

5th February 2017

Fourth Sunday before Lent



WELCOME To visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Heavenly Father, you have given us a true faith and a sure hope, help us to put our trust in you. May we now sing to you with love in our hearts and worship you with thanksgiving. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick,
Tel No. 2564 0865.

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

ALPHA COURSE Our 10 week Alpha Course will commence on Tuesday, in the Minor Hall. This will begin with tea at 6.00 pm. Everyone welcome so please come along.

ST COLUMBA'S SERVICE CHANGE Sunday, 12th February - Holy Communion
Sunday, 19th February - Scouts Founder Day/Guides Thinking Day Service.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

FIRST AID COURSE Robing Room on Monday from 6.30 - 9.30 pm.

- ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE** Meeting Monday at 7.45 pm.
- GOSHEN HOUSE GROUP** Friday, 10th February at 7.30 pm in 21 Glenwood, Ahoghill.
- SAFEGUARDING TRUST EVENING TRAINING** Leaders of all organisations are invited to a training evening in the Minor Hall on Monday, 20th February at 7.30 pm. The evening will be hosted by PSNI and Extern and provide an update on drugs in the community as affecting young people. Should any other parishioner wish to attend please contact a member of the Parish Panel.
- COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE** Saturday, 11th February (10.00 am - 12.00 noon). Please come along and bring your friends. All proceeds in aid of Church Funds.
- MAGAZINE** February issue now available at the back of church.
- WITH THE WORLD**
- REGISTRATION OF VESTRY PERSONS** New signing-in forms for the Register of Vestrypersons are now at the back of each Church. If you are not registered to vote in Church elections, now is your opportunity - your name on the form is all that is required. A review meeting of our Register of Vestrypersons will take place at 8.00 pm on Sunday, 19th February in the Minor Hall.
- 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.
- FOOD BANK** Thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Philippians 4:4-12 (Page 196)
St Matthew 5:13-20 (Page 4)

4th Sunday Before Lent - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 58 beginning at verse 1

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

‘Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from gospel according to St Matthew chapter 5 beginning at verse 13

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'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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