

15th FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday before Lent Quinquagesima



WELCOME To newcomers and any visitors.

WORSHIP Gathering together as a family to focus on God and to acknowledge his worth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of all time and eternity, as we gather here now, we ask you to meet us, to accept our worship, to inspire our praise and to increase our sense of awe and wonder that you are our God, seeking to transform our lives. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED Facilitators meeting for this course today at 3.00 pm in Minor Hall. Course starts for all who have signed up on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion at 10.30 am.

LIVING FAITH Special preacher next Sunday night at 6.30 pm - the Rev Brother David Jardine.

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

YOUTH Young Persons' Steering Committee - Monday at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Room.
HEALER Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
PRAYER GROUP

BIBLE Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Robing Room.
FELLOWSHIP Everyone welcome.

STILL ACTIVE Wednesday at 2.00 pm : 'House of Colour' Helen Allen.

C.L.B. The C.L.B. Jumble Sale will be held on Friday, 6th March. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated. For collection of goods, please contact Alan Ross - 2589 2740.

REGISTERED? If you have not already done so, please register to vote in church elections. Forms at back of Churches.

WITH THE WORLD

FOOD BANK The organizers of this scheme are very pleased with the continuing good response from our parish. Keep it up!

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

2 Kings 2:1-12 (Page No 342)

Elisha, who will not leave Elijah, witnesses his dramatic departure to heaven.

St Mark 9:2-9 (Page No 42)

Jesus' closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountaintop and there is a disclosure of his true identity.

Sunday before Lent - St Columba's

15th February 2015

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians chapter 4 beginning at verse 3

God reveals himself in Christ, whose light shines in the hearts of believers. For unbelievers the God of this world has blinded them to the light.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Jesus' closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountaintop and there is a disclosure of his true identity.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Mark, chapter 9 beginning at verse 2

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; ^{*}listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Sunday before Lent - Ballyclug

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

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Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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