

23rd October 2016

5th Sunday before Advent



WELCOME A special word of welcome to all visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP We lift up our hearts to you our living God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, as we meet here may we listen and find comfort and support from you. Help us to remember that we are in your presence and that you are the friend who is always there for us. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH Tonight in St Columba's Church at 6.30 pm. The theme of this service will be 'The Holy Spirit as our compass'. Everyone welcome.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry.

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

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Irene Rodgers, Tel No. 2588 1099.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

- LADIES' CIRCLE** St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm. A talk will be given by Aaron Coates and Danny Bryson on their Scout Explorer Belt Experience.
- 'PARENTALK' COURSE** Tuesday 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm in St Patrick's Minor Hall. Theme 'Parenting with Elastic'. There will be tea after this meeting.
- MAGAZINE** Material to the Office by Wednesday please.

WITH THE WORLD

- STUDENT LUNCHES** Every Thursday in St Patrick's Church Hall - 12.00 - 2.00 pm. Parishioners are also welcome to come along for tea/coffee. All donations in aid of church funds.
- THE CASTLE PLAYERS** 'Widow's Paradise' - recipe for laughter on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Hall. Admission £8 - concessions £6. All welcome.
- RETIRING COLLECTION** Final retiring collection today for the Haiti Appeal.
- SHOE BOXES** For Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal available at back of churches. Suggested donation £1 towards Parish Christmas Fair.
- HARVEST SUPPER** We are still accepting donations up to the end of October. The proceeds will then be given to the Salvation Army, Laurel House and St Patrick's Christmas Fair.
- FOOD BANK** Thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
2 Kings 7:3-11 (Page 349)
St Luke 18:9-14 (Page 78)

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**A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy
chapter 4 beginning at verse 6**

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark chapter 1 beginning at verse 21

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A reading from Ecclesiasticus chapter 35 beginning at verse
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Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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