

17th APRIL 2016

4th Sunday of Easter



WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP We worship a Lord who cares for our hurts and fears and who is always there for us.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, we come into your house to praise and worship you. Help us to remember that we are always in your presence and to offer our prayers and thanks to you. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

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

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Millicent McClelland, Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

- MAGAZINE** Material for the May issue will need to be in the Church Office by tomorrow. Thank you.
- GUEST TEA** A Guest Tea and evening of music (instrumental and vocal) in St Patrick's Church Hall on Friday at 7.30 pm. Following the tea and musical programme there will be a Prize Draw which has been generously sponsored by the local business community. All proceeds, both from the tea and Prize Draw, will go towards Church Funds. Please come and bring your friends. Donations may be paid at the door.
- STILL ACTIVE** Wednesday - Annual General Meeting.

WITH THE WORLD

- SAMS** Bishop Ken Clarke, SAMS (South American Missionary Society), will be the special preacher at Morning Prayer in St Patrick's next Sunday, 24th April. We hope that you will be able to attend.
- LIVING FAITH SERVICE** Next Sunday in St Patrick's Parish Hall at 6.30 pm. Guest speaker is from the Arab World Ministry of Pioneers and will speak on the subject of 'The Stranger in our midst'. Everyone will be most welcome.
- FOOD BANK** Thank you for all your donations. Please keep giving. It is very much appreciated.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Revelation 7:9-17 page 247
St John 10:22-30 page 100

Easter 4 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Revelation to John chapter 7 beginning at verse 9

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 10 beginning at verse 22

The festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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Easter 4 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 9
beginning at verse 36

There was in Joppa a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 10 beginning at verse 22

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.