

# 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014

## Lent 2



### WELCOME

A special welcome to any newcomers or visitors.

### WORSHIP

We gather in to worship God who is behind everything; we go out to serve him in our daily lives.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father, you revealed yourself through your Son Jesus, pouring out your love upon us. Help us now in our worship to respond to this love and to hear the call of Jesus to discipleship. We ask it in his name. Amen.

### THIS WEEK

#### TODAY

***SPECIAL APPEAL***  
***To support Ministry in the Parish using our  
St Patrick's tide envelopes  
500 donations @ £50 will cover the cost  
of a curate for a year.***

#### MONDAY

St Patrick's Day - Holy Communion at 10.30 am.

#### TUESDAY

Healer Prayer Group - 7.15 - 8.00 pm in Clergy Vestry.

Parish Panel meets at 7.30 pm in the Church Office.

Bible Fellowship at 8.00 pm in Choir Vestry.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

Lenten Service in Ballyclug at 8.00 pm.  
Still Active Lunch in Lack Parish Church. Members  
please meet at St Patrick's at 9.30 am.  
Exploring Christianity Course - 7.45 pm.

**THURSDAY**

**NEXT 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 - Millicent McClelland,  
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**ONGOING**

**LENT** Our challenge during the 40 days of Lent is to read the 16 chapters of St Mark's gospel.

'God's Big Family'. The title of this year's C.M.S. Lent Project being followed by our young people.

This year is C.M.S. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the focus is on all the countries in which it is involved.

Money raised will go towards 'Wheels' - to buy bicycles, motor bikes, wheelchairs, for the work of mission partners.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Hall on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March - 10.00 am - 2.00 pm to support Catherine McWhirter and Peter Todd in their Exodus Trip to Valdepenas, Spain. Maybe you could provide a cake for their cake stall.

**READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S**  
2 Cor. 4:1-12 (Page 177)  
St John 3:1-17 (Page 90)

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 32  
beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;  
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop like the rain,  
my speech condense like the dew;  
like gentle rain on grass,  
like showers on new growth.

<sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;  
ascribe greatness to our God!

<sup>4</sup> The Rock, his work is perfect,  
and all his ways are just.

A faithful God, without deceit,  
just and upright is he;

yet his degenerate children have dealt falsely with him,  
a perverse and crooked generation.

Do you thus repay the LORD,  
O foolish and senseless people?

Is not he your father, who created you,  
who made you and established you?

Remember the days of old,  
consider the years long past;

ask your father, and he will inform you;  
your elders, and they will tell you.

When the Most High apportioned the nations,  
when he divided humankind,

he fixed the boundaries of the peoples  
according to the number of the gods;  
the LORD's own portion was his people,  
Jacob his allotted share.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 4  
beginning at verse 31**

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

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# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - St Columba's

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A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup>Therefore since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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