

St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's
News and Views
June 2026



On May 10th Geoff Hamilton - of SAMS Ireland - spoke to us from John 5. That is the familiar passage where Jesus healed a man who had been sitting by a pool for 38 years.

It was the man's limitations - or boundaries - which Jesus healed, not just his weakness or illness. Do we let our limits define us? Can we not let Jesus liberate us from them and give us a whole new identity?

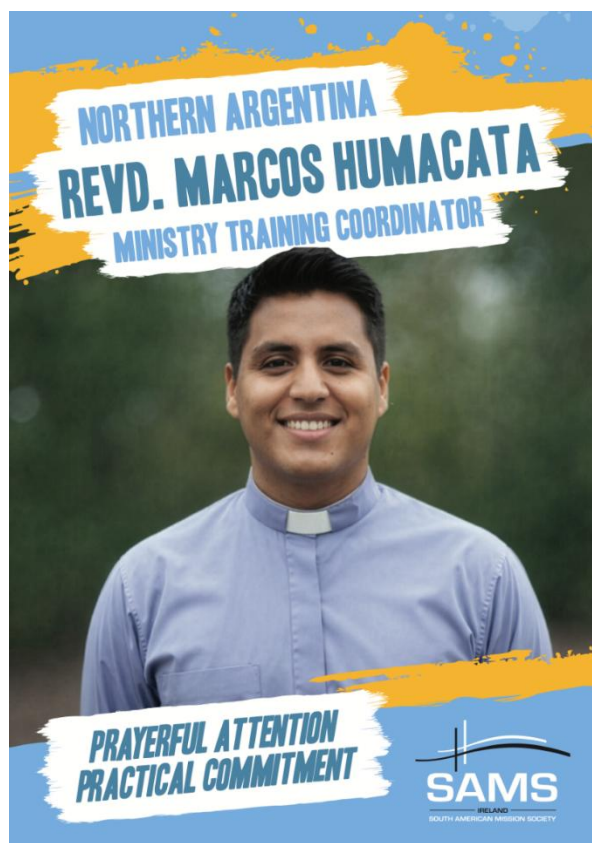
Like the man at the pool we hold back from change with the excuses. We let that self-doubt both define and shape our lives!

When Jesus asked him "Do you want to be made well?" he took a while to answer it: changing the way we live our lives takes a lot of nerve. But eventually he answered Jesus' question and got up from the ground and walked! He carried his mat under his arm as a witness to what God had done for him.

Geoff underlined his message with this: **"The risen Christ doesn't make us more secure in ourselves, but frees us from self, that His love might shape our lives."**

In the course of his visit Geoff introduced us to a partner in mission whom we in St Patrick's and St Andrew's are 2026-06 SAMS Ireland sermon supporting regularly: His name is Rev Marcos Humacata.

Across the globe, many of the poorest communities are Indigenous peoples living in remote and often overlooked regions. Among them are the Wichí, who inhabit the lands between the Bermejo and Pilcomayo rivers along the borders of Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay. **Rev. Marcos Humacata** travels widely throughout the Chaco region in northern Argentina, a vast semi-arid area roughly the size of France, marked by limited infrastructure. He provides accessible biblical training that equips Anglican churches to participate in God's mission, rooted in Scripture. Marcos is deeply committed to ensuring that the Wichí have study resources in their own language, enabling them to read, write, and engage with the Bible for themselves, experiencing transformation, and being equipped to live faithfully within their communities.



Marcos writes: *I currently serve as coordinator of the Vida Abundante course, [Abundant Life] a role that involves travelling to accompany and support local Wichí tutors, providing resources, and organizing training workshops. Each journey into the Chaco is both a challenge and a joy, offering moments of learning, connection, and witness that continually renew my faith and commitment to God's mission."*

Through his teaching, mentoring, and ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, Marcos plays a crucial role in shaping a new generation of leaders, equipping them to serve with wisdom, hope, and a transformative love grounded in Scripture

The Prayer Room every Sunday

Please spend time in prayer (at your seat or with others in the Prayer Room from 9:40 am) to ask God to bathe the people at worship with his love.

Pray for those around you, that God would pour out his Spirit on the gathered people, and speak his life-changing truth to everyone present.

Weeknight Prayers

Members of the parish meet for prayer **each Tuesday night in St. Andrew's Church at 7.00 pm**. It is an opportunity to share together and to encourage one another in the work of praying for the parish. The monthly Prayer Pointers in this newsletter give you an opportunity to pray at home as well.

Prayer Pointers – June 2026

“For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect towards Him, so that He can show His great power in helping them”. 2 Chronicles 16 v 9.

The comforting truth in this verse is that God’s attention isn't restricted by geography. Wherever you find yourself, God sees you right now and desires to demonstrate His power in your circumstances.

