

2nd NOVEMBER 2014



Fourth Sunday before Advent

WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP As we come to worship may we honour the One who would raise us up to life.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We are gathered together to acknowledge the presence of God at the centre of creation and at the centre of our lives. May all our lives give honour and glory to God and may we be assured of eternal life. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

REMEMBRANCE DAY Services next Sunday in all three churches at at normal morning worship times. Special collections at all services in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Studying Book of Hebrews.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Doreen Cowan, Tel. No. 2564 4709.

WITH EACH OTHER

ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE Monday at 7.45 pm.

MENTAL HEALTH

Thursday 7.30 - 9.30 pm - Continuation of series on Mental Health issues. This Thursday - Anxiety and Stress Management. Montgomery's restaurant.

ADVANCE NOTICE

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.

WITH THE WORLD

NEPAL

Please remember in your prayers the Rector and the team from our Parish who are now in Nepal.

DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

Commencing on 12th November, fortnightly project meetings will be held in The Braid Centre, on Wednesday evenings from 5.30-8.00 pm. This is part of a Harvest Project initiative which is being rolled out across Northern Ireland. It will be run and supervised by staff and volunteers from the Down's Syndrome Association. The object is to support adults in their late 30's+ with Down's Syndrome and their carers. There will be activities to suit everyone from arts and crafts, baking, games and karaoke. This is a free service and transport can be provided. Please contact Nichola McBride: 028 9066 5260 or 075 9192 8412.
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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for caring about us so much, please help us to care about other people, and to help people who are hungry and poor.
Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AND BALLYCLUG

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1 John 3:1-3 (Page No 237)
St Matthew 5:1-12 (Page No 4)

4th Sunday before Advent - St Columba's

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 58 beginning at verse 10

If you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the First Letter of St John chapter 3
beginning at verse 17**

¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

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4th Sunday before Advent - Ballyclug

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**A reading from the First Letter of St John chapter 3
beginning at verse 1**

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely* on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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