

16th NOVEMBER 2014



Second Sunday before Advent

WELCOME

Especially to visitors and newcomers.

Also to the team recently returned from Nepal. We look forward to hearing their experiences.

WORSHIP

Just as God was worshipped in the Temple, may we praise him here today.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Heavenly Father, it will soon be Advent when we remember the birth of Jesus redeemer of the world. Help us to get ready to be reborn ourselves in the power of God, to live and work for his praise and glory. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

NEXT SUNDAY 11.30 am in St Columba's - Family Service + Baptism.
6.30 pm in St Patrick's - Living Faith Service.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

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

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

WITH EACH OTHER

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- STILL ACTIVE** 'Parable of the Cake Stand' - Elizabeth Nelson and Angela McClintock. Wednesday at 2.00 pm.
- 2015 ENVELOPES** Thank you to all who helped prepare the 2015 envelopes for distribution and to the distributors who will find their bags in the churches.
- THE CASTLE PLAYERS** Present 'Cupid wore skirts' by Sam Cree in St Patrick's Hall on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd at 7.30 pm. Tickets now available from the office - admission £7, concessions £5.
- COMING SOON** Christmas Fair - **Saturday 29th November**. There will be all the usual stalls and attractions including refreshments. If you have any items for the stalls or the auction, please contact: Joan Holden, St Patrick's; Jackie Greer, Ballyclug; Sandra Duke, St Columba's.
- EUROPEAN SAFETY WEEK** There have been 70 deaths on our roads so far in 2014. As part of European Road Safety Week (17th - 23rd Nov) Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service will be carrying out a Road Traffic Collision demonstration at Tesco, Larne Road on Fri 21st at 7 pm in the store car park. This will be a simulated road accident involving 2 vehicles with multiple casualties. Additionally there will be another event at Fairhill Yard, Kilrea on Sunday 23rd at 3 pm.

WITH THE WORLD

- WE REMEMBER** Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gilmour family from Cloughmills. Any donations for the family would be appreciated. Please leave asap into office/church. Non-perishable food, toiletries, household clothes, toys for boys aged 4, 6, 9, 10, 14 and one girl aged 13.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

You want us to be good children.
Please help us to be good children so you will be pleased with us. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (Page No 889)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Page No 202)

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 25 beginning at verse 14

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” ²³His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw

him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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**A reading from the prophecy of Zephaniah chapter 1
beginning at verse 7**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.’ Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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