

19th November 2017

2nd Sunday before Advent



WELCOME To all visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP May God be praised.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you have given us the gift of your holy word. May it be a light to our way and give strength to our lives. Take us and use us to serve your people by the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP This evening at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

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.

ALPHA PLUS COURSE '*A Life Worth Living*' on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Choir Vestry.

ENROLMENT SERVICE *Sunday, 26th November* - GFS and CL&CG Brigade Enrolment Service in St Patrick's at 11.30 am. All members to meet in the Church Hall at 11.15 am prior to the Service in Church.

- CONFIRMATION CLASS** Sunday, 26th November at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour.
- LIVING FAITH** Next Sunday, 26th November at 6.30 pm. This service will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall and the guest speaker will be the Revd Chris Bennett from Dock Café Church at the Titanic Quarter. Everyone is welcome.
- PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick
Tel No. 2564 0865.
- MINISTRY OF PRAYER** After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the Prayer Space.

WITH EACH OTHER

- MAGAZINE** Material for December/January issue to Office by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Late articles will be included in the February magazine if appropriate.
- MOTHERS' UNION** Sunday, 26th November at 3.00 pm in St Jude's, Muckamore. A service to mark 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. Revd John McClure will lead the service. Speaker from Christian Police Association.
- ENVELOPES** Thanks to all who helped prepare the 2018 CRG offering envelopes for distribution and to the teams currently delivering them. Some outlying envelopes are at the back of Churches.

WITH THE WORLD

- BLOOD TRANSFUSION** St Patrick's Hall - Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Page 202)
St Luke 15:8-10 (Page 75)

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians, Chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew
Chapter 25 beginning at verse 14**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

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