

# 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2013



## Trinity 4

We extend a welcome to any who may be visiting in any of our three churches and to any newcomers.

As we come to worship we must be prepared for an experience that can be uplifting but also disturbing.

*We prepare for our worship with a prayer:*

**God our Father, as we come before you, an amazing and disturbing God, help us to be truly open to what you would do for us, through us and despite us. Help us also to be aware of each other so that through our common worship, you are able to strengthen our fellowship and enrich our diversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

	<b><i>FOR THIS WEEK</i></b>
<b><i>TONIGHT</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Living Faith Service in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm. Theme - <i>Caring for the Mind and Body - A Service of Divine Healing.</i></li><li>• Get together for young people considering confirmation - 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Hall.</li></ul>
<b><i>TUESDAY</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• '<i>Fit for Life</i>'. A walk, refreshments and a reflection. Meet at St Patrick's Hall at 7.00 pm</li><li>• Healer Prayer Group continues at 7.15 pm.</li></ul>

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30 am. Refreshments will follow this service.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>EACH WEEK</i></b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Prayer for Healing</i> - In St Patrick's on Sunday after evening service.</li> <li><i>Prayer Support</i> - Team Leader Adelaide Nimick - Tel. No. 2564 0865.</li> </ul>
	<b><i>FOR THE FUTURE</i></b>
	<p><i>Continuing through the summer -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Church in St Patrick's. Children will be facilitated during the 11.30 am service - they will have their own time over in the hall.</li> <li>Community Bowls. Each Thursday at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's.</li> </ul>
<b>PLEASE NOTE</b>	Summer edition of church magazine will be available for distribution next Sunday.

## READINGS ST PATRICK'S

1 Kings 19 : 1-15 (Page 336) and Luke 8 : 26-39 (Page 65)

# TRINITY 4 - St Columba's

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 65  
beginning at verse 1

The word of the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call  
on my name. <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a  
rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to  
my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering  
incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night  
in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of  
abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, 'Keep to  
yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'  
These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day  
long. <sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent,  
but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says  
the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it',  
so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle  
there.

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

**A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 8  
beginning at verse 26**

<sup>26</sup>Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’ - <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away,

proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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## TRINITY 4 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the First Book of Kings chapter 19 beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>10</sup>He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' <sup>11</sup>He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>14</sup>He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with

the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.’

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