

# 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015



## Easter Day

**WELCOME** To any visitors or those home on holiday, we wish you a blessed and joyful Easter.

**WORSHIP** Praise God - the Lord is risen!

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We come to worship the risen Lord. We bring our strengths and weaknesses, our confidence and our uncertainties, our hopes and our fears. The risen Lord calls us to be his witnesses, his friends and his disciples. And so we proclaim together - Alleluia we are your people; Alleluia we are your church; Alleluia risen Lord we are your disciples. Amen.

### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

#### WITH GOD

**SERVICES** As usual next Sunday.

**NURTURE GROUP** Jubilee group meets on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

**DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED** Last two sessions on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Heather Barr. Tel No. 2564 1047.

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

### WITH EACH OTHER

**THANKS** To those responsible for the Easter Labyrinth and the Easter decorations.

**EASTER VESTRY** The Annual General Vestry or AGM of the parish. Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

**CHURCH OFFICE** Closed until Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### WITH THE WORLD

**SISTERS AND BROTHERS** We remember especially at this Easter time those in the Christian Family who are suffering for their faith.

#### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Thank you God that you raised Jesus from death to new life. Thank you that he is alive for us today. Amen.



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

St John 20:1-18 (Page No 111)

Peter and John encounter an empty tomb and grave clothes. Mary Magdalene is first to see the risen Lord and tell others.

# Easter Sunday - Ballyclug

5<sup>th</sup> April 2015

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians chapter 15 beginning at verse 1

*Jesus raised from death is seen by many people and Paul himself encounters him*

<sup>1</sup>I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## A reading from the gospel according to St Mark chapter 16 beginning at verse 1

***The women coming to anoint Jesus are amazed to find the tomb empty and to be told that he has been raised.***

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

***This is the word of the Lord***  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

# Easter Sunday - St Columba's

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chapter 15 beginning at verse 1

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***This is the word of the Lord***  
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**Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 20 beginning at verse 1**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

***This is the Gospel of the Lord.***

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