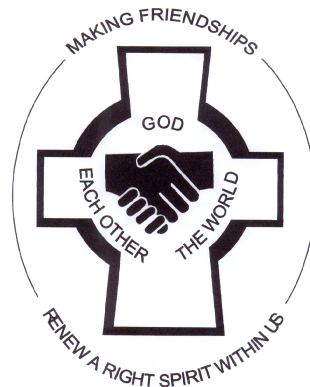


23rd MARCH 2014



Lent 3

WELCOME

Any newcomers or visitors - you are welcome. Do make yourselves known!

WORSHIP

Our gospel reminds us that true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God we come to you with our faith and doubt, our strength and weakness, our failure and success. May we come to you as we are to meet with you and to be cleansed and refreshed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

Members of the Mothers' Union attending the Festival Service in St Anne's Cathedral this afternoon are reminded that the coach leaves St Patrick's at 2.15 pm sharp.

MONDAY

Finance Committee meets at 7.30 pm in Parish Office.

Ladies' Circle meet at 7.30 pm at the Museum on the Main Street in Broughshane.

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

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by tea/coffee.

Lenten Service in Ballyclug at 8.00 pm.

THURSDAY Christianity Explored - 7.45 pm in Minor Hall.

FRIDAY House Group - Cheryl Sinclair.

SATURDAY Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Hall from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm in support of Catherine McWhirter and Peter Todd in their Exodus Trip to Valdepenas, Spain.

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.

ONGOING

MINISTRY Last Sunday raised £7,989.70. Still opportunity to respond through St Patrick's tide envelope.

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

ADVANCE Ministry Team meeting on Monday, 31st March at 7.30 pm.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Exodus 17:1-7 (Page 66) and St John 4:5-42 (Page 91)

ANTHEM IN ST PATRICK'S - WASH ME THOROUGHLY (Wesley)

"Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,
And forgive me all my sin."

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES IN ST PATRICK'S

Versicle - Heavenly Father give us the water of life.

Response - That we may reflect your love.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you Jesus that you are like refreshing water.
Thank you that you give us plenty of life. Amen.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - Ballyclug

23 March 2014

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans chapter 5 beginning at verse 1 - Our life now is to be a response to all God has done for us through Christ, flooding us with hope, grace and love.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 5 -
In this reading where Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman and a Samaritan
community, we hear of him as living water and as the promised Messiah.**

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - St Columba's

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A reading from the Book of Exodus chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

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