

16th April 2017

Easter Day



WELCOME To any visitors or those home on holiday, we wish you a blessed and joyful Easter.

WORSHIP The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord our God, we give you thanks that on Easter Day your Son broke the chains of death and hell and filled us with faith and hope. May we evermore follow you our Saviour and risen Lord and praise your holy name. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Tuesday, 2nd May at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry.

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

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Wednesday 7.00 pm in Clergy Vestry.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Irene Rodgers, Tel No. 2588 1099.

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

LIVING FAITH SERVICE Sunday, 23rd April in St Patrick's Church.
Speaker: Bishop Ken Clarke - A heart of love for others.

WITH EACH OTHER

- THANKS** To those responsible for the Easter decorations.
- STILL ACTIVE** Wednesday - Annual General Meeting and Afternoon Tea.
- COFFEE MORNING** Saturday, 29th April from 10.00-12.00 pm in
SUMMER MADNESS St Patrick's Church Hall in support of our young people who will be attending Summer Madness. Donations of cakes/tray bakes/ scones, will be gratefully received on Friday, 28th April from 7.00 pm. Your support is most appreciated.
- EASTER VESTRY** The Annual General Vestry or AGM of the Parish. Wednesday, 26th April at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.
- GOSHEN HOUSE** Will meet again on Friday, 5th May, at 2 Grange Road,
GROUP Ballymena.

WITH THE WORLD

- CMS** Boxes are now at the back of Church to support the CMS project 'Growing in God' Kenya.
- A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY** The Castle Players will perform the Sam Cree play "Separate Beds" in the Braid Arts Centre on 2nd & 3rd June at 7.30 pm. The main male character will be played by the Revd Stuart Lloyd.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Romans 5:1-11 (Page 151)
Matthew 28:1-15 (Page 32)

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**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
chapter 6 beginning at verse 3**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 28 beginning at verse 1

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Easter Day - Ballyclug

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**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
chapter 5 beginning at verse 1**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 28 beginning at verse 1

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