

19th March 2017

Lent 3



WELCOME To all newcomers or visitors.

WORSHIP As we meet together may we focus on our Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord, please look mercifully upon us as we gather here today. May you cleanse our hearts and minds setting us free to sing your praise and worship you. 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 - 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 Continues on Tuesday in the Minor Hall with tea at 6.00 pm.

SPECIAL PRAYER Following the Rector's Sermon in St Patrick's and Ballyclug on Sunday morning 12th March. If you prayed the "Special Prayer" and would like some encouragement, please contact any of the Clergy Team or leave a wee note with the Church Office. We would welcome an opportunity to pray with you and help you in any way we can as you begin your Christian journey.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

SUMMER MADNESS Saturday, 29th April, Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Church Hall from 10.00 -12.00 pm. This is a fundraiser for Summer Madness.

Fireside Quizzes to support the young people are available at the back of church.

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.

CMS Boxes are now at the back of Church to support the CMS project 'Growing in God' Kenya.

LADIES WELLBEING NIGHT Thursday, 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the Minor Hall.

PSNI LADIES CHOIR Concert by the PSNI Ladies Choir, St Patrick's Church Hall, Friday at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

**Exodus 17:1-7 (Page 66)
Romans 5:1-11 (Page 151)**

Lent 3 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Book of Micah chapter 6 beginning at verse 1

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

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‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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