younger women, meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Coffee Lounge at the Parish Hall. Come along and join us on 8th January or ring the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Lisa Whittle

Inspire - Our Youth Fellowship

Inspire is a great way to meet with other young people and build us up in faith. We'd love to have anyone in Years 8 – Years 14 in school along any **Sunday night in the Parish Hall**

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between 7pm and 9pm. Speak to Pete for more information. See you there!

Men's Society - For all men aged 18 and over

Next meeting – **Monday 19th February at 8 pm** in the Coffee Lounge in the Parish Hall. Tim Morton will be speaking about modern day slavery. All members - past, present and prospective - are very welcome to attend.

Our Men's Society meets at 8pm on the third Monday of each month in the Coffee Lounge at the Parish Hall. We have guest speakers, coffee/tea and chat and we go on outings a couple of times a year. All men over 18 years old are welome. Please come along and join us or ring the Parish Office if you want more information.

David Adams

Men's Football Club Wednesdays 8.15pm to 9.30pm

Our Men's Football club meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 8.15pm. It's open to all men aged 18 and over. If you are interested, just come along to the Parish Hall any Wednesday evening.

Roly Harwood

MONDAY CLUB - for all over 55's

First of all we wish a belated Happy New Year to all our members. On 8th December our club members and friends enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch in the Belmont Hotel, followed by Mrs Eileen Johnston telling some interesting stories, which were enjoyed by all. Our first meeting of the new year on 12th January was an enjoyable show of pictures taken by Ted Potts during his recent travels, followed by tea and mince pies organised by one of our very loyal members, Mrs Maureen McCrory.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9th February from 2.30pm to 4.30pm** in the Parish Hall. New members will be made most welcome. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to find out more about the Club.

John Lunney - Chairman

Answer to prayer

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his dad suggested he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly, night after night, but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. So after a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask anymore. Some months later, his dad said they were going to see Mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. The little boy stood still for a moment, and then cautiously observed: "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

Ash Wednesday Services - 18th February

10.30am Holy Communion Holy Trinity 7.30pm Evening Service Holy Trinity

Please make an effort to join us as we mark the beginning of Lent.

Psalms - Poetry, Prayer and Praise

Wednesdays during Lent 10.30am and 7.30pm

The psalms have formed a central part of Christian worship; they are full of depth and passion. Please join us as we explore some of the psalms during Lent.

Church Fete 2015 – Save the Date!

A date for everyone's diary - this year's Church Fete will be held on Saturday 20th June. More details in next month's magazine.

Robert Robinson – Fete Committee

Register of Vestry Members

The Register of General Vestry Members will be **reviewed at the meeting of the Select Vestry on 17th February 2015**. Registration/Declaration Forms for those who wish to be included in the Register of Vestry Members are available on request from the Rector and Churchwardens for one calendar month before the date of the meeting.

The Registration/Declaration Forms must be completed and signed by those who wish to apply to register for the first time or those who wish to be replaced on the register, and submitted to the Rector or the churchwardens **before the Vestry Meeting on 17th February.**

Any person registered or claiming to be registered, either as a resident or accustomed member, must subscribe to Church/Parish funds. Subscriptions must be contributed in such a manner that a receipt could be demanded for them. At the Review Meeting in February, the Select Vestry will receive the Forms of Declaration. If there are no objections, the names of all qualified persons who have completed Forms of Declaration shall be added to the Register. The names of those who are no longer qualified (that is those who have left the Parish or those who no longer subscribe in the 'approved' manner) will be removed from the Register.

Please note, those who are already registered do not need to re-register

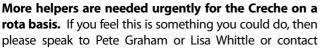
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Creche on Sundays at Holy Trinity

There is a creche available at the 11.15am Service in Holy Trinity. Children for creche have the opportunity to go out to the Parish Hall part way through the service at the same time as those leaving to go to Sunday Space. Parents are welcome to go out with their children to the creche.

Creche Rota – February

1st Feb Tracy MacFarlane & Tracey Tucker
 8th Feb Sara Hillis & Julie McCreanor
 15th Feb Oonagh Alway & Caroline McMullan
 22nd Feb Cate Murdock & Sarah Kerrigan





the Parish Office. All helpers will need to be cleared through Access NI and the church's Safeguarding Trust procedures, unless this has already been done for you by Seapatrick Parish.

Sunday Space/School

All children, whatever their age, are welcome at Church with their parents/grandparents. At Holy Trinity, children leave the 11.15am service at approximately 11.45am to go to Sunday Space and at St Patrick's, children leave the 10.00am service at approximately 10.30am to go to Sunday School in St Patrick's Church Hall. In St Patrick's the first Sunday of the month is an 'All-Age' service and children remain in Church.

So come along and enjoy all that our Sunday Space and Sunday School have to offer! If you would like any more information about either Sunday Space or Sunday School, **please** contact Pete at the Parish Office.

Parent & Toddler Group

We meet in **the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm**. Please come along and join us – we would love to see you there. Contact the Parish Office on 4062 2744 if you would like further information.

Valentine Dreams

A young woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he replied with a smile. Sure enough, that evening the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it, only to find a book entitled 'The Meaning of Dreams'.