Pray for the Worldwide Church

- For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to awaken, renew and convict our hearts.
"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh..." — Joel 2:28
- For a hunger for God’s Word so that it would be “a lamp to our feet and a light to our path” Psalm 119 v 5.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who face persecution for their faith that they would know God’s comfort, peace and protection.

Pray for our Church fellowship (St Patrick’s and St Andrew’s)

- Give thanks for those who lead our services week by week. Ask that the Holy Spirit will enable them as they speak the truth of God’s Word to us and that we would be receptive to that message.
- Pray for those who help to make our services run smoothly – the Cleaners, the Flower Team, the Bell-ringers, the Church Wardens and Welcomers, the Organist, the Choir and Music Group, the Sunday School teachers, the Readers, the Pray-ers, the Hospitality Team, and the Counters.
- As we seek the Lord for our situation we pray “Heavenly Father, we ask for Your divine wisdom to rest upon those tasked with making critical decisions for our church.”

Pray for our local community and those around us

- For families under pressure, healthcare workers, those who are unemployed, the elderly and the lonely.
- For schools and teachers, particularly pray peace, clarity and focus for all young people sitting exams this month.
- For our Borough Council, business owners and emergency services asking for wisdom, courage and compassion in the work they carry out.

Pray for yourself

- If life for you is difficult right now whatever your circumstances in the words of the well known hymn “Ask the Saviour to help you, comfort strengthen and keep you, He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through”.
- Remembering the words of Zephaniah 3 v 17
“The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing”.
- Ask that God would help you in your daily walk to keep close to Him.
“I will set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand I shall not be shaken”
Psalm 16 v 8

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners. For more information check out the Mission Table at the back of the Church or visit the Parish Website Mission Page at <https://stpats.co.uk/mission>

Christian Burials

6th May 2026. James Howard, 74 Newbridge Road, Coleraine.

11th May Ann Stirling late of 69 Nursery Avenue

11th May 2026. Maureen Patricia, Engall

Be the Power of All Things Within us

O God the Holy Ghost who art Light unto Thine elect,

Evermore enlighten us.

Thou who are Fire of Love,

Evermore enkindle us.

Thou who art Lord and Giver of life,

Evermore live in us.

Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,

Evermore replenish us.

By Christina Rossetti (1830-94)



Advance notice ** would you be willing to knit or crochet poppies to help decorate the Church for our Remembrance Service in November? Patterns are at back of church

For their last meeting of the term MU had a wonderful evening with great food and fun!



St Patrick's Ladies' Group Meal

Venue: The Lodge Hotel

Date: Thursday 4th June

Time: 7:00 pm

Sign-up sheets and Menus at back of church.



There was 'a bit of a buzz' about the 2 churches on Sunday when we had a visit from The Irish Cup! The choir even made it to 'The Chronicle' with their photo holding it! Paul congratulated Coleraine FC and prayed for them as they move forward.





Confirmation Preparation -
Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th
August 2026

3 days of adventure and discovery
around the North Coast

Confirmation Service -
Sunday 27th September @ 7pm





SUMMER MUSIC

at St. Patrick's Coleraine

Thursday 9th July

Daniel Clements
Organ

Thursday 23rd July

Mary McCabe & David Quigley
Soprano & Accompanist

Thursday 16th July

Max McGinley
Treble

Thursday 30th July

Senan Sheridan
Piano

Thursdays from 12.30pm / Free Admission / Refreshments Provided

This summer's lunchtime recitals series begins earlier than usual on 9th July and for the following four Thursdays ending on 30th July.

As usual Jenny is looking for volunteers to help with the catering and stewarding etc. that are an essential part of making these recitals

in St. Patrick's so very successful each year .

Please speak to Jenny after the service and if you can help in any way it would be much appreciated.

Thank you



Hi Folks,

1st Coleraine Company Boys' Brigade will be celebrating its 130th anniversary in two years' time (2028). To mark this occasion, we are trying to organise a display of old memorabilia and photographs in St. Patrick's Church in 2028. We are hoping that the congregation of St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's, and the people of Coleraine, will be able to help us in our quest.

We are also in the process of collecting the names and dates of all past boys who achieved their President's and Queen's/King's Badges. The earliest badges that we have received so far are those of Alfie Taylor and the late John Simpson, both of whom received their Queen's Badges in 1958. The latest contribution is from David Hodges who received his King's Badge in 2025.

We would really appreciate it if you could make this appeal known to families and friends and also those whom you think may be interested, and able to contribute to our appeal.

We have made a photograph album of the few photos that we have already received from the late Mabel Hartin's scrapbooks, and from Kenneth Millar's collection. You will be able to view this in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday mornings. We are looking forward with great anticipation for any assistance that can help us in our search.

Regards

The Officers 1st Coleraine Boys' Brigade

Contact:- Elaine Robinson (Captain) 07892701733

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Work site protocols

- **Start Date:** Monday 18th May, 2026
- **Site Conditions:** Access is limited due to initial drainage works.
- **Direct Contact:** Strictly prohibited between vestry/congregation members and workmen.
- **Inquiries:** All questions must be directed to Patricia the Glebe Warden.
- **Architect Liaison:** Patricia will address these queries during monthly meetings with the Architect.
- Progress updates will be provided as the construction work advances.





