

# 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Whit Sunday



**WELCOME** To all visitors and newcomers.

**WORSHIP** We worship our loving God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, may your presence be with us as we worship you today. Help us to put our trust in your unfailing love and to sing your praises with thanksgiving in our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** Tonight from 6.30 pm - 7.45 pm. This is the final night of Youth Fellowship before we break for the summer. Everyone is most welcome so come along and join us.

**HEALER PRAYER GROUP** Tuesday at 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.

**BIBLE STUDY** 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.

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

**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**

### **BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS' FORUM**

Day Retreat, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 10.00 am - 4.30 pm at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. If you wish to attend, please contact any member of the Church Forum Committee or Stuart Lloyd, Tel No. 2586 2705 or email [sgelloyd@btinternet.com](mailto:sgelloyd@btinternet.com).

### **FIT FOR LIFE**

Advance notice that the Fit for Life Group walks begin on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15 pm at St Patrick's Church Hall. The walks will be held for a series of four weeks and will be followed by a light healthy snack at the end of each walk.

### **CHILDREN'S WEEK SUPERHEROES**

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June from 7.00 - 8.15 pm. for primary school children. We will need helpers! If you can help us on any of these nights, please speak to the Clergy or Lucy.

### **LEADERS' NIGHT OUT**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June in Rococco at 7.00 pm. Please let Lucy know if you can go.

### **MAGAZINE**

Material to office by Wednesday please.

## **WITH THE WORLD**

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

The Young Members' Committee of Connor Diocese presents '*Let's go the Movies!*' in St Patrick's Parish Church Hall on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30 pm. Suggested Donation £5: includes - sweetie cart, choc ices and other goodies. (All profits to Mothers' Union Projects). Please come along and bring a friend!

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

To date the amount raised for Christian Aid is £751.40. The Soup Lunches amounted to £455.20 and Church Collection £296.20. If you still have an outstanding envelope, please return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM**

**2 Timothy 3:10-17 (Page 210)  
St John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15 (Page 107)**

# Easter 8 - Whit Sunday - St Columba's

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 22

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Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

## **Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 15 beginning at verse 9**

Jesus said to the eleven, '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.'

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

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