

26th February 2017

Sunday before Lent



- WELCOME** To visitors and newcomers.
- WORSHIP** May we hear and respond to God's call.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, your Son taught his disciples to love and care for all young people. Help us to remember that they can come under pressure in their daily lives. May we treat them with kindness and pray that they will live their lives following the example of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

TODAY Day of Prayer for young people and youth ministry.

**LIVING FAITH
TONIGHT** Celebrating 10 Year Anniversary in St Columba's at 6.30 pm. Rev Mark McConnell will speak on the theme of 'Faith as small as a mustard seed'.

**HEALER PRAYER
GROUP** Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Eleanor Burnett,
Tel No. 075 1736 5589.

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

ALPHA COURSE Continues on Tuesday in the Minor Hall with tea at 6.00 pm.

LENT BEGINS Traditional Penitential Service on Wednesday, 1st March at 8.00 pm in St Patrick's.

**MINISTRY OF
PRAYER** After morning and evening services in St Patrick's
WITH EACH OTHER in the Prayer Space.

LADIES' CIRCLE St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm.

- TEA IN SUPPORT OF SUMMER MADNESS** There will be tea/coffee and tray bakes available after church today. This is to help fund Summer Madness and a donation will be gratefully received. Fireside Quizzes are also available at the back of Church or from Lucy.
- CRÈCHE** If you are interested in the provision of a Crèche on Sunday mornings, please put name onto the list at the back of church and also indicate if you would be willing to help.
- JUMBLE SALE** The CLB 'Grand Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on Friday, 3rd March. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be gratefully received. Anything you would like to donate can be brought to the halls anytime on Thursday, 2nd March and if you need items collected contact Alan Ross: 2589 2740 or 077 5991 6755.
- WITH THE WORLD**
- COMMUNITY GROUP** Wednesday Afternoon Get-togethers are being held from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in All Saints Parish and Conference Centre, Cushendall Road, Ballymena. These will be weekly gatherings and they wish to include as wide a cross-community audience as possible. All will be made welcome.
- CMS** Boxes are now available at the back of Church. Supporting the CMS project Growing in God based in Kenya.
- 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.
- PSNI LADIES CHOIR** Concert by the PSNI Ladies Choir, St Patrick's Church Hall, Friday, 24th March at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 now available in all 3 churches (following Sunday services) and also from the Parish Office. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

2 Peter 1:16-21 (Page 234)
St Matthew 17:1-9 (Page 17)

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**A reading from the Second Letter of St Peter chapter 1
beginning at verse 16**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 12 beginning at verse 1

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

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