

24th September 2017

Trinity 15



WELCOME To all visitors and parishioners.

WORSHIP We meet together to worship our God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. May we through his holy word be strengthened so that we may show His love and goodness to those we meet each day. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

GFS FESTIVAL SERVICE Today at 3.00 pm in St Patrick's Church. All parishioners are invited, with a special welcome to past members of the GFS. We look forward to seeing you.

LIVING FAITH Tonight at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's Church. The theme is 'The Lord who is always there' and the speaker is Revd Dennis Christie.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Tonight at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour. We look forward to meeting you there.

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.

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Sunday, 1st October at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Patricia McWhirter: Tel No. 077 1611 0045.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

TEA There will be tea/coffee this morning in St Patrick's after the service.

LADIES' NIGHT Wednesday 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.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE Exhibition on the history of the Church Lads' Brigade: September in The Braid Centre. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the 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: 075 2517 9661 or Elizabeth Peachey: 078 0346 9520 or speak to one of the Clergy who will be delighted to hear from you.

WITH THE WORLD

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
Exodus 12:14 and 20-28 (Page 60)
Matthew 20:1-16 (Page 20)

Trinity 15 - Ballyclug

24th September 2017

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians
chapter 1 beginning at verse 21

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 9 beginning at verse 1

And after getting into a boat he crossed the water and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralysed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' Then some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'— he then said to the paralytic—'Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.' And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Trinity 15 - St Columba's

24th September 2017

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians
chapter 1 beginning at verse 21

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 9 beginning at verse 1

And after getting into a boat he crossed the water and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralysed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' Then some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'— he then said to the paralytic—'Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.' And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD