

**16th FEBRUARY
2014**

3rd Sunday before Lent



Septuagesima

WELCOME To those visiting and to those who have not been with us before.

WORSHIP We value the freedom we have to worship and we remember others less fortunate.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father, we come to you knowing our weaknesses and failings. In this act of worship make us attentive to you that we may know your healing touch and be encouraged for our journey of faith. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK

TODAY Opportunity for those who have not already done so to sign up as a registered vestry person. Forms at back of churches.

TUESDAY Healer Prayer Group - 7.15 - 8.00 pm in Clergy Vestry.
Bible Fellowship at 8.00 pm in Choir Vestry.

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30 am followed by tea/coffee.

Still Active meet at 2.00 pm in Minor Hall. Alan Ashenurst and his collection of ornamental pigs. Last day for material for March issue of magazine.

SATURDAY 'Open Doors' Exhibition in Methodist church Hall from 10.00 am - 12.30 pm. This organisation is concerned with the persecuted church.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY Living Faith Service at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's.

EACH WEEK

MINISTRY OF PRAYER This takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick, Tel. No. 2564 0865.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY This course starts on Thursday, 27th February at 7.45 pm. We wish to firm up on those participating.

FLOWER LIST A Flower List is now available at the back of St Patrick's together with envelopes for donations. We are continuing to have the flowers arranged by Sally's of William Street and would like to thank you for your generous support.

JUMBLE SALE The CLB Jumble Sale will be held on Friday, 7th March. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated. Contact Alan Ross (2589 2740) for collection.

NEPAL There is an interest as regards a mission team later in the year. Please speak to the rector if you are giving it consideration.

NEW CURATE The bishop has appointed the Revd John McClure to start in the parish on 1st June.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 (not in pew Bible) and

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ANTHEM IN ST PATRICK'S

Teach me O Lord, the way of thy statutes
And I shall keep it unto the end.

3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - St Columba's

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**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians chapter 3 beginning at verse 9**

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 5 beginning at verse 21

Jesus said to the crowds, ²¹You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool,” you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - Ballyclug

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A reading from Ecclesiasticus chapter 15 beginning at verse 15

¹⁵If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

¹⁶He has placed before you fire and water;
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

¹⁷Before each person are life and death,
and whichever one chooses will be given.

¹⁸For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;

¹⁹his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.

²⁰He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

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