

# 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

## Sunday before Advent The Kingship of Christ



### WELCOME

To all visitors and newcomers.

### WORSHIP

Our God embraces all that may be going on in our lives and in our world.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**How sacred is this place, its open door of grace, be bold my soul to enter. May all who worship here, believing God is near, find God at the centre. Amen.**

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

#### LIVING FAITH

Tonight in St Patrick's Church Hall at 6.30 pm. Continues the theme of Sharing God's love. Tea, refreshments and fellowship before and after the service. Prayer ministry also available. All welcome.

#### HEALER PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

#### BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday at 8 pm in the Choir Vestry.

#### MID WEEK

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

#### PRAYER SUPPORT

Team Leader - Heather Barr,  
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#### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

#### INTER CHURCH - ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The first of series of lunch-time services to mark Advent will take place in St Patrick's on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm. All welcome.

## **WITH EACH OTHER**

- MAGAZINE** Material for December/January issue to office by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Late articles will be included in the February magazine if appropriate.
- FINANCE COMMITTEE** Wednesday at 7.30 pm in Church Office.
- HOSPITAL PATIENTS** The Clergy would be most grateful if parishioners would let them know of anyone from the parish who has been admitted to hospital. Unfortunately this information is no longer given to them by the Hospital Authorities and your assistance would be most appreciated.

## **WITH THE WORLD**

- COFFEE MORNING** In aid of church funds on Saturday in St Patrick's Church Hall from 10.00-12.00 noon. We would be most grateful for donations of tray bakes, cakes and scones. These should be left at the Church Hall on Friday before 4.30 pm or on Saturday morning.
- FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES** St Colmanell's Parish Church, Ahoghill. Celebrating 150 years of St Colmanell's. Times of opening -  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm-9pm : Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-9pm :  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-9pm : Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm-6.30pm :  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-9pm : Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 10am-9pm.  
Refreshments available.
- FOOD BANK** Ongoing contributions are much appreciated.

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we offer praise to Jesus, our King. We choose to follow Him each day. In his name we pray. **Amen.**



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

**2 Samuel 23:1-7 page 308**

David's last words are a poem of the faithfulness of the God who raised him to rule the Kingdom, and made an everlasting covenant with his dynasty.

**John 18:33-37 page 110**

The Jews take Jesus for trial by Pilate.

### **PRAYERS - St Patrick's**

**Versicle:** Lord your kingdom comes in us.

**Response:** As it is in heaven.

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A reading from the Revelation to John chapter 1 beginning at verse 8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

## **A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John chapter 18 beginning at verse 33**

Pilate entered the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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