

27th SEPTEMBER 2015

TRINITY 17



WELCOME

We trust that newcomers and visitors will be at ease in our worship.

WORSHIP

We gather together here and with others to acknowledge Him who gives us life day by day.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Help us O God as we gather to acknowledge the worshipping community of which we are part and help us now to play our part in that worship. May we thus together lift up our hearts and voices and together seek to glorify you and to learn from you. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH

Tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

CONFIRMATION

Young people's group meets Monday at 7.00 pm.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday at 8 pm in the Choir Vestry. All welcome.

MID WEEK

Holy Communion continues each Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.

CHOIR PRACTICE

St Patrick's on Thursday at 8.00 pm.

BHOP

Two years ago Bhop (Ballymena house of prayer) held the first Prayers of blessing for the town in St Patrick's Parish Church. On Friday, October 2nd St Patrick's Church will again co-host with Bhop the lunchtime prayers of blessing in St Patrick's Minor

- Hall from 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm. Please come and join us.
BIBLE READING Scripture Union Notes - next quarter now available.
- PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick, 2564 0865.
- MINISTRY OF PRAYER** Takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

WITH EACH OTHER

- LADIES' CIRCLE** In St Columba's this Monday at 8.00 pm when the Rector will talk about Reflections on Slemish. New members are very welcome.
- YOUTH STEERING COMMITTEE** Jubilee Room on Thursday at 7.30 pm.

WITH THE WORLD

- SHOE BOXES** Now available to be filled and passed to children in need via Samaritans' Purse for Christmas.
- SYRIAN REFUGEE APPEAL** So far £511 has been lodged. Thanks to all who contributed. Today is the last day for the appeal.
- GORE TRUST** Grants available from Gore Trust in Parish for anyone in 3rd level education. Name, address, course - submitted to Treasurer at Parish Office.
- ADVANCE NOTICE** The Harvest Supper will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall on 28th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from: J. Greer, J. McMaster and L. Bell.
- FOOD BANK** On going contributions much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God that we all belong in the family of the Church. Help us all to play our part for you. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Numbers 11:4-6 : 10-16 & 24-29 page 134

Moses labouring under the weight of leadership is told by God to choose elders to share the work.

Mark 9:38-50 page 43

Aside from those obviously chosen others can be seen as doing the work of God.

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A reading from the Letter of St James chapter 5 beginning at verse 13

James begs us to always turn to prayer in any sickness or distress.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Mark chapter 9 beginning at verse 38

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If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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A reading from the Book of Numbers chapter 11 beginning at verse 4

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In the second year after the Israelites had come out of the land of Egypt, the rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child," to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once - if I have found favour in your sight - and do not let me see my misery.' So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.' So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

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