

# 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015



## Advent Sunday

### WELCOME

To all newcomers and any visitors.

### WORSHIP

We worship a coming God who came in Jesus, who will come on the last day and who comes to us now in our daily experiences.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Eternal God, we would see Jesus. Be with us in the season of Advent as we watch and wait expectantly for the signs that he is near. 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.

#### MID WEEK

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

#### PRAYER SUPPORT

Team Leader - Eleanor Burnett,  
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#### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

#### BHOP

BHOP (Ballymena house of prayer). The next prayers of blessing for the town will be held in Green Pastures Church on Friday from 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### 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.

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## **WITH EACH OTHER**

- PARISH PANEL** Meet on Thursday at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Room.
- ENVELOPES** Thanks to all who helped prepare the 2016 Freewill offering envelopes for distribution and to the teams currently delivering them. Some outlying ones are at the back of Churches. Books close on 31<sup>st</sup> December, so please try to make up any giving by then.
- 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**

- FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES** St Colmanell's Parish Church, Ahoghill. Celebrating 150 years of St Colmanell's. Times of opening - 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**

Dear God, we thank you for this special time of year and what it means to us. We thank you for keeping your promise to send a Saviour and that he will come again. **Amen.**



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

**Jeremiah 33:14-16 page 749**

A righteous King will be born of David's line.

**St Luke 21:25-36 page 82**

Jesus expects a time of great distress before the end of the world and the faithful must be alert and stand firm.

# The First Sunday of Advent - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 33  
beginning at verse 14

*A righteous King will be born of David's line.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## A reading from the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St Luke chapter 21 beginning at verse 25

***Jesus expects a time of great distress before the end of the world and the faithful must be alert and stand firm.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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