

12th March 2017

Lent 2



WELCOME To all especially newcomers or visitors.

WORSHIP May we hear and respond to God's call.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord, help us to think of you as we meditate on your word. May we follow your teaching and remember that you are always watching over us. As your people may we give you thanks for all your blessings. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

JUNIOR ALPHA COURSE This evening at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall. All young people of secondary school age are welcome and anyone hoping to go forward to Confirmation this year is required to attend.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Millicent McClelland,
Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION There will be no Service on Wednesday of this week. The Holy Communion Service will take place on **Friday, 17th March at 10.30 am** and will be followed by tea and a quiz.

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

ORANGE SERVICE St Patrick's Orange Lodge Service will take place in St Patrick's Church at 2.00 pm on Saturday, 18th March.

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

MESSY CHURCH Next Sunday at 10.15 am. Theme: Lent.

WITH EACH OTHER

- SELECT VESTRY** Ballyclug Church, Tuesday at 7.30 pm.
- STILL ACTIVE** St Patrick's Tide lunch and entertainment from 1.00-4.00 pm. We look forward to welcoming our friends from Lack Parish.
- CHURCH NOTES FOR SUNDAY** The office will be closed on Friday, 17th March. If you have any notices for Sunday, 19th March please let the office staff have these by Wednesday.
- YOUTH CLUB** No Youth Club on Saturday night.
- SUMMER MADNESS** Fireside Quizzes to support the young people are available at the back of church.
- Date for your diary. Saturday, 29th April, Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Church Hall from 10.00 - 12.00 pm. This is also a fundraiser for Summer Madness.

WITH THE WORLD

- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** Meeting Wednesday at 7.30 pm.
- 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.
- CMS** Boxes are now available at the back of Church. Supporting the CMS project 'Growing in God' Kenya.
- LADIES NIGHT** Thursday, 23rd March, 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the Minor Hall. An evening of Wellbeing, massage and refreshments. Cost £5. Please let Lucy know if you wish to attend.
- 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
Philippians 4:1-9 (Page 196)
St John 3:1-17 (Page 90)

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians
chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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**A reading from the Second Book of Kings chapter 5
beginning at verse 1**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' So he went down and immersed himself

seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!' He urged him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt-offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord. But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count.' He said to him, 'Go in peace.'

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