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Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24



Helleborus Orientalis (Lenten Rose) - Photograph by William Holmes

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**Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community
Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love**

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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally 'turn around' and realign our lives and focus towards God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus.



In its most traditional form, Lent serves as a time of preparation in the run-up to Easter and is observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The bright colours which followed Christmas will be replaced by the more sombre colour of purple, and the Hymns will also reflect the mood of the season. On Easter day the brightness of the flowers, the church colours, the Hymns of praise with the Gloria and alleluias re-instated will add to the joy and celebration of the day!

Many Christians draw inspiration from the account of Jesus being tempted in the desert, where for forty days, Jesus was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing and at the end of the time 'was hungry'. For Jesus, this time in the desert is seen as the start of His ministry. It was for Him, a time of preparation.

Lent should not be viewed as a legalistic or compulsory act, rather as a fantastic opportunity to set time apart for spiritual cleansing, renewal, and preparation in our own lives. During Lent as well as the Sunday Services there are two other mid-week services at 7.30pm on Wednesday nights and at 11.00am on Thursday mornings – maybe you could attend one of these? They only last 30 minutes! The Iona Room (Prayer Room) is open from 8.30am to late Monday to Friday – see article on pages 10 and 11.

Use the season of Lent to re-connect with your bible and with prayer. A good start may be to read over the events in the Gospel accounts which build up to

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Holy Week - Christ's arrest, trial, crucifixion and glorious resurrection. Focus your attention on the suffering that Christ went through, and the purpose of that suffering. Explore Christ's amazing grace and love. In view of this why not pause to consider your own faults and spend time in prayers of confession and repentance? Use the Reflections for Lent that are available from the Cathedral Office or Cathedral Porch – see page 7.

During Lent many will often fast from a meal or a luxury item and replace the time they would have spent eating, with prayer. Christians believe that because it was the sin of man that led Jesus to be crucified, Lent should be used as a time to reflect on the significance of Christ's death, both for humanity as a whole, and for their own lives. Furthermore, the season should serve as a time of self-examination and confession of sins, of overcoming faults through penance, self-denial from certain items (fasting), of prayer and repentance, and of financial giving.

If you are giving up things for Lent why not put the money you save to good use? Give it away or be a little more generous with what you put in your FWO Envelope. If we are true to Christ's teaching we should be more generous to His work. Why not support our Sunday Lights (formerly Sunday School) Lenten appeal? – see page 8. Why not set yourself the target of doing one random act of kindness each day?

Finally, why not make every effort to support all our special events this month? The Mrs Alexander Services on 10th March, St Patrick Day Services and Mothering Day Service. We have a very busy Parish with lots of activities, but nothing is successful without a good attendance so please make every effort to be there! Don't forget the Variety Choir Concert (Cathedral Choir Capers) on Friday 29th March – you can be doubly assured of an excellent night!

Let us all have a Holy and refreshing Lent and God Bless you!

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall

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Vestry

Easter General Vestry

Monday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Hilliard Room. All are welcome to attend but only those who are registered and contribute a minimum of £50 per year are eligible to vote.

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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

- 10th February - Amelia Grace Coalter
James Alexander Elliott
James Thomas Sturdee



"Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19

Christian Marriage

- 9th February - Rosemary Jane Taylor
and Stuart Andrew Forrest.

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build in vain"
Psalm 127:1



Christian Burial

- 27th January - William Robert Moore,
3 Sunnyside Court, Enniskillen.
- 29th January - June Diane Andrew, (Cremation)
St Macartans Care Home, Clogher
formerly of Kingston Upon Hull.
- 29th January - Gordon Herbert Armstrong, (Cremation)
Knockmoyle Nursing Home, Omagh,
formerly of Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.
- 2nd February - David Henry (Harry) Weir,
The Graan Abbey Nursing Home,
late of Drumlin Heights, Enniskillen.
- 5th February - Christina Elizabeth Lynch (nee Downey),
6 Benmore Park, Hillview, Enniskillen.
- 8th February - Gordon Robert Mahood,
41 Wesleydale, Ballyclare formerly of Enniskillen.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

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Parish Donations

Fabric Fund

£70 Donation from the Beresford family, in loving memory of their parents.

Minibus Fund

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Samuel Coulter.

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs George Boyd in memory of John and Margaret Nixon.

