

# 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015

## Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday



### WELCOME

To newcomers and to visitors.  
Please feel free to take a parish magazine for your information.

### WORSHIP

Originally on Mothering Sunday servants were especially given time off to return to their Mother Church to worship.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Grant God, as we gather, gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins and joy as we remember your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

#### WITH GOD

- ST PATRICK'S DAY** Tuesday Holy Communion at 10.30 am. No Holy Communion on Wednesday.
- HEALER PRAYER GROUP** Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
- BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Robing Room. Everyone welcome.
- DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED** Continues Wednesday at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.
- HOUSE GROUP** Friday, 7.30 pm at 7 Foxhill.
- LIVING FAITH** Next Sunday in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.
- PARISH VIGIL** Friday week, 27<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00 pm - 12 midnight.
- PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Millicent McClelland,  
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**MINISTRY OF PRAYER WITH EACH OTHER** Takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

**ST PATRICK'S TIDE** The special envelope for this time is being used this year to support ministry in the form of the provision of attractive accommodation for a new minister. A good response would be encouraging.

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

**G.F.S.** Annual Display and Parents' night on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**STILL ACTIVE** St Patrick's Tide lunch and entertainment this Wednesday.

**MAGAZINE** Material for April magazine please by Wednesday.

### **WITH THE WORLD**

**SAMARITANS** Ballymena Samaritans are encouraging anyone over 18 who has some spare time to come to an information evening on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm at 45 Mount Street.

### **ANTHEM AT ST PATRICK'S**

The Lord bless you and keep you:  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light  
Of His countenance upon you,  
The Lord lift up the light  
Of His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

### **READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S**

Numbers 21:4-9 (Page No 145)  
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## Lent 4 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Book of Numbers chapter 21 beginning at verse 4

*The people of Israel complain, are punished for their lack of trust and then are given a way of healing through a raised up serpent.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 3 beginning at verse 14**

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Jesus said to Nicodemus: <sup>14</sup>‘Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

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# Lent 4 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

*It is by God's grace we are saved not by our own efforts.  
Christ was raised up drawing his people from death to life.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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**Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 3 beginning at verse 14**

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**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**