

# 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017



## Advent 4

**WELCOME** To all visitors and especially those who are home on holiday.

**WORSHIP** The shepherds and wise men come to the manger to see the new born baby.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, help us during this busy festive time to think of you. As we worship you may we do so with thankful hearts and may you bring joy and hope of all your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**MID WEEK** Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's.

**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

**OFFICE** The office will be closed until Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. May we wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas.

**SELECT VESTRY** January meeting will now be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Details to follow.

**MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP**

Next meeting will take place on the evening of  
Thursday, 1st February 2018.

**RECTOR'S NOTE**

On behalf of all The McConnell clan can I wish everyone a very peaceful and Happy Christmas and God's strength and guidance in the New Year! Can I say a very special word of thanks to all who contribute so much to the life and witness of our parish. You are too many to even begin to mention by name but bless you each one for your sacrifice and service week in and week out. I hope you have a good break over this time of year and be refreshed to begin again in the service of the Lord in 2018. Thanks again everyone.

**VISITING THE SICK**

Please inform the Clergy if you know of anyone who is sick and requires a pastoral visit either in hospital or at their home.

**WITH THE WORLD**

**BLOOD  
TRANSFUSION**

St Patrick's Hall - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January &  
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 1.30 pm -  
4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

**ACTION CANCER  
BIG BUS**

St Patrick's on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Bookings can be made via [www.actioncancer.org/appointments](http://www.actioncancer.org/appointments) or by calling Action Cancer on 028 9080 3344. The two services provided by The Big Bus are Breast Screening and MOT Health Checks.

**A NOTE FOR  
YOUR DIARY**

The Castle Players will perform the Sam Cree play 'The Mating Season' in the Braid Arts Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Tickets will be available from the Braid Centre in January 2018.

**READING IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM**

**St Matthew 2:1-15 (Page 1)**

**Romans 16:25-27 (Page 161)**

# Advent 4 - St Columba's

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**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans Chapter 16 beginning at verse 25**

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## **A reading from the gospel according to St Luke, chapter 1 beginning at verse 26**

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