

17th September 2017

Trinity 14



WELCOME

To newcomers, visitors and parishioners.

WORSHIP

We worship our living God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, as we begin our worship help us to put all worldly thoughts from our minds and think only of you. May we praise you with sincerity and may you bring peace and forgiveness to all our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Tonight at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

Talk 'Getting Dressed for Prayer' in the Minor Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

MID WEEK

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sunday, 24th September at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour. We look forward to meeting you there.

GFS FESTIVAL SERVICE

The GFS Festival Service will be held in St Patrick's Parish Church Sunday, 24th September at 3.00 pm. We invite all parishioners, especially past members of the GFS, to come and take part in this Service.

LIVING FAITH

Living Faith service next Sunday at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's Parish Church. The theme is 'The Lord who is always there' and the speaker will be the Revd Dennis Christie. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Team Leader - Eleanor Burnett: Tel No. 075 1736 5589.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the Prayer Space.

WITH EACH OTHER

STILL ACTIVE

Wednesday - Talk by Diane Nicholls and friends about Volunteering in a Syrian Refugee Camp in Greece.

ORGANISATIONS

St Columba's Church

Squirrels: Wednesday - 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm: 4 -6 years

Rainbows: Thursday - 6.30 pm - 7.45 pm: 4 - 7 years

Scouts: Friday - 7.45 pm - 9.45 pm: 10+ years

Senior Section: 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm 14 years+

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

St Patrick's Church Hall - Saturday, 23rd September from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Over 20 quality dealers selling china, clocks, oil lamps, original paintings, antique and vintage jewellery, silver, crystal, stamps, small furniture, coins, militaria, etc. Admission £2, children (accompanied) free. Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Action Cancer and Church Funds.

LADIES' NIGHT

Wednesday, 27th September at 7.00 pm in Rococo. If you wish to attend contact Lucy: 077 5995 0497.

BEREAVEMENT COURSE

Saturday, 30th September: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. The course is run by Care for the Family. If anyone is interested, please contact Lucy to book a place.

MAGAZINE

Material to the Office by Wednesday please.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

An Exhibition detailing the history of the Church Lads' Brigade in Northern Ireland is being held during the month of September in the Braid Centre. Special reference is made to the work of the Ballymena Company over the past 120 years. We would encourage all our parishioners to visit and support this Exhibition.

URGENT REQUEST FOR LEADERS OF BROWNIES

At the moment we have no leaders to take the Brownies Group in St Columba's. If you would be willing to help by becoming a leader please contact Hilary Strain: 077 5321 2587 or Elizabeth Peachey: 078 0346 9520 or speak to one of the Clergy who will be delighted to hear from you.

WITH THE WORLD

BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM

AGM on Monday, 18th September at 7.30 pm in West Church. Guest Speaker: Very Revd Dr Norman Hamilton OBE, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and former Minister of Ballysillan Presbyterian Church at the time of The Holy Cross School protests. A speaker well worth hearing. Everyone welcome.

ROUND POUND COINS

Over the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to pass on to the Church any old 'round pound' coins still in your possession. This money will then be divided between Alzheimer's NI and Ballymena Parish Youth and Children's work.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Genesis 50:15-21 (Page 49)

John 6:35-51 (Page 95)

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A reading from the Book of Exodus Chapter 12 beginning at verse 14

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a solemn assembly, and on the seventh day a solemn assembly; no work shall be done on those days; only what everyone must eat, that alone may be prepared by you. You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance. In the first month, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day, you shall eat unleavened bread. For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether an alien or a native of the land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your settlements you shall eat unleavened bread. Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. For the Lord will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down. You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this observance?" you shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses." ' And the people bowed down and worshipped. The Israelites went and did just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from gospel of according to St Matthew chapter 18 beginning at verse 21

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'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 18 beginning at verse 21

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.