

# 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

## Sunday before Advent



**WELCOME** To all newcomers and any visitors.

**WORSHIP** We seek to worship with reverence, understanding and with joy.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father in this time of worship open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to see your glory, our hearts to receive your grace and our lips to show your praise; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

#### WITH GOD

**LIVING FAITH** Service tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

**FONDLY REMEMBERED** Next Sunday at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's a service to remember all loved ones departed this life. Those who wish to will have the opportunity to engage in a simple symbolic act of remembrance.

**WHOLENESS** Service of wholeness and healing in St Columba's next Sunday at 11.30 am.

**INTER CHURCH** First of series of lunch-time services to mark Advent. Thursday in Methodist Church from 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm.

**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 - Alex McKay, Tel. No. 2564 4698.

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

#### WITH EACH OTHER

**MINISTRY TEAM** Meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

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- LADIES' CIRCLE** St Columba's tomorrow at 8.00 pm. Drug and Alcohol Awareness: Speaker: Nicola Greer.
- CHRISTMAS FAIR AND AUCTION** This Saturday from 10.00 am. Action from 12 noon onwards. Appeal for good for all stalls. Stalls include Bric-a-Brac, Books, Fancy Goods, Bottles, Jewellery, Nearly New, Toiletries, Cakes and Tray-bakes. Items for Auction (value £25 and over and in good condition).
- 2015 ENVELOPES** Being distributed. Outlying addresses at back of churches. If you previously had a number above 720, please note that you have been issued with a new number for 2015.
- MAGAZINE** Material for December/January issue to office by Wednesday please.

### WITH THE WORLD

- SALVATION ARMY** Children's Present Appeal. Please bring these to Church as soon as possible.
- BLOOD TRANSFUSION** Blood Transfusion will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

### CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God for our names, special to us and that we are special to you. Amen.



### ANTHEM AT ST PATRICK'S - Lift up your heads, O ye gates William Mathias (1934-1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.	Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
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### READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Ruth 1:1-18 (Page No 248)

The changes that happen in Ruth's family and the choices that are made.

Ruth 4:1-12 (Page No 250)

Boaz redeems his ancestor's name and inheritance as he buys his land and marries Ruth.

# The Sunday before Advent - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
chapter 1 beginning at verse 15

*Paul extols the power of God at work to raise Christ up as King over all and at work to raise up the faithful.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love<sup>\*</sup> towards all the saints, and for this reason<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.<sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,<sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.<sup>20</sup> God<sup>\*</sup> put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 25 beginning at verse 31

*Jesus declares what the standard of judgement will be for entry into his kingdom - care for or neglect of needy.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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