

6th SEPTEMBER 2015



TRINITY 14

- WELCOME** Especially to visitors and newcomers.
- WORSHIP** Yes there is a duty to worship but hopefully there could also be a desire.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father help us not to approach you too easily in our worship, to come unthinking or just out of habit. Help us rather to come with desire, to offer our thanks, to call out in our need and to want your word. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

- HOUSE GROUP** Jubilee House Group meets this Monday at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Room.
- HEALER PRAYER** Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
- BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** Starts Tuesday at 8 pm in the Choir Room initially looking at the book of Proverbs.
- CONFIRMATION** Starting shortly for young people. Any young people not already approached considering confirmation please speak to clergy - any adults also.

WITH EACH OTHER

- ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE** Monday at 7.45 pm.
- GFS MUMS AND TODDLERS** Starts this Tuesday.
Resumes also Tuesday 10 am - 12 noon.
- BROWNIES** Tuesday in St Columba's.
- BADMINTON** Wednesday in Parish Hall.
- MOTHERS' UNION** This Wednesday in St Patrick's - Holy Communion at 8 pm.
- CLB** Resumes Friday.
- MAGAZINE** September issue available.
- GORE TRUST** Grants available from Gore Trust in Parish for anyone in 3rd level education. All that is required - name, address, course - submitted to Treasurer at Parish Office.
- COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 19th September from 10 am - 12 noon in Church Hall.

WITH THE WORLD

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Ballymena Church Members Forum probably sending volunteer team overseas in 2016. Interested? Initial meeting Montgomery's Saturday 12th September 10 am.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God for our homes and food.
Help us always to look out for others. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

James 2:1-10 and 14-17 page 226

Partiality to the rich is condemned and the uselessness of faith without action is declared.

Mark 7:24-37 page 41

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 35 beginning at verse 4

The prophet declares that when the Lord comes every ill and pain will be healed.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Mark chapter 7 beginning at verse 24

In Gentile territory need is met by the compassion of Jesus.

From the land of Gennesaret, Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.'³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus⁴ ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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A reading from the Letter of St James chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

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My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁸But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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