

8th MARCH 2015

Lent 3



WELCOME To newcomers and to visitors.

WORSHIP From separate lives may we be at one in our worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God as we gather together may it be the desire of our hearts to meet you in worship. And may we respond to the desire of your heart and go out into the world with love. May our worship make a difference to our lives and may we then make a difference in your world. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

NEXT SUNDAY Mothering Sunday Family Service in St Patrick's at 10.15 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS Sunday School Teachers meeting at 7.00 pm on Monday. Jill Hamilton, Children's Worker for Connor Diocese, will attend this meeting.

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 Wednesday at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

ST PATRICK'S CONFESSION Learn more about St Patrick and hear an audio recording of his 'Confession' which gives a unique account of his life and faith. All Saints Parish Centre on Thursday at 7.30 pm.

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

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

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WITH EACH OTHER

VESTRY REGISTER Last opportunity to sign up today. Meeting to redraw the register - Tuesday in Minor Hall at 7.30 pm.

SELECT VESTRY Meeting on Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

MOTHERS' UNION Meeting will be held on Wednesday in the Robing Room. Revd J McClure will give a talk on Mental Health/Drug Abuse. There will also be a Bring and Buy sale.

FINANCE CTE. Thursday at 7.30 pm.

ST PATRICK'S TIDE The St Patrick's tide envelope is used to Support Ministry in the parish and this year it will be used in the context of drawing a new rector to the parish to help provide attractive accommodation.

WITH THE WORLD

LENT PROJECT The Sunday School is doing the CMS Lent Project, focusing on the Democratic Republic of Congo and what the church is doing in very difficult circumstances. Money raised goes towards providing for a home for abandoned children, supporting an adult literacy programme and helping a Mothers' Union project with prisoners.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, We pray for all the people who live in the Democratic Republic of Congo and for this year's CMS project 'Little lights'.
Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Exodus 20:1-17 (Page No 68)

God requires obedience to His commandments which form the heart of the Jewish law and are a foundation of Christian moral principles.

Romans 5:1-11 (Page No 151)

Our conduct in life should be a response to the extraordinary thing God has done for us in Christ - flooding us with grace hope and love.

Lent 3 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Book of Exodus chapter 20 beginning at verse 1

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Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 2 beginning at verse 13

Jesus challenges the conventional practices in the Temple Courts.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

Our conduct in life should be a response to the extraordinary thing God has done for us in Christ - flooding us with grace, hope and love.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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