

8th MAY 2016

Sunday after Ascension



WELCOME We trust that all newcomers and visitors will feel welcome.

WORSHIP We value our freedom to worship and give thanks to God of Father.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Help us O God to give of ourselves to you. May we attend to your word and offer to you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

MESSY CHURCH Next Sunday in St Patrick's the Family Service takes the form of Messy Church in the Parish Hall at 10.15 am. Please come and join us.

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 - Heather Barr,
Tel No. 2564 1047.

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

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WITH EACH OTHER

ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE Meeting Monday at 7.45 pm.

SELECT VESTRY Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

DRAMA The Castle Players are holding three weeks of workshops in The Braid commencing on Tuesday, 10th 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?

MOVING HOUSE The new rector will be moving to Ballymena on Saturday 14th May. If you can assist with the move please contact the clergy or office.

WITH THE WORLD REFRESHMENTS

After morning service today.

NEPAL META The Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) plan to take a META (Mission Experience Team Abroad) to Nepal in November 2016. There are still some places on this team: The deadline for applications is Tuesday 24th May. For further information on this visit or to request an application form, please contact CMSI Officer via Tel No. +44 (0) 28 9077 5020 web <http://www.cmsireland.org/>

FOOD BANK Thank you for all your donations. Please keep them coming.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, help us to remember that you are our true friend and to put all trust in you. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

1 Samuel 12:19-24 page 263

St John 17:20-26 page 108

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A reading from the First Book of Samuel chapter 12
beginning at verse 19

Fear the Lord. Samuel summaries Israel's obligation of loyalty to the Lord as an expression of gratitude for the great things he has done for them.

All the people said to Samuel, 'Pray to the Lord your God for your servants, so that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of demanding a king for ourselves.' And Samuel said to the people, 'Do not be afraid: you have done all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save, for they are useless. For the Lord will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself. Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you: and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the Lord, and serve him faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you.'

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 17 beginning at verse 20

Jesus' final prayer before his arrest embraced all who, then and ever since, put their faith in him. May we be one in him that the world may believe.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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