

# 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

## Trinity 17



**WELCOME**

To everyone.

**WORSHIP**

We worship our loving God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Thank you Lord for your loving kindness and for every good gift that you have given to us. Help us to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and guide us to help each other. Amen.

### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

#### WITH GOD

**LIVING FAITH**

Tonight at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's Church. Theme: Praise Is Rising. Please come and join us.

**HEALER PRAYER GROUP**

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Everyone welcome.

**MID WEEK**

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

**GOOD BOOK CLUB**

Friday at 7.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Everyone welcome.

**PRAYER SUPPORT**

Team Leader - Millicent McClelland:  
Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

**'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm in the Revd Dennis' house at 6 Old Antrim Mews.

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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

#### WITH EACH OTHER

**TEA/COFFEE**

After 11.30 am service in St Patrick's today.

**LADIES' CIRCLE**

St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm. Laura Porter will give a demonstration on Essential Oils. New members are most welcome.

**LADIES' NIGHT**

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm in Chocoa.

**MAGAZINE**

Material for October issue to office by Wednesday.

**ORGANISATIONS**

As we start another Church season, we would be most grateful if the leaders of organisations would ensure that all doors are closed before leaving Church premises.

**ANTIQUES &  
COLLECTABLES**

St Patrick's Church Hall - Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September from from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Over 20 Quality Dealers selling China, Crystal, Clocks, Fine Porcelain, Ceramics, Oil Lamps, Original Paintings, Antique and Vintage Jewellery, Stamps, Small Furniture, Linen, Silverware, Coins, Militaria, etc. Admission £2, children (accom.) free. Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

**BALLYMENA  
CHURCH MEMBERS  
FORUM**

Invite you to the First 'Conversation' in its autumn 2018 programme at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September in Montgomery's Restaurant. Revd Steve Stockman, Fitzroy Presbyterian Church and Father Martin Magill, Sacred Heart Parish, Belfast, reflect on their respective faith journeys and the crossing of their pathways. Light refreshments. Everyone welcome. (There will be a very short AGM prior to the 'Conversation').

[www.ballymenacmf.com](http://www.ballymenacmf.com)

**THANK YOU**

To all who attended Irene's Soup and Coffee. Total to date £1,050. A special thanks also to all the special helpers.

**HEATING CONTROLS**

The heating controls in the halls will be automated shortly.

**WITH THE WORLD**

**CHRISTIAN FILM**

Antrim's Omniplex continues to show the Christian film "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) now for a fourth week - daily at 4.10 pm until this Thursday. Do see it if you haven't already - take a friend if you have! For details see:

[www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk](http://www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk)

**THE CASTLE  
PLAYERS**

Performance of Sam Cree Play "The Mating Season" in the Braid Arts Centre on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 (£6 concession) available at Braid Centre. You may also pay at the door.

**SHOE BOXES**

Boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal are available at the back of church. Suggested donation £1 which will go towards Church funds. Filled boxes should be returned by Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**CARE FOR THE  
FAMILY**

Raising Faith. Helping our children to find a faith that lasts. Glenmachan Church of God from 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to go please contact Lucy: 077 5995 0497.

**HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY -  
BALLYMENA  
METHODIST CHURCH**

Turning an empty landmark building into much needed multi-purpose community space. We are trying to get a group together to help. If you are interested please contact Lucy: 077 5995 0497.

**READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM**

**Genesis 1:26-31 (Page 1)**

**St Matthew 25:14-30 (Page 27)**

# Trinity 17 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Letter of St James chapter 3 beginning at verse 13

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*This is the word of the Lord*

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## **A reading from the gospel according to St Mark, chapter 9 beginning at verse 30**

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Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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