

6th November 2016

3rd Sunday before Advent



WELCOME A special welcome to all newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP We lift up our hearts and minds as we focus on the living God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God, help us as we meet here to worship you with thanksgiving. Help us to be sincere in our prayers and in our praises and to listen to your word. 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 - Millicent McClelland,
Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE Meeting Monday at 7.45 pm.

SELECT VESTRY Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

MOTHERS' UNION Wednesday at 8.00 pm. Speaker: Jim Perry, High Sheriff of County Antrim. Also 'Bring and Buy Sale'.

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, 19th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 available from Faith Mission or at 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, 25th 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 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, 26th 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.

ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE

New foster carers are being sought in our local communities. If you are interested and would like to help please ring 0300 123 11 55 or email foster4.nt@northerntrust.hscni.net
www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net

CASTLE PLAYERS

Lorraine Clarke would like to thank all members of the congregation who supported The Slemish Players at their Sam Cree Play on the 27th/28th October.

FOOD BANK

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

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 and 13-17 (Page 203)
St Luke 12:13-21 (Page 71)

Church of Ireland
Parish Census

The Church of Ireland is undertaking a census of all those who attend services on four Sundays in November.

We ask everyone who attends services on **Sunday 6 November 2016** to complete this form, which does not ask for any identifying information.

The information given will be computerised for future research and comparison.

Name of church: _____

Please tick (✓) the appropriate boxes:

Male Female

Age:

0-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	65-74	<input type="checkbox"/>
16-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>	75-84	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>	55-64	<input type="checkbox"/>	85+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please fill in this card and hand it to the churchwardens.

TODAY

Census in all three churches.

At 11.30 am in St Patrick's all members of the congregation will receive a card on the way into church. As this is a service of Holy Communion please do not complete the card until instructed to do so by the Parish Reader.

3rd Sunday before Advent - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 12 beginning at verse 13

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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3rd Sunday before Advent - St Columba's

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
chapter 12 beginning at verse 1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith

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