

8th October 2017

Trinity 17



WELCOME To all parishioners and visitors.

WORSHIP We worship our living God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, at this season of harvest we give you special thanks for our food and for your precious gifts of health and happiness. We praise you for your loving kindness to each one of us and thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Tonight at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour. See you there.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

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

ALPHA PLUS COURSE 'A Live Worth Living' on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Choir Vestry.

VISION SUNDAY A united service will be held in St Patrick's Church next Sunday at 11.30 am. This will be a special day for the parish and everyone from our three Churches is asked to attend. There will be no services in Ballyclug or St Columba's on the 15th October.

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Next Sunday at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

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

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

WITH EACH OTHER

- TEA** There will be tea/coffee this morning in St Patrick's after the service.
- VOLUNTEERS** If you could help with the distribution of harvest gifts to the elderly, it would be most appreciated if you would meet tomorrow at 10.00 am in St Patrick's Church.
- WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Meet on Monday from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm in the Jubilee Room
- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** Meeting on Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Room.
- MOTHERS' UNION** Meeting on Wednesday at 8.00 pm in the Minor Hall. Speaker: Noreen Hurst - Subject: What support Mothers' Union provides Worldwide. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you.
- BALLYCLUG CHURCH** Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, Saturday, 14th October from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Your support of this worthy cause will be most appreciated.
- LAPTOP** Anyone got a spare laptop computer? Needed for regular use in Church/Church Halls. Must be reliable and equipped with software that allows use of Powerpoint, etc. Speak to Mark/Dennis if you can help.

WITH THE WORLD

- ROUND POUND COINS** Over the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to pass on to the Church any old 'round pound' coins still in your possession. This money will then be divided between Alzheimer's NI and Ballymena Parish Youth and Children's work.
- HEARING LOSS** Free drop-in service for Ballymena community on 13th October, 10th November and 8th December in Wilson House Day Centre, Broughshane, from 10.00 am - 12 noon. Advice will be given on free batteries, tubing and basic hearing checks.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
Deuteronomy 28:1-6 (Page 189)
St Luke 8:1-8 (Page 64)

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians
chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 21 beginning at verse 23

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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**A reading from the gospel of St Matthew chapter 21
beginning at verse 28**

Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.' "The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went. "The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went. "Which of the two sons did what the father asked?" They said, "The first." Jesus said, "Yes..."

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