

3rd NOVEMBER 2013

Fourth Sunday before Advent



WELCOME

May all experience welcome in this house of prayer especially visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP

The one who brings good news and calls us to repent and believe the good news.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God we ask you to reveal yourself to us in this hour of worship as we reach out after your love, and grant that we may be strengthened and refreshed to do what you have given us to do through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Church of Ireland Parish Census

The Church of Ireland is undertaking a census of all those who attend services on three Sundays in November.

This Census is to be completed anonymously by every member of the congregation at services on **Sunday 3rd November 2013**.

This information will be computerised for future research and comparison.

Parish of: Kilconriola and Ballyclug

Please tick (✓) the appropriate boxes

Male
Female

Age			
0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	5-11	<input type="checkbox"/>
15-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	19-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
46-60	<input type="checkbox"/>	61-74	<input type="checkbox"/>
		74+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please leave this card in your pew or hand it to the Church wardens.

TODAY

Census in all three churches.

At 11.30 am in St Patrick's all members of the congregation will receive a card on the way into church. As this is a service of Holy Communion please do not complete the card until instructed to do so by the Parish Reader.

web address - www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org

TONIGHT

Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's. All welcome.

MONDAY St Columba's Committee meet at 8 pm.

TUESDAY Healer Prayer Group - 7.30 - 8 pm.
Bible Study - informal - 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in St Columba's from 10 am - 12 noon. This is a fundraising event for St Columba's Lighting Appeal. Donation £2.50.

NEXT SUNDAY Act of Remembrance in all three churches. Preacher in St Patrick's and Ballyclug the Rev. John Bach.

EACH WEEK

MINISTRY OF PRAYER This is taking place after the 11.30 am service as well as the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Doreen Cowan, Tel. No. 2564 4709.

FOODBANK Collection trolley in both St Patrick's and St Columba's.

FOR THE FUTURE

THE CASTLE PLAYERS Present two one act comedies - '*You Never Know Your Luck*' and '*The Doctor and Mrs Macauley*' - over two evenings 15th and 16th November at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Hall. Admission £7 (including a bowl of Irish Stew at the interval). Tickets available from the Office or News Rack, Ballymoney Street. If you are unable to call at the office but would like to reserve a ticket please put your name and number on the list at back of churches. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 (Page 203)

St Luke 19:1-10 (Page 79)

4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - St Columba's

03 November 2013

**A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 29
beginning at verse 11**

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
chapter 8 beginning at verse 38**

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - Ballyclug

03 November 2013

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and
sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly,
and the love of everyone of you for one another is
increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the
churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all
your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God
will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power
every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of
our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him,
according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 19 beginning at verse 1

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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