

5th March 2017

Lent 1



WELCOME To all especially newcomers or visitors.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, as we begin this season of Lent help us to think of You. May we pray to You with sincerity and in our prayers remember not just ourselves but those who are in need throughout the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

JUNIOR ALPHA COURSE Begins 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 - Irene Rodgers, Tel No. 2588 1099.

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.

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

MESSY CHURCH Sunday, 19th March at 10.15 am in the Church Hall.

WITH EACH OTHER

ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE Meeting Monday at 7.45 pm.

- MOTHERS' UNION** Wednesday at 8.00 pm. Speaker: Jen Christie on CMS, also Bring and Buy Sale.
- MEN'S BREAKFAST** The Men's Fellowship group are holding a breakfast on Saturday, 11th March in the Parish Hall. Breakfast served from 9.30 am. Action Mental Health will be speaking on the importance of mental health awareness among men. All men welcome, please invite a friend.
- SUMMER MADNESS** Fireside Quizzes to support the young people who are going to Summer Madness at the back of Church. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

WITH THE WORLD

- ACTION CANCER 'BIG BUS'** Collection plates are available at the back of each Church today for what will be our final collection day raising money to get the Action Cancer 'Big Bus' back to the Parish again this year. Any additional money raised will go directly to the charity.
- 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.
- 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

Romans 5:12-19 (Page 151)
St Matthew 4:1-11 (Page 3)

PRAYERS

Versicle: Lord Jesus when tested
Response: Give strength to us all to conquer our thoughts, desires and fears.

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 2 beginning at verse 15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,

and “On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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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.

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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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