

11th March 2018

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday



WELCOME To all newcomers and visitors.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, on this Mothering Sunday we thank you for all Mothers and Carers, for their patience, kindness and encouragement. May our Mums feel really special today and may we show our gratitude to them for the love that they have given to each one of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Everyone welcome.

MID WEEK Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Ballyclug Church on Wednesday at 7.30 pm - 'Big Words for Lent - Mediator'. All welcome.

BALLYCLUG CHURCH This month Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, 18th March.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Patricia McWhirter - 077 1611 0045.

- TEA/COFFEE** After 11.30 am service in St Patrick's today.
- MINISTRY OF PRAYER** After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the Prayer Space.
- VISITING THE SICK** Please inform the Clergy if you know of anyone who is sick and requires a pastoral visit either in hospital or in their home.

WITH EACH OTHER

- MOTHERS' UNION** A visit to 'The Nest' in Broughshane this Wednesday, 14th March at the earlier time of 7.30 pm. Please meet at 'The Nest'.
Sunday, 18th March, the **Festival Service** is in St Ann's Cathedral at 3.30 pm. We will be leaving the Church Car Park at 2.15 pm.
- YOUTH CLUB** No Youth Club next Saturday night.

WITH THE WORLD

- ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CONCERT AND SUPPER** Tickets are on sale from the Church Office, Church Wardens and Good Morning Ballymena for the St Patrick's Night Concert next Saturday at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Programme includes a Castle Players' sketch, featuring Canon Stuart Lloyd and Evelyn Riddel.
- ST PATRICK'S DAY BROUGHSHANE** St Patrick's Church, Broughshane, is hosting a Family Day from 11.00 am - 4.00 pm next Saturday. This will include an Exhibition of St Patrick's Life, timed performances of the story trail, craft workshops, Irish dancing, Irish harpist, café. All welcome.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Psalm 139:7-18 (Page 589)
St Luke 7:1-10 (Page 62)

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A reading from the prophecy of Hosea chapter 6 beginning
at verse 1

‘Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.’

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from gospel according to St Matthew chapter 9 beginning at verse 9

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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