

14th FEBRUARY 2016

Lent 1



WELCOME To all newcomers and any visitors.

WORSHIP We come to church to worship and focus on God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, as we gather here today may we focus on you. Help us to acknowledge you through our hymns and prayers and may you make a difference to our daily lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LENT PROJECT Presentation of C.M.S. project in Minor Hall at 3.00 pm today.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. All very welcome.

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

LENT SERIES Lenten service in Ballyclug on Wednesday at 8.00 pm.

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.

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WITH EACH OTHER

- MINISTRY TEAM** Monday at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.
- STILL ACTIVE** Meet on Wednesday - a talk by Helen Muirhead on working with the deaf in Kenya.
- LENT SEMINAR** The Bishop of Connor's 2016 lent Seminars on the theme of Grace will take place on:
February 17th - Bushmills from 7.30 - 9.30 pm
February 23rd - Lisburn from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.
There will be a break for refreshments and fellowship at each Seminar.
- REGISTERED?** If you have not already done so, please register to vote in church elections. Forms at back of Churches.

WITH THE WORLD

- FOOD BANK** Thank you for all your donations please keep them coming.
- REFRESHMENTS** After morning service today.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, Help us as we grow up to remember that you are with us and will always be there to help us.
Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 page 188

The people of God are to have constantly in mind God's powerful wonders in history.

St Luke 4:1-13 page 58

Jesus has to face the temptation to reveal the power of God within him by a show of mighty supernatural force. He rejects that for the ways of gentleness and compassion.

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A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 26 beginning at verse 1

The people of God are to have constantly in mind God's powerful wonders in history.

Moses convened all Israel and said to them: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

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Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
Chapter 10 beginning at verse 8b

As scripture says:

‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Luke, chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.