New Prayer Books and Thanks & Praise Hymn Books

We wish to acknowledge donations towards the cost of supplying Prayer Books and Thanks & Praise Hymn Books for the Cathedral from:

Anonymous

Mrs Becky Compton

Mr Jim Kerr

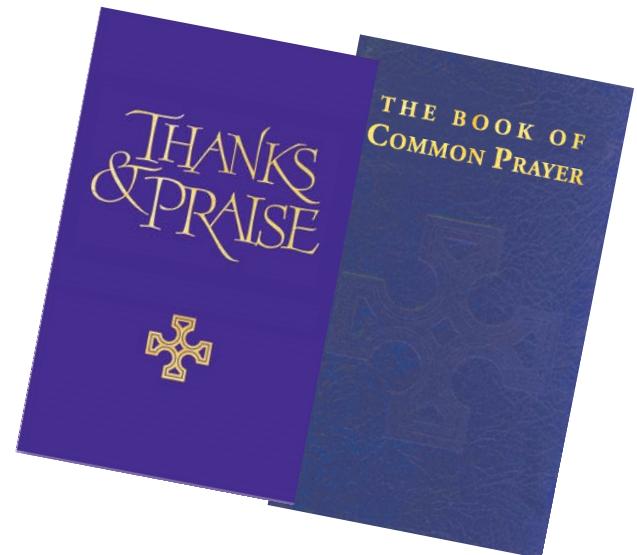
Mrs Eleanor Lynn

Mrs Joanna McVey

Mrs Joyce Scott

Mr Peter Stuart

Your generosity is very much appreciated. These books will be dedicated at a service on 10th March at 11.00am.



Parish Visiting

Can you help us? The Clergy and Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are always around the Parish making visits but they might not be in the right place at the right time. If you are unwell, feeling neglected or just lonely please ring the Cathedral Office and one of the clergy will be delighted to call. If you know someone who would value a Clerical visit or if a parishioner has had a close bereavement please also inform the office. It is not recommended that you tell one of the clergy at the Cathedral door on a Sunday morning as there is every chance they could forget in the midst of shaking hands with 300 people! A written note handed to them is a safer option.

HOME VISITS

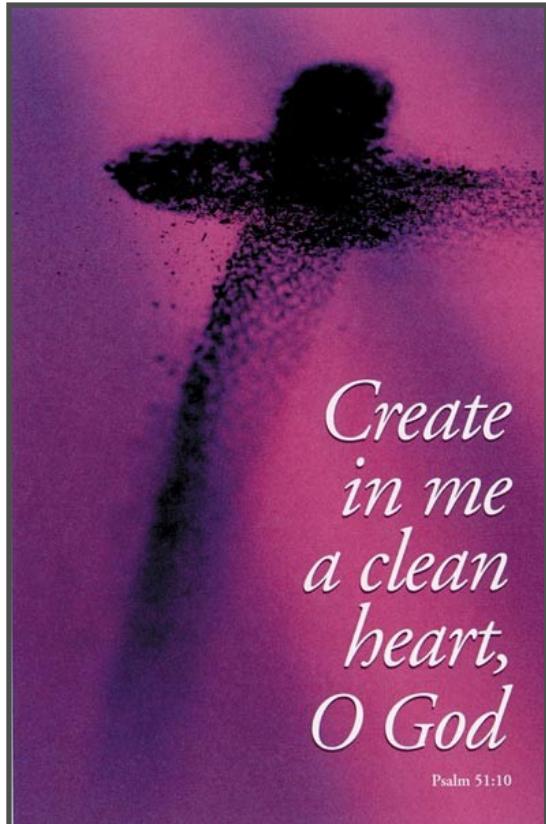


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Ash Wednesday and Lent



Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always forty six days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a forty day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The forty day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

ASH WEDNESDAY 6th March

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 14th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 21st March

