

# 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent



**WELCOME** To all newcomers and visitors.

**WORSHIP** We lift up our hearts to our God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, we thank you for the love and guidance that you give to each of us. May we be uplifted by your word and praise your name with joyful hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** Tonight at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour. See 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.

**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

**ALL LEADERS OF PARISH ORGANISATIONS** A short meeting will be held in St Patrick's Minor Hall tomorrow night, at 7.30 pm for all Leaders of organisations covered by the Safeguarding Trust Parish Panel. The meeting will be held to distribute/collect documentation, update Leaders on Safeguarding Trust issues and allow Leaders to discuss issues with the Panel representatives. A cup of tea will be provided.

**MOTHERS' UNION** Diocesan Council on Tuesday in St Patrick's Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.  
Meeting on Wednesday at 8.00 pm. Join us in the Minor Hall on a voyage of hope and healing as we hear about the work of Mercy Ships. Visitors welcome. Bring and Buy Sale.

**COFFEE MORNING** Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Seasonal goods and cakes for sale. Enjoy a chat and a cuppa! All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds.

**MAGAZINE** November issue now available.

## WITH THE WORLD

**HOSPICE CHRISTMAS FAIR** The annual Hospice Christmas Fair will take place in Tullyglass House Hotel on Wednesday from 11.00 am until 9.00 pm. All proceeds go direct to the NI Hospice.

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

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (Page 201)

St Luke 10:25-37 (Page 68)

### **Remembrance Sunday - 12 November 2017**

10.00 am	Ballyclug - Act of Remembrance
10.45 am	Memorial Park - Service of Remembrance
11.30 am	St Patrick's Church - Service of Remembrance attended by The Royal British Legion
11.30 am	St Columba's - Act of Remembrance
6.30 pm	Celebration of Remembrance - Service for all Youth Organisations

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A reading from the prophecy of Micah chapter 3 beginning at verse 5

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets  
who lead my people astray,  
who cry 'Peace'  
when they have something to eat,  
but declare war against those  
who put nothing into their mouths.  
Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,  
and darkness to you, without revelation.  
The sun shall go down upon the prophets,  
and the day shall be black over them;  
the seers shall be disgraced,  
and the diviners put to shame;  
they shall all cover their lips,  
for there is no answer from God.  
But as for me, I am filled with power,  
with the spirit of the Lord,  
and with justice and might,  
to declare to Jacob his transgression  
and to Israel his sin.  
Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob  
and chiefs of the house of Israel,  
who abhor justice  
and pervert all equity,  
who build Zion with blood  
and Jerusalem with wrong!  
Its rulers give judgement for a bribe,  
its priests teach for a price,  
its prophets give oracles for money;  
yet they lean upon the Lord and say,  
'Surely the Lord is with us!  
No harm shall come upon us.'  
Therefore because of you  
Zion shall be ploughed as a field;  
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,  
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

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

## **A reading from the gospel according to St John Chapter 15 beginning at verse 12**

‘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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**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians, Chapter 2 beginning at verse 9**

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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## **A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 20 beginning at verse 29**

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!' The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!' Jesus stood still and called them, saying, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Lord, let our eyes be opened.' Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

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