## 12th November 2017

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday



**WELCOME** A special welcome to all

parishioners and visitors.

**WORSHIP** Remember that in Christ there is no death.

Praise be to God!

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

They did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Therefore rejoice you heavens and all that dwell in them.

#### **MAKING FRIENDSHIPS**

#### **WITH GOD**

ACT OF For all Youth Organisations this evening in

**REMEMBRANCE** St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

**HEALER PRAYER** Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

GROUP

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

MID WEEK Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in

St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the Minor Hall.

'THE WAY'

YOUTH

**FELLOWSHIP** 

Next Sunday at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

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CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour. See you there. CLASS

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Millicent McClelland

Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

MINISTRY OF **PRAYER** 

After morning and evening services in St Patrick's

in the Prayer Space.

#### WITH EACH OTHER

COFFEE **MORNING** 

Christmas Coffee Morning next Saturday, from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Seasonal goods and cakes for sale. Enjoy a chat and a cuppa! All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds.

Everyone welcome.

SELECT VESTRY

Meeting on Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

STILL ACTIVE

Wednesday - Making a Christmas floral decoration

by Etta O'Hara.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office will be closed on Monday for

distribution of church envelopes.

#### WITH THE WORLD

COLLECTION

Today's collection will be given to the Royal British Legion appeal fund.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent - Ballyclug

#### 12th November 2017

## A reading from the prophecy of Amos chapter 5 beginning at verse 18

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grainofferings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### A reading from the gospel according to St Mark Chapter 13 beginning at verse 5

Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

# 3<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent - Service of Remembrance - St Columba's

12th November 2017

### A reading from the Book of Psalms - Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

# A reading from the gospel according to St John Chapter 15 beginning at verse 5

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.