

# 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent



**WELCOME** To everyone here today.

**WORSHIP** Our great God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, thank you for your goodness to each and every one of us. May we remember that we are your children and praise your holy name with sincerity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**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. All welcome.

**IRISH SCHOOL OF ECUMENICS** A retiring collection will take place in our Churches today on behalf of the Irish School of Ecumenics. Your support will be much appreciated.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Acts of Remembrance will be held in all Churches at morning services next Sunday.

**'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm in the Revd Dennis' house.

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

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

**VISITING THE SICK** Please inform the Clergy if you know of anyone who is sick and requires a pastoral visit either in hospital or in their home.

### **WITH EACH OTHER**

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH** Unfortunately dry rot has been found in the roof structure of St Patrick's Church. In order to carry out further investigations and access the damage it will be necessary to install some scaffolding inside the Church. The area affected will be around the Organ, the Lectern and the area where the Tower meets the Church. The scaffolding will be in place for five weeks. It will be removed before the Christmas Services begin.

**PARISH BREAKFAST** Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in St Patrick's Church Hall. This event will be hosted by the Men's Fellowship. All donations in aid of Church Funds.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CHOIR** If you would like to sing with the Choir at this year's Christmas Carol Service, please speak to Adrian or any member of the Choir. You need only attend Choir Practices for the 4 weeks prior to the Carol Service. Your help would be most appreciated.

### **WITH THE WORLD**

**NORTHERN TRUST PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPIES SERVICE** A Stress Control self-help course aimed at people with anxiety or depression is starting on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Adair Arms Hotel from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm. This is a free mental health class for the Ballymena community. For more information please see posters at the back of Church.

**FOOD BANK** Thank you for all your donations. These are most appreciated. Please keep them coming.

**READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM**  
**Exodus 13:3-10 (Page 61)**  
**St Mark 12:28-34 (Page 46)**

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 50 beginning at verse 15

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*This is the word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **A reading from gospel according to St Luke chapter 6 beginning at verse 27**

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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