

30th MARCH 2014

Lent 4

Mothering Sunday



WELCOME If you are visiting or new to our church family, you are very welcome.

WORSHIP We gather as a family in church - which today we celebrate as Mother Church - to worship God our Father who also in biblical terms has a mothering role.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father, you have gathered us from many places and many situations into this our Mother Church. Help us as we come to appreciate your great yearning for us and your desire to draw us into your care. So may we respond with thanksgiving and a readiness to serve and please you. Amen.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY Ministry Team - 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

TUESDAY Healer Prayer Group - 7.15 - 8.00 pm in Clergy Vestry.
Sunday School Teachers meet at 7.30 pm.
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.
Communications Committee - 9.00 pm in Office.

THURSDAY Christianity Explored - 7.45 pm in Minor Hall.

FRIDAY Living Rivers Church will co-host with Bhop (Ballymena house of prayer) lunchtime prayers of blessing for the town in Living Rivers Church (2 - 4 Railway Street,

Harryville) from 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm. Please come and join us.

C.L.B. Annual Display and Parents' evening - 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY Prayer time - 8.00 am. Open Breakfast at 9.30 am.

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 - Alex McKay
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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.

THANKS To all who contributed to our Ministry Appeal - just over £10,000 has been raised so far.

COMING Another of our series of Vigils - Friday, 11th April - 8.00 pm - 12.00 pm.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Exodus 2:1-10 (Page 50)

St Luke 2:33-35 (Page 56)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God for Mother Church. Thank you God for our mothers. Please be with them in the joys and the hurts. Amen.



ANTHEM - Thou art God (Lionel Bourne)

Thou art the peace of all things calm, Thou art the place to hide from harm

Thou art the light that shines in dark, Thou art the heart's eternal spark,
Thou art the door that's open wide, Thou art the guest who waits inside,

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Thou art the stranger at the door, Thou art the calling of the poor.
Thou art my Lord and with me still, Thou art my love, keep me from ill,
Thou art the light, the truth, the way, Thou art my saviour this very day.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - St Columba's

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**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians
chapter 3 beginning at verse 12**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 19 beginning at verse 25

²⁵Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Book of Exodus chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

¹A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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**A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 2
beginning at verse 33**

³³The father and mother of the child Jesus were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

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