

15th NOVEMBER 2015

2nd Sunday before Advent



WELCOME A special word of welcome to all visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP We come together to acknowledge our God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God you have given us hearts to love you, minds to know you and voices to praise you. Help us to worship you with reverence, with understanding and with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Tuesday at 8 pm in the Choir Vestry.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Alex McKay,
Tel No. 2564 4698.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER After morning and evening services in St Patrick's - in the prayer space.

WITH EACH OTHER

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Monday at 8.15 pm in Church Office.

STILL ACTIVE Meet on Wednesday - a talk and display of needlework by Margaret McKay and Viola Attridge.

HELPERS If you could help out on Friday evenings at the C.L.B. or on Saturday evenings at the Youth Club your assistance would be most appreciated. Please contact Alan Ross (2589 2740) or Revd Iain Jamieson (2564 7049).

COFFEE MORNING Coffee Morning on a Christmas Theme will take place in St Patrick's Church Hall on Saturday, 28th November - 10.00 am - 12 noon.

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PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS

The four parochial nominators have had a preliminary meeting with the Bishop. An advertisement will appear in the Gazette on Friday 20th November and Friday 27th November. The Board of Nomination will then meet in December to consider applications.

WITH THE WORLD

ULSTER v SARACENS

Bus will leave the Methodist Church at 6 pm on 20th November, return 11 pm approx. Cost £30.00.

RADIO CRACKER

Presents the Belfast Community Gospel Choir in concert - Wellington Presbyterian Church on 21st November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Faith Mission Shop.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

St Colmanell's Parish Church, Ahoghill from 26th Nov - 1st Dec - celebrating 150 years of St Colmanell's.

FOOD BANK

Ongoing contributions are much appreciated.

HABITAT INDIA TEAM 2016

Volunteer overseas team going to India summer 16, to build simple homes and proper toilets for vulnerable families. If interested please email wmorton@utvinternet.com before 20th November.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to read stories of Jesus each day and follow Him. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Daniel 12:1-3 page 849

That in God's time human history will reach an end. That time will not come without much distress but God and his angels will deliver the faithful.

Mark 13:1-8 page 48

Jesus warns against false understanding of the signs of the times.

ANTHEM AT ST PATRICK'S - 'Blest are the pure in heart' (H Walford Davies) (1869-1941)

Blest are the pure in heart.

Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's above.

Still to the lowly soul He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

2nd Sunday before Advent - St Columba's

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A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews chapter 10
beginning at verse 11

A call to be constant in our faith because God's end of time is always near.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Mark, chapter 13 beginning at verse 1

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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A reading from the Book of Daniel chapter 12 beginning at verse 1

That in God's time human history will reach an end. That time will not come without much distress but God and his angels will deliver the faithful.

Daniel continued his prophecy:

¹'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

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