

19th APRIL 2015

2nd Sunday After Easter



WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP We worship the risen Lord - by dying He destroyed our death, by rising He restored our life.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord Jesus we come with belief and our doubts, our willingness and our hesitancy, our openness and our prejudice, our desire to be your witnesses and our fear of not being up to the job! Risen Lord, encourage and empower us through your word and your Spirit. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH Next Sunday in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED Second last session this Wednesday in the Minor Hall at 7.30 pm.

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.

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.

Second Sunday after Easter - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 3 beginning at verse 12

Peter and John discover the power of the risen Christ is at work in them to heal as he has done. Explaining this Peter calls on the people to repent and believe in the Messiah.

¹²Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 24 beginning at verse 36b

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³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'

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Second Sunday after Easter - St Columba's

19th April 2015

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

Children of God now, beyond death we shall see Christ fully. So we must seek to put away sin.

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. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Luke, chapter 24 beginning at verse 36b

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.