

4th MAY 2014

Easter 3



WELCOME To those who may be new or visiting.

WORSHIP Our focus is in this season very much on the risen Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, as we come together from different situations we pray that we may be attentive and receptive to whatever you would show us. Open our eyes and our hearts that we may recognise you coming to us in our worship but also in our daily lives and so may come to know you in a deeper way, Our Risen Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK

TODAY We congratulate our new Churchwardens as they take up this ministry.

St Patrick's	Rector's	Ronnie Fleming
	People's	Jonathan Nevin
Ballyclug	Rector's	Jackie McMaster
	People's	Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Ivan McCombe
	People's	Stephanie Allen

We also offer our appreciation to the outgoing Churchwardens.

MAGAZINE May issue now available.

TUESDAY Training evening for all involved in leadership with our young people at 7.45 pm.

Please note that there will no Bible Study and no Healer Prayer Group this week. Both will resume next Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30 am followed by tea/coffee.
St Columba's Committee Meeting at 7.45 pm.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

VISITOR C.M.S. is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. As part of this mission partners from many parts of the world are coming to Ireland. We are hosting Shreya Thapa from Nepal. She will be with us for a week, will speak at some services next Sunday and will be about the parish.

CIVIC SERVICE Joint service in St Patrick's last Sunday in May.

CHRISTIAN AID Christian Aid Lunches will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall and St Columba's Church next Sunday. Everyone welcome. Assistance with door-to-door collection still needed. Please contact Mrs Mary Campbell, Tel No. 2564 6701 or speak to one of the Clergy. Christian Aid Week takes place from 11-17 May.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

1 Peter 1:17-23 (Page 230) and St Luke 24:13-35 (Page 86)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Day by day, 3 things we pray - To see you more clearly.
Love you more dearly. Follow you more nearly.
Day by day Amen



EASTER 3 - St Columba's

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 43 beginning at verse 1

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²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth -

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.' ⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' ¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. ¹²I

declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 24 beginning at verse 13

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