

# 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday



### WELCOME WORSHIP

A special welcome to all parishioners and visitors. Remember that in Christ there is no death. Praise be to God!

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

They did not shrink from death but gave their lives for us that we might live. Rejoice therefore you heavens and all that dwell in them. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

### 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 - Adelaide Nimick,  
Tel No. 2564 0865.

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

### VIGIL

This Friday in St Patrick's 7.30 pm - 11.30 pm.

### MESSY CHURCH

Next Sunday in St Patrick's Church Hall at 10.15 am.

## **WITH EACH OTHER**

**CHURCH OFFICE** The Office will be closed on Monday for distribution of church envelopes.

**STILL ACTIVE** Wednesday - Beetle Drive.

## **WITH THE WORLD**

**STUDENT LUNCHES** Every Thursday in St Patrick's Church Hall - 12.00 - 2.00 pm. Parishioners are also welcome to come for tea/coffee and a chat. All donations go to church funds.

**RADIO CRACKER** Belfast Community Gospel Choir Concert in Wellington on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 available from Faith Mission or at [www.radiocracker.org.uk](http://www.radiocracker.org.uk)

**ACTION CANCER** The Men's Fellowship Group has arranged for the Action Cancer 'Big Bus', to be at St Patrick's Parish Church Hall on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. This will allow for a number of FREE Men's MOT health checks and Breast Screening tests for women in the parish and the wider community. Appointments can be made online at [www.actioncancer.org/appointments](http://www.actioncancer.org/appointments) or call the appointment line on 028 9080 3344. Please read and be aware of the instructions and guidelines provided by Action Cancer during your booking.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November (10.00 am - 1.00 pm). Stalls will include books, bric-a-brac, cakes, Christmas produce, costume jewellery, craft, jams and chutney, scarves, ties and White Elephant. In addition, Sainsbury's hope to display samples of food from their Christmas stock. Refreshments will be served throughout. The Draw for prizes, generously sponsored by local businesses, will take place at the end of the Fair.

## SHOE BOXES

106 filled shoe boxes were received through the Parish and have been delivered to the collection point. Donations for the shoe boxes raised £105 which will go towards the Parish Fair.

## FOOD BANK

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

### **ANTHEM (In St Patrick's) - O God of peace**

O God of peace, who gave us breath and birth,  
our life, our powers, and all good gifts beside,  
look down in mercy on this troubled earth  
where want and war and hatred still divide.  
So move our hearts, O Lord, to work and pray  
that peace may yet prevail in this our day.

O Saviour Christ, as Prince of peace you came,  
draw near in power to those who hear your call,  
who, making peace, bring honour to your Name,  
and on their labours let your blessing fall  
As to your friends you chose your peace to leave,  
so may our world your life and peace receive.

God grant us wisdom, peaceable and pure,  
lift up on us your countenance, O Lord;  
so may the strong be just, the weak secure,  
and nations learn at last to sheathe the sword.  
Bestow through Christ the peace of sins forgiven,  
that all the earth may be at peace with heaven.

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### **READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Page 627) St Matthew 5:1-12 (Page 4)**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent - St Columba's

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 65 beginning at verse 17

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

## A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans chapter 12 beginning at verse 9

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 2 beginning  
at verse 2

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

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## **A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 21 beginning at verse 5**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

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