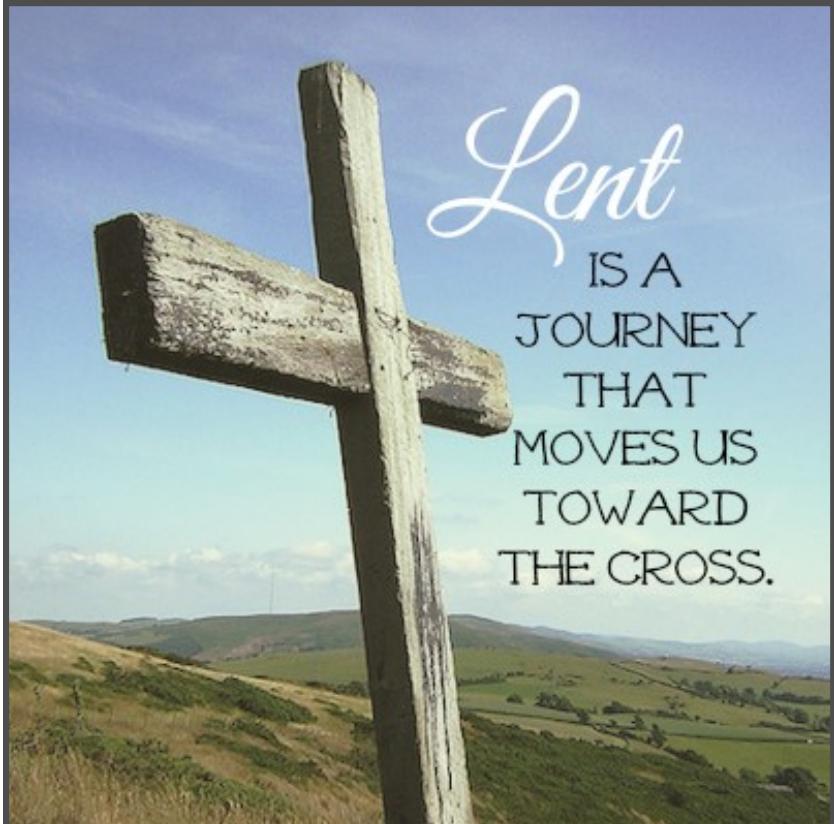
11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 28th March

11.00am – Holy Communion



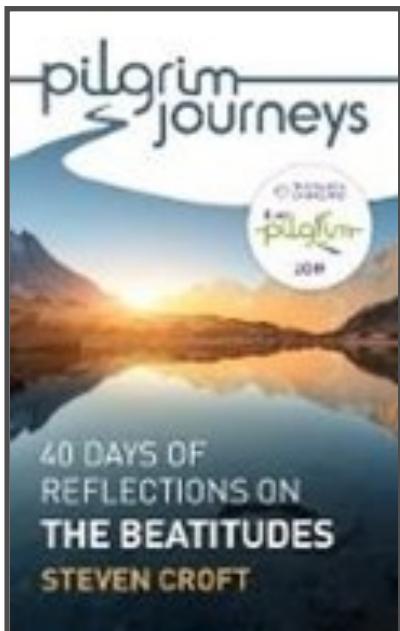
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Reflections for Lent

Join our 2019 Lent Pilgrim journey with Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes



Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes invites you to explore the unexpected and often challenging vision Jesus sets out in this crucial part of his teachings. Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Beatitudes' challenge to live as God intends, both as an individual and in community.

The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal daily companions for anyone seeking to grow in the Christian faith. They can be used by anyone at any stage of their Christian journey. Written by Bishop Steven Croft, each booklet offers 40 short daily Bible reflections, prayers, and suggestions for how you might respond to Jesus' teachings in your own life. Collect your copy from the

Cathedral Office or from the Church Porch – a donation of £2.00 would be appreciated.

"However you take this Lent Pilgrim journey, make space. Allow God's word to dwell in you richly as we seek together as a Church to know Jesus better and to become more Christ-like in everything we are and in everything we do."

Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu

Matthew 5:3-10 describes Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, which contained what are known as the Beatitudes. Jesus said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

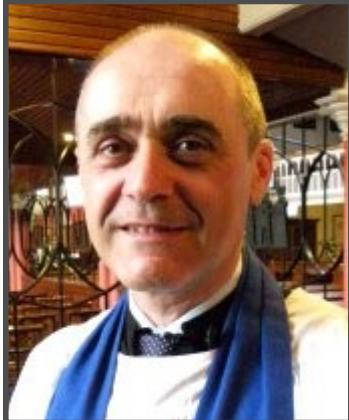
In the above passage Jesus promises us happiness. In fact the word "blessed" means "happy." The Beatitudes are at the core of Christ's teaching. They fulfill the promise made to the Jewish people by pointing beyond earthly happiness to the eternal happiness of heaven. The reward promised in each of the Beatitudes is primarily heaven.

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CMSI and Lenten Project



St Macartin's Cathedral

Guest Preacher -

Diocesan Reader: Karl Saunders

Sunday 3rd March at 11.00am

Karl is well known to us in St Macartin's having been a Select Vestry Member for many years and through his work with Sunday School. This is the launch of the Sunday School CMSI Lenten Project which focuses on the work of the Church in Nepal as it cares for those on the margins of society. Collection boxes will be available in the Cathedral porch.