1st February – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Trinity, Banbridge 8.30am Holy Communion 9.45am Holy Communion 11.15am Morning Worship **Evening Prayer** 6.30pm St Patrick's, Seapatrick 10.00am All Age Service

4th Feb – Wednesday (Holy Trinity, Banbridge)

Holy Communion 10.30am

8th February - The Second Sunday before Lent

Holy Trinity, Banbridge **Holy Communion** 8.30am 9.45am Morning Prayer Morning Worship 11.15am Compline 6.30pm St Patrick's, Seapatrick 10.00am Morning Prayer 11th Feb – Wednesday (Holy Trinity, Banbridge)

Holy Communion 10.30am

15th February – The Sunday before Lent

Holy Trinity, Banbridge 8.30am Holy Communion 9.45am Morning Prayer Morning Worship 11.15am inc Holy Communion **Evening Prayer** 6.30pm St Patrick's, Seapatrick 10.00am Morning Prayer

18th Feb – Wednesday (Holy Trinity, Banbridge)

10.30am Holy Communion Ash Wednesday Service 7.30pm

22nd February - The First Sunday in Lent

Holy Trinity, Banbridge Holy Communion 8.30am 9.45am Morning Prayer Morning Worship 11.15am 6.30pm **Evening Prayer** Holy Communion St Patrick's, Seapatrick 10.00am

25th Feb - Wednesday (Holy Trinity, Banbridge)

10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Lenten Service

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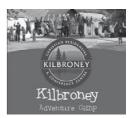
Confirmation 2015

We are planning to have a short get-together for all those considering being confirmed this year on Sunday 8th February at 3pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. All young people considering Confirmation are invited to come along with their parents and any adults considering Confirmation are also invited. This is an opportunity to learn more about what is involved.

If you have any gueries please contact Pete at the Parish Office.

Kilbroney Adventure Camps 2015

Following on from the very successful Kilbroney Adventure Camps last Summer, applications are open for this year's camps held at the newly refurbished Kilbroney Centre in Rostrevor. Spaces are limited and sell out very quickly so please get in touch with Pete at the Parish Office if you would like more information or to book a place.



(NEW!) Kilbroney J.A.M. Camp - Saturday 15th August to Monday 17th August 2015

For all those going into P6 and P7 in September 2015

Price: £49 per person (includes all food, accommodation, activities and camp T-shirt)

Kilbroney Junior Camp - Sunday 9th August to Friday 14th August 2015

For all young people going into Years 8, 9 or 10 in September 2015

Price: £135 per person (includes all food, accommodation, activities and camp T-shirt)

<u>Kilbroney Senior Camp</u> – Sunday 2nd August to Friday 7th August 2015

For all young people going into Years 11, 12 and 13 in September 2015

Price: £135 per person (includes all food, accommodation, activities and camp T-shirt)

Flower Rota Organiser Needed for Holy Trinity

We need a Flower Rota Organiser for Holy Trinity Church. If anyone, either individually or as part of a small team of people, would like to take on this role, please speak to the Rector or contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we will continue to include the Monthly Flower Rota list in the Parish Magazine and at the church doors and those on the rota each month can continue to place their flowers in church. However, until a Flower Rota organiser(s) is found, it will no longer be possible to place flowers into the church on Saturdays. Those on the rota are asked to bring their flowers/arrangements into the church on Thursdays or Fridays between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Vases etc will continue to be provided as usual. Please ring the Parish Office to ensure that the church will be open/available prior to your arrival. Hopefully we will have a volunteer(s) for this role as soon as possible and in the meantime thank you for your co-operation with these interim arrangements.

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Ready, Steady, Go

Ready, Steady, Go continues to grow in strength and we are delighted to see so many new faces come along and join in with the crafts, games, stories, songs and fun **each Friday night at 6.30pm to 7.30pm**. Each week this term the leaders are sharing their favourite Bible stories and what they mean to them, building up to encourage the children to share their favourite Bible story with the group and then helping them to share the Bible with their friends and family too!

Ready, Steady, Go is open to all those of Primary School age and we'd love to have you all along!

New Wine Ireland Summer Conference 2015 - Sligo 12th to 17th July

Bookings for the New Wine Ireland Annual Conference in Sligo are now open and any **bookings made by 29th May will receive 10% discount**. Further information on New Wine and the Summer Conference is available from their website (newwineireland.org), from the Rector or from the Parish Office. Leaflets are also available at the back of church. Bookings and payment can be made directly via their website.

From the Parish Registers

FUNERALS

22nd Dec Robert Johnstone 3 Highfields Gardens
31st Dec John Beattie 7 Dickson Park
15th Jan Mark Chambers 95 Iveagh Drive

BAPTISMS

4th Jan Charlotte Maxwell 106 Summerhill

Community Bible Studies

These will take place each Sunday evening during Lent at 8pm, beginning on Sunday 25th February. The venue changes each week. Further details about the Bible Studies and where they are being held each week in Lent will be given in the Notices in church nearer the time.

