



Maynooth Community Church  
Eaglais Phreispitéireach in Éirinn

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Hey all,

These are the announcements for the coming week. If you need more information (including the current rota), you can probably find it at: [www.maynoothcc.org](http://www.maynoothcc.org) or you can ring the office at 01-5054990.

Thanks,

Mags & Kevin

### Easter Sunday

One week now until Easter. A Japanese mall tried to celebrate Christmas once and put together a display to the best of their understanding of Christian heritage. They were deeply apologetic when Christians protested at their centrepiece with Santa on the cross. We won't get Easter wrong this year at MCC. We really want to celebrate this **central festival** for what it is: a festival. So here is our plan:

On Good Friday we join with our family at Lucan Presbyterian Church for a **joint service**. We hope this will become a great tradition and a chance to keep the links with our parent church alive.

Friday March 21st at LPC at 8pm

We hope to have an **Easter Sunday Dawn** service at Carton on March 23rd. Dawn is at 6.20am so we would meet at 6.15am. This might sound crazy to you but the short service based around prayer and simple praise has been the traditional way Christians have celebrated the Resurrection for 2,000 years. Let's follow the good traditions! We also hope to have a **baptism** on Easter Sunday. It's not a random drive-by baptism either but a member of MCC who wants to profess their faith. Details for both the Dawn Service and the baptism will follow.

Our **Easter Sunday Service** will take place at 10.30am as usual. There will be a mega-super-hyper-big worship team. We don't like to talk about "Visitor Sundays" at MCC because we aspire to have every Sunday and indeed every event open to visitors but we would encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbours or co-workers, or indeed anyone else you know, to come along and worship with us.

Sunday March 23rd, 10.30am at MPP

After the Easter Sunday service, alongside tea and coffee we will be having **champagne and strawberries**. We will then have an **international lunch** together and we would love for you to prepare a meal from your homeland, whether that is Co. Mayo or the outskirts of Berlin and share it with us. At Easter after all, we celebrate that God is for every human being, whether male or female, rich or poor, Catholic or Protestant. So we will be celebrating Easter in praise and prayer, with good food, good friends, great conversation and some of MCC's more talented members will also be sharing their musical gifts with us in a wee session. There will be a sign-up sheet for food this Sunday (which lets us know just how much grub there'll be but also lets us print out flags and other silly things like that) and if every family could bring along drinks that would quench our thirst. Visitors are so totally welcome at this lunch as well.

Sunday March 23rd, after the Easter service at MPP

### Introducing MCC

Our class that introduces you to MCC, its background, history, theological conviction, favourite colour and whether we prefer Blur or Oasis continues this week. This class is run for people who want to learn more about us and those who are interested in proposing themselves for membership at Easter Sunday.

The second class will be this Sunday. They will meet in the MCC Resource Centre.

Sun Mar 16th @ 15.45 – 17.30 @ MCC Resource Centre.

### Prayer

Every Friday morning there's a prayer meeting at the resource centre to pray for the plans, hopes and needs of MCC. Try to make it along if you can. You might even get a coffee for your trouble, depending on how generous Keith is feeling/how tired you look.

Fri @ 8am @ MCC Resource Centre

Alongside the weekly pastoral prayer that we offer to everyone at the end of every service, in the coming weeks the prayer team will also be gathering at 9.45 before the service on the last Sunday of the month to pray for the communal worship.

Every week during Lent the prayer team are providing us with Lenten Reflections to take us through the week. The themes all surround the idea of "What Are We Taking Up" and are made up of contributions from congregational members. They are available on Sundays.

### Women's Bible Study

There will be **no studies** during the two weeks of Easter break. (The 17th, 19th, 24th and 26th of March). Instead we are planning an outing on Wednesday the 19th of March. We'll meet at 11am at St. Patrick's car park in Maynooth. We are going to Donadea Forest. So please bring a picnic and children are very welcome. Please contact Vicki or Ines if you need transport.

Wednesday March 19 at college car park at 11am

The Wonderful Women's Retreat is coming up in May! The women of Maynooth Community Church & Lucan Presbyterian Church are coming together for our third women's retreat. More details to come soon but please reserve the weekend of 23rd and 24th of May for a time of fellowship, fun & real rest!

Fri 23rd and Sat 24th May @ Carrig Eden, Greystones

### HIV Positive Seminar

An event focussing on positive local church responses to HIV takes place on Friday 14 March, 9:30 – 2pm, at St Mark's Pearse St, Kay Warren will be the keynote speaker. Workshops and lunch are included. Cost €15, to book contact ACET at 01-8787700.

Fri 14th Mar @ St Mark's, Pearse St.

### St Patrick's Day Parade

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at 11am on Monday 17th March. Assembly takes place at Greenfield Shopping Centre, Straffan Road and the Parade proceeds past the Reviewing Stand at The Square and ends at TESCO Shopping Centre. A vintage car parade will begin at 10.55am and the parade will then include the C Company 7th FCA Battalion and the Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band (Sponsored by Thornton's Recycling) and the Howth Pipe Band (Sponsored by Tesco) are also taking part as usual... Keith will be part of the dignitaries in the viewing stand so try to pelt him with shamrock!

Monday 17th March at 10.55am in the village Church

### St Patrick's Day Ceili

The congregation of Abbey Presbyterian Church on Parnell Square would like to invite you to their annual St. Patrick's Day Ceili. The event will feature traditional Irish music from Ceili band, Arka with caller. Also, a team from America will lead in some American Square Dancing, and DJ

music will finish off the night. Cost is free! This is an alcohol-free event, suitable and open to folks of all ages! Tea and coffee will be provided. Monday 17 March, 6:30pm

Mon 17th Mar @ 6:30pm @ Abbey Presbyterian Church

Don't forget to check out our website at <http://www.maynoothcc.org/> for news, links and information.

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