



16th February 2020

Second Sunday before Lent



WELCOME To all parishioners and any visitors.

WORSHIP Our loving Father.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, our good shepherd, may we listen to your word and be comforted by your presence. Help those who are struggling and give hope to all who are in need of your grace. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

MESSY CHURCH This morning in St Patrick's Church Hall at 10.00 am. Theme: Love.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday at 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on 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.

DAY OF PRAYER A Day of Prayer for young people on Sunday, 23rd February.

LIVING FAITH Sunday, 23rd February at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's Church. Theme: Loving Prayer. Speaker: Fergus McMorrow Divine Healing Ministries. All welcome.

PRAYER TRIPLETS Sunday, 23rd February, an introduction to the concept and practise of Prayer Triplets.

CONFIRMATION Preparation nights: 2nd & 23rd March & 11th May.

INTER CHURCH An Inter Church night of worship and prayer is being hosted in St Patrick's Church on Saturday, 7th March at 8.00 pm. The focus is standing together and community needs. This is for all ages and all denominations. All welcome.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader: Eleanor Burnett -
Tel No. 075 1736 5589.

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

VISITING THE SICK If you know of anyone who is sick and requires a visit in hospital or a pastoral visit at their home, please inform the Clergy.

WITH EACH OTHER

STILL ACTIVE Minor Hall on Wednesday at 2.00 pm. Talk by a member of *The Dog's Trust*.

SOCIETY TREASURERS Please ensure that all Society Treasurers submit their accounts to the Church Treasurer today.

FIRST AID COURSE A refresher course will be held on Monday, 24th February in the Robing Room at 6.45 pm. All those who are required to attend have been informed.

JUMBLE SALE CL&CGB 'Grand Spring Jumble Sale', Friday, 6th March. Please bring items to the hall on Thursday, 5th March but if donations need to be collected, please contact Alan Ross: 2589 2740 or 077 5991 6755.

TABLE QUIZ A Table Quiz will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall on Tuesday, 17th March at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served. To register your teams, please contact Ronnie on 077 4077 2081.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND In order to ascertain whether we will have sufficient numbers to organise a Trip to the Holy Land, please let the office know no later than the end of February if you are interested.

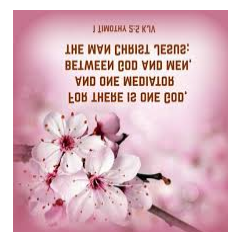
SUMMER MADNESS Friday, 26th - Sunday, 28th June, 2020. Anyone interested in going, please see Lucy as soon as possible to book a place.

KINGDOM WOMEN Event for women on worship, teaching & prayer on 21st March in Belfast. See Emma for more information. We plan to travel to together to Belfast.

WITH THE WORLD

KEYBOARD Have you got a portable keyboard and stand to donate? Please let the Clergy or Church office know as it could be used to begin a new ministry to the residents of Camphill Nursing Home.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Page 193)
1 Timothy 2:1-7: (Page 205)



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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 40 beginning at verse 1

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 10 beginning at verse 1

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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