

**1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2016**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



**WELCOME** To all newcomers and visitors.

**WORSHIP** May we come as a family to worship God.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Dear God as we come to worship you, help us to put aside any thoughts which may hinder us in our worship. May we focus on You and bring to You our thanks and praise. 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.

**BHOP** The next Prayers of Blessing for the town will be hosted in Gracehill Moravian Church on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May from 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm. All welcome.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick,  
Tel No. 2564 0865.

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

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## **WITH EACH OTHER**

- DRAMA** The Castle Players are holding three weeks of workshops in The Braid commencing on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. If you are over 17 and interested, why not come along and take part, you might discover a new hobby?
- FINANCIAL REPORT 2015** Copies of the Financial Report are now available at the back of each Church.
- MOVING HOUSE** The new rector will be moving to Ballymena on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you can assist with the move please contact the clergy or office.

## **WITH THE WORLD**

- KOSHISH FUND** Big Parish Breakfast on Saturday 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. Please keep them coming.

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Dear God, help us to think of you each day and show our love to you by helping others. Amen.



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

**Acts 16:9-15 page 132**

**St John 5:1-9 page 92**

# Easter 6 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Book of Ezekiel chapter 37 beginning at verse 1

*Ezekiel sees nothing but dried-up bones until the breath of God fills the valley with life. It is a sign that God will give new life to His people Israel.*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

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

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## A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

*Jesus shows us that the power to heal is strong enough to overcome a lifetime of disability when Jesus comes face to face with suffering.*

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

*This is the word of the Lord*  
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# Easter 6 - St Columba's

1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 16  
beginning at verse 9**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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