

22nd MARCH 2015

Lent 5



WELCOME

To those who are newcomers or visitors.

WORSHIP

We offer ourselves - our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father, as we gather, draw us in and open us up to you. Help us to recognise your love and desire for us in the provision of a Saviour. And now in response to this your goodness help us to offer our worship, in the name of our Saviour Jesus. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

VIGIL

This Friday in St Patrick's 8.00 pm - 12 midnight. Time apart and time for reflection. Come for as long as you wish. Our Good Friday/Easter Labyrinth will be in place for Friday and the coming days.

HOLY WEEK/ EASTER

See the leaflet for details. We trust that many will want to hear our bishop.

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

A further episode this Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

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

LADIES' CIRCLE PARISH PANEL St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm.
Speaker: Robert Dick : Subject: Old Remedies.
Meet Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

C.L.B. DISPLAY And Annual Parents night this Friday at 7.30 pm.

MOTHERS' UNION Area Event *Daffodil Tea* in St Patrick's Parish Hall, Broughshane, on Saturday, 28th March from 10.30 am - 12 noon. Bring and Buy Stall/Cakes/Kids Messy Table. (Proceeds to MU Projects). Please support.

MU Members attending Festival Service today are reminded that the coach will depart from St Patrick's at **2.15 pm sharp**.

ENVELOPES Please if you have not already done so submit you St Patrick's tide envelope.

WITH THE WORLD

METHODIST ART COLLECTION For those who volunteered to be Arts Ambassadors at the Braid during the exhibition and anyone else who would like to take part, there will be a formal training evening tomorrow in the Braid from 7.00-9.00 pm. If you cannot attend tomorrow, we will organise a short training soon in St Patrick's.

THE BARONESSES An evening with May Blood, Nuala O'Loan and Elizabeth Berridge. Sponsored by Ballymena Church Members Forum on Thursday, 26th March at 7.30 pm in Montgomery's Coffee Shop.

D.R.CONGO This is the country highlighted in the C.M.S. Lent Project this year. There is much unrest at the moment and the local bishop has asked for the prayers of the people in Ireland.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Page No 746)

A prophecy of an entirely new covenant not based on Law so easy to break but written into hearts of those who long to know and be known by God.

St John 12:20-33 (Page No 103)

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VERSICLES AND RESPONSES IN ST COLUMBA'S

Versicle - Lord as you gave yourself for us.

Response - Let us give ourselves to you.

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A reading from the Book of Jeremiah chapter 31 beginning at verse 31

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The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 12 beginning at verse 20

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²⁷‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’

³⁰Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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A reading from the Book of Hebrews chapter 5 beginning at verse 5

Christ by offering himself to God through his life and death has become the one perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world and the source of salvation for all who obey him.

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