From: Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers

We had a wonderful time in Northern Ireland, the weather was kind to us and everyone was so friendly. We very much enjoyed the ringing mixed with the beautiful scenery from the rugged coastline to charming fishing villages to the Glens and Mountains, NI has it all.

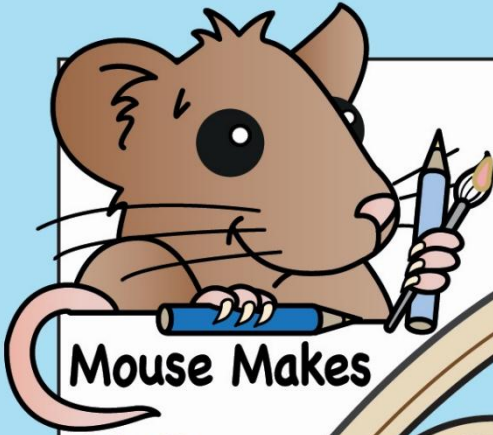
For those who have not been I would thoroughly recommend it.

I would like to return one day and spend more time exploring the areas we briefly seen from the coach window, unfortunately a week was not long enough and we missed out ringing at 4 towers and exploring some of the places we rang at.

Thank you for your welcome and hospitality, everyone thought it was the best tour I had ever arranged and I've done about 30.

Hope you all have a good summer, many thanks again

Sue



"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
 love of **GOD** and the
 fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
 with you all."

2 Corinthians
 13:14



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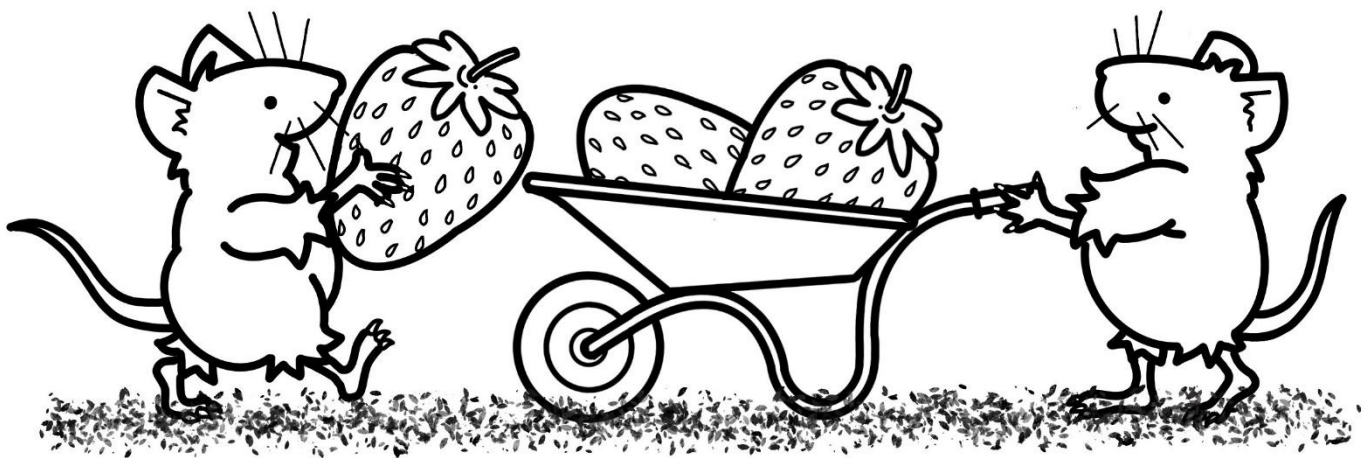
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Wednesday 3rd June

1:00 pm Midweek Communion SL St Patrick's

Sunday 7th June Trinity 1 (Green)

10:00 am Holy Communion PH St Patrick's

11:30 am Holy Communion PH St Andrew's

Wednesday 10th June

1:00 pm Midweek Communion PH St Patrick's

Sunday 14th June Trinity 2 (Green)

10:00 am Family Service SL/Bible Society St Patrick's

11:30 am Family Service SL/Bible Society St Patrick's

Wednesday 17th June

1:00 pm Midweek Communion RS St Patrick's

Sunday 21st June Trinity 3 (Green)

CHILDREN'S DAY



St. Patrick's & St. Andrew's sharing a United Service in St. Patrick's Coleraine 11.00 am. With Jonny Diamond Gathered Pioneer Minister refreshments (& Hot Dogs) in the Gathered Centre immediately after Church

Wednesday 24th June

1:00 pm Midweek Communion RS St Patrick's

Sunday 28th June Trinity 4 (Green)

10:00 am Morning Prayer St Patrick's

11:30 am Holy Communion IB St Andrew's

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