

24th APRIL 2016

5th Sunday of Easter



WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP We worship and honour our risen Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We thank you Lord for being with us each day and for helping us when we need your guidance. May we do your will and give to you all praise, honour and glory. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH Service tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.
Guest speaker from the Arab World Ministry of Pioneers. Subject - 'The Stranger in our midst'.

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 - Alex McKay,
Tel No. 2564 4698.

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

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WITH EACH OTHER

YOUTH STEERING GROUP Monday, 25 April at 7.45 pm in Jubilee Room.

LADIES' CIRCLE Visit to Arthur Cottage.

GOSHEN HOUSE GROUP Friday at 7.30 pm in Apt 6, Park Manor, Ballymoney Road, Ballymena.

WITH THE WORLD

REFRESHMENTS After morning service today.

MOTHERS' UNION St Patrick's Mothers' Union has been invited by Broughshane Branch to attend their visitors' night on Wednesday, 27th April at 8.00 pm. The Speaker will be the Revd Derek Kerr who will talk about the Monarchy. Please let Ann or Jean know if you wish to attend.

KOSHISH FUND You are invited to the **Big Parish Breakfast** on Saturday, 7th May from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. You can have a light breakfast or a full Ulster fry. All donations will be in aid of the Koshish Fund. Please bring the whole family.

FOOD BANK Thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, help us to love Jesus and to please Him by being good and kind to other people. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Leviticus 19:1-2:9-18 page 110

St John 13:31-35 page 105

Easter 5 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Revelation to John chapter 21
beginning at verse 1

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 13 beginning at verse 31

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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Easter 5 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 11 beginning at verse 1

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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