11th AUGUST 2013



Trinity 11

We welcome visitors and any on home for holidays.

We seek to approach our <u>worship</u> in a spirit of repentance and faith.

We prepare for our worship with a prayer:

Father we come before you in humility trusting that you will lead us - lead us now in our worship and in the whole journey of life. May we appreciate that we are strangers here on earth and that you have called us to be your children and to trust in your promises. Amen.

		FOR THIS WEEK
MONDAY	•	Children's Summer Scheme
		Primary School Children - £1.50 per day
TUESDAY	•	Children's Summer Scheme
		Primary School Children - £1.50 per day
WEDNESDAY	•	Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30 am.
		Refreshments following.
	•	Children's Summer Scheme
		Primary School Children - £1.50 per day.
	•	New Drama Society
		Auditions at 7.30 pm in Church Hall.
THURSDAY	•	Children's Summer Scheme
		Primary School Children - £1.50 per day.
FRIDAY	•	Children's Summer Scheme
		Primary School Children - £1.50 per day.
THANKS	•	'Fit for Life' having run for 8 weeks has now
		concluded. Thanks to Stephen Brown who

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 organised it and got sponsors. £158 Raised for ROC youth programme at Ballee.
EACH WEEK
 Prayer for Healing - In St Patrick's on Sunday after evening service.
FOR THE FUTURE
 Gate House - now ready for renting. Contact Rector with any interest. Foodbank ongoing - we appreciate those giving regularly. The staff of St Columba's Hospital would value our prayers as they are under great pressure.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Genesis 15:1-6 (Page 12) Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-16 (Page 222)

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 15 beginning at verse 1

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 12 beginning at verse 32

Jesus said to his disciples, ³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews chapter 11 beginning at verse 1

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.