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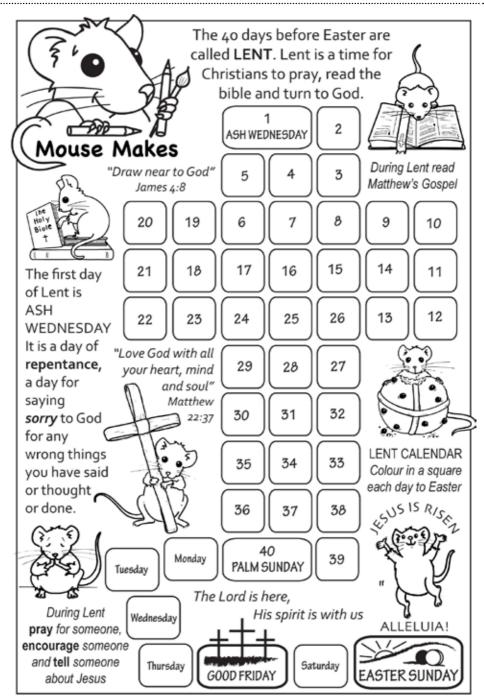


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Flower Rota February 2015



Please see page 15 for details of changes to Flower Rota arrangements

Sunday 1st February

Communion Table: Mrs N White, 8 Listullyard Road Baptistry: Mrs G Berry, 2 Willow Close

Sunday 8th February

Communion Table: Mrs A Lay, 8 Kiloanin Crescent
Porch: Mrs L Close, 28 Bramblewood Manor

Sunday 16th February

Communion Table: Mrs J Thompson, 25 Rathview Porch: Mrs A Adams, 27 Oakdale

Sunday 22nd February

Communion Table: Mrs J McBride, 15 Kiloanin Crescent Baptistry: Mrs I McDowell, 38 Kenlis Street

Parishioners in Hospital

We can no longer be certain that hospitals will provide us with notification of parishioners who have been admitted. If you or any parishioner you may know is in hospital, please let us know by telephoning the Parish Office or the Rectory.

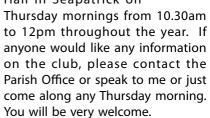
Bowling Club -Thursdays 7.45pm to 10pm

Our Bowling Club meets **every Thursday evening** in the Parish Hall. During the year, as well as our practice evenings in the hall, we compete in matches against other local church clubs. New members would be made most welcome – you don't have to have had any prior experience or own your own bowls to get started. If you think you would be interested or would like to find our more, contact the Parish Office or speak to me..

Glenys Haire

Knitting & Crochet Club

The Knitting & Crochet Club meets in St Patrick's Church Hall in Seapatrick on



Mary Mitchell

Bell Ringers Needed for Holy Trinity Church

We urgently need bell ringers for Holy Trinity Church. No experience is necessary as training will be given. If anyone would be interested in doing this or finding out more about it, please contact the Parish Office.

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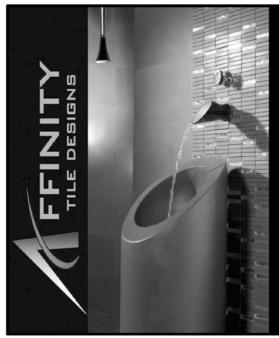


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St Patrick's Sunday School, the Ladies Guild and the Knitting & Crochet Club meet in St Patrick's Hall in Seapatrick. All other organisations meet in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity, Banbridge

Weekly - Children/Young People

Day/Time Squirrels Tues 6.00-7.00pm **Beavers** Tues 7.00-8.00pm **Cub Scouts** Mon 6.30-8.00pm Mon 8.00- 9.30pm Scouts **Explorer Scouts** Mon 8.00-9.30pm Rainbows Thurs 5.30-6.30pm Brownies (A) Mon 6.30-8.00pm Brownies (B) Thurs 6.30-8.00pm Guides Senior Section Guides Junior Badminton Parent & Toddlers Ready, Steady, Go (P1 – P7 age children) Creche (Holy Trinity) Sunday Space (Holy Trinity)

Tues 7.00-8.30pm Tues 7.00-8.30pm Sat 3.00-5.00pm Wed 10.30 - 12.00pm Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm Sun 11.45 - 12.20pm Sun 11.45 - 12.20pm Sun 10.30 - 11.20am

Sun 7.00 – 9.00pm

Weekly - Over 18's

Sunday School (St Patrick's)

Inspire (Yrs 8-14 in school)

Bowling Club Thurs 7.45-10.00pm Choir Sun 10.45-11.30am Football Wed 8.15-9.30pm Knitting & Crochet Club Thurs 10.00-12.00pm Senior Badminton Tues 8.30-10.00pm

Monthly - Over 18's

Ladies Guild (2ndTues) 8.00-9.30pm Men's Society(3rd Mon 8.00-9.30pm Monday Club(2nd Mon) 2.30-4.30pm Mothers Union(3rd Wed) 8.00-9.30pm Refresh (Women's Group) (2nd Thurs) 8.00 - 9.30pm



The deadline for articles for the March magazine is Sunday 8th February. Please leave any articles into the Parish Office, drop them into the office postbox or send them to the office email address - office@seapatrickparish.com

Photos from the Lunch to Launch our Year of Mission 2015











