

# 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Easter 5



**WELCOME** To all visitors and newcomers.

**WORSHIP** Our risen Lord and Saviour.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, may you be with us always and may we know the power of your presence in our daily living. Help us to be like you so that we show love and compassion to each other. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** Tonight at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Tomorrow Monday - Minor Hall at 7.00 pm.

**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 - Millicent McClelland - Tel No: 077 9173 6117.

**PRAYERS IN ST PATRICK'S** Lunch time Prayers of Blessing for Ballymena and the surrounding area returns to St Patrick's Church on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. Time: 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm. All welcome.

**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**

**COFFEE MORNING** A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported or helped with the Coffee Morning in aid of Summer Madness funds. This was very successful.

**BALLYCLUG BUS** Sadly James Henry can no longer provide a driver on Sundays for the Ballyclug bus. We want to keep this service going so if anyone from the congregation who has a current PSV (Taxi Driver) Licence or who knows someone who could drive the bus and could help, we would ask them to contact the office. In the meantime if you use this service, please speak to your Ballyclug friends to organise a lift.

### **WITH THE WORLD**

**CHRISTIAN AID** An appeal for door-to-door collectors. Please telephone Mary Campbell on 2564 6701 or email [mer2201@ymail.com](mailto:mer2201@ymail.com).

**SIMON COMMUNITY** The Simon Community who help homeless people are holding collections at Junction One, Antrim, on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Also on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July from 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm. If you can volunteer to help with these collections or require more information, please contact [amandascott@simoncommunity.org](mailto:amandascott@simoncommunity.org) or telephone Amanda, Brian or Victoria on: 028 9023 2882.

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

**Acts 8:26-40 (Page 123) : St John 21:15-19 (Page 113)**

### **PRAYERS IN ST PATRICK'S**

**Versicle: God of hope**  
**Response: Save us with joy and peace in believing**

# Easter 5 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 8 beginning at verse 26

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'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **A reading from gospel according to St Luke chapter 24 beginning at verse 13**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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