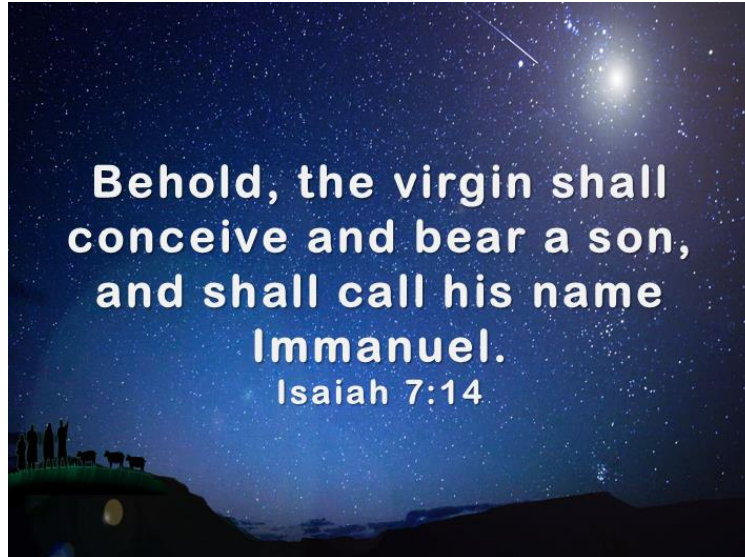


Sunday 20th December 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Join us this Sunday for our virtual nativity!

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NOTICES



- **Six-Week Lockdown Restrictions**

As you will know restrictions will be in place for six weeks from Saturday 26th December. We await further details as to how these restrictions will impact churches. Please bear with us as we wait for further information. In the meantime, continue to take care of yourselves and others by following the measures that are currently in place.

- **Christmas Day Services**

We will be gathering on Christmas Day in Ballyclug, St Patrick's and St Columba's:

10am Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion – Ballyclug

10am Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion – St. Columba's

10am Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion – St. Patrick's

Please note: due to limited seating, you must book in for the Christmas Day services. Please leave a message on the Church Office answering machine (028 25630741) with your name, contact number, the church service you want to book in for and the number of people attending.

On Sunday 27th December there will be 10.30am Morning Prayer in St. Patrick's. Please remember to book-in for this service if you wish to attend.

When attending church please continue to practice social distancing, wear your face covering, use our hand sanitising stations and follow the directions of our volunteers.

- **Keep in touch this Christmas**

We encourage you this Christmas to keep in contact with others. In a year like no other the spirit of community, love and compassion is so important! Keep on encouraging and supporting one another!

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God ... The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also." (1 John 4: 7&21)

- **Muddy Church Adventure**

Thank you to everyone who came along to Ballymena Parish's Muddy Adventure yesterday afternoon! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! A big thank you to Lucy and Alan and the team of volunteers for all their hard work and planning.

- **Please pray ...**

- Pray for one another as we enter into lockdown on 26th December.
- Continue to pray for our church community during the Christmas seasons.
- Pray for safety and good health for each other during the coming weeks.
- Pray for all those working in frontline services and for those involved in administering the Covid-19 vaccine.



- Pray for the Executive, our Health Minister and for all those in authority.
- Pray for small businesses during this time and for all who work in the hospitality sector.
- The first Christmas was pretty simple... Give thanks for all the simple pleasures we can enjoy this Christmas.
- Take a moment to practice gratitude for all that we are blessed with.
- **Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal**

Ballymena Salvation Army are now accepting vouchers and toys for the Christmas Toy Appeal. Toys can be donated, however, due to COVID restrictions vouchers would be preferable. Donations can be made on Wednesdays 10am-1pm at the Salvation Army shop on Broughshane Street. Please get involved and help out families in need this Christmas!