

# 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Sunday after Ascension



- WELCOME** To newcomers and visitors.
- WORSHIP** We come to worship and give thanks to God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day, may the light of Your presence set our hearts on fire with love for You. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

- LIVING FAITH SERVICE** This evening in St Patrick's Church at 6.30 pm. We will be joined by All Saints Folk Group and Father Delargy who will give the address. We hope that you can join us.
- HEALER PRAYER GROUP** Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
- BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Robing Room.
- MID WEEK** Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.
- ALPHA PLUS** Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Choir Vestry.
- PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick, Tel No. 2564 0865.
- MINISTRY OF PRAYER** After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the Prayer Space.
- CIVIC SERVICE** Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. No Services in Ballyclug or St Columba's that morning. Please come along to St Patrick's Church. Special Surprise Guests.

#### WITH EACH OTHER

- TEA** There will be tea/coffee this morning in St Patrick's after the service.
- MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Final meeting on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June - Clay Pigeon Shooting and Barbeque. Meet at Clough Clay Pigeon Shooting Centre at 7.30 pm.

- LIFE CHANGES** Free Conference for families and those working with children and young people with learning disabilities. Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Lucy Tel. No. 077 5995 0497, as soon as possible.
- LEADERS' NIGHT OUT** A leaders' night out and a farewell meal for the Revd John McClure will be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm in The Thatch. Please contact Lucy if you wish to attend.
- CHILDREN'S WEEK LANDLUBBERS** Anyone willing to help with Children's Week Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June from 7.00 - 8.00 pm, please put your name on the sheet at the back of Church.
- LADIES' NIGHT** Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at The Carrie, Kells at 7.00 pm. If you wish to book a place for an evening meal, please contact Lucy. Tel No. 077 5995 0497.
- GIFT FOR REVD JOHN McCLURE** The parish will combine towards a gift for Revd John McClure. Envelopes available at back of church. If you wish to attend the Institution Service on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, please sign your name on the list provided at the back of church.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL** If you were awarded a Sunday School cup or shield last year, please return it to Lucy. Thank you.
- HOODIES** If you wish to purchase a hoodie with the Church Logo on it, please see Lucy in the Church Hall after the service.
- SUMMER MADNESS** Young people wishing to go to Summer Madness for one day - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> July, please speak to Lucy.
- WITH THE WORLD**
- THE CASTLE PLAYERS** Will perform the Sam Cree play 'Separate Beds' in the Braid Arts Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 pm.
- ACTION CANCER** The Action Cancer 'Big Bus' is coming to St Patrick's Parish Church Hall on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a number of FREE Men's MOT health checks and Breast Screening tests for women. Appointments can be made online at [www.actioncancer.org/appointments](http://www.actioncancer.org/appointments) or telephone 028 9080 3344.

**READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM**  
**Genesis 3:1-13 (Page 2)**  
**St John 17:1-11 (Page 108)**

# Sunday after Ascension Day - St Columba's

28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 39  
beginning at verse 21

I will display my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgement that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. The house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward. And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt treacherously with me. So I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them. Therefore, thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. They shall forget their shame, and all the treachery they have practised against me, when they live securely in their land with no one to make them afraid, when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have displayed my holiness in the sight of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God because I sent them into exile among the nations, and then gathered them into their own land. I will leave none of them behind; and I will never again hide my face from them, when I pour out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God.

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 17 beginning at verse 1**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

***This is the word of the Lord***  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

# Sunday after Ascension Day - Ballyclug

28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter chapter 4  
beginning at verse 12

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## A reading from the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St John chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

***This is the word of the Lord***  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**