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St Macartin's Cathedral Choir Variety Concert

Cathedral Choir Capers!

in

St Macartin's Cathedral Hall

on

Friday 29th March 2019 @7.30pm

Subscription £10.00

Proceeds for Cathedral Fabric Fund



Don't miss what promises to be an evening of great entertainment – anyone who was at the Senior Citizen's Dinner can vouch for that – a parish fun night! Tickets are on sale in the Cathedral Office and from Churchwardens and Select Vestry Members.

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Mrs Alexander Exhibition

Saturday 9th March from 11.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 10th March from 2.00pm – 8.00pm

Morning Service at 11.00am and Evening Service 7.00pm

Featuring Mrs Alexander's famous hymns - Once in Royal David's City, There is a Green Hill Far Away, All Things Bright and Beautiful ...

Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, hymn writer and poet was wife of William Alexander who was Bishop of Derry and who became Archbishop of Armagh.

Francis Boyd, Eva Baxter and the Dean are pictured left with recently restored portraits of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander and her husband William which are on public display in the Chapter House of St Columbs' Cathedral, Londonderry .



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MOTHERING SUNDAY...??
IS SHE FED UP WITH
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SERVICE

SUNDAY 31st March at 11.00am

The Iona Room (Prayer Room in Cathedral Hall)

When we decided to renovate and extend our Cathedral Halls we realised it would become a busy centre of many activities in the centre of Enniskillen. In the midst of busyness sometimes we need a place of peace and quietness to withdraw to! Where better than to that of a prayer room?

What is a Prayer Room?

A prayer room is a quiet location set aside in a busy public place (hospital, university, airport, etc.) where people can pause and spend time in quietness or prayer.

Why a prayer room?

A Prayer Room is an opportunity to draw aside, take time out and meet with God. It is a dedicated space where people can go to pray and spend time with God. Even Jesus withdrew to pray (Mt 14:13; Lk 5:12-16; Jn 6:14-16), not at the expense of serving the Father but in order to be more effective in that.

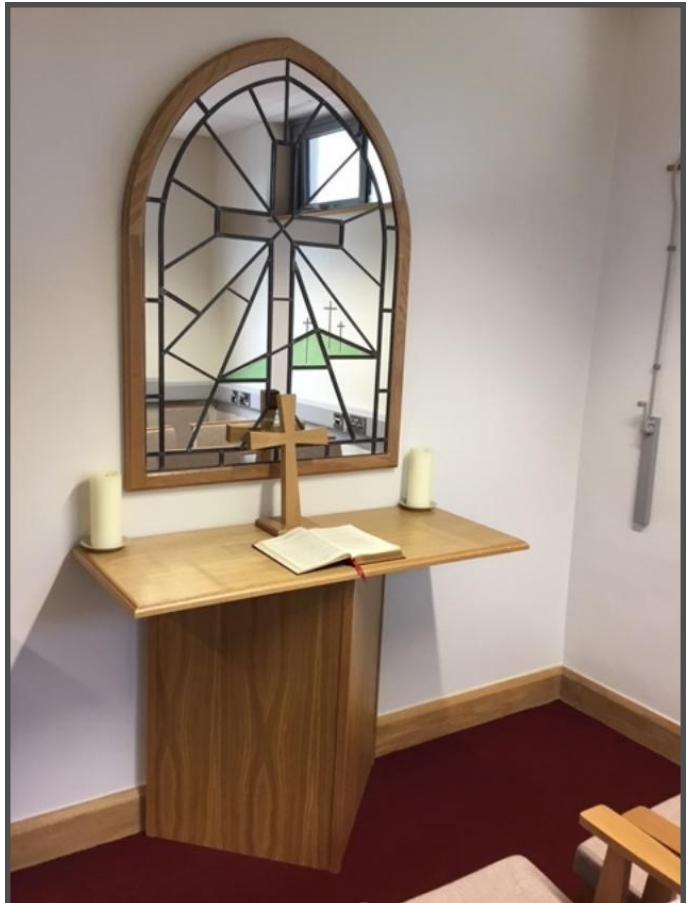
The key is not about the physical space but about making space for relationship with God who from the beginning of time longs to be with His people and connect with them. We know that God is everywhere and we can meet with God anywhere and everywhere, but a Prayer Room with time and place set aside can be an important part of growing in relationship with God. It's a great addition to our Cathedral Hall and very helpful as a place with no distractions!

Why is it called the 'Iona Room'?

Iona is an Irish name. St. Colmcille founded his monastery on Iona, the island between Ireland and Scotland in 563 AD and thus the name is associated with "blessed." The island is famous for quiet spiritual retreats.

Why not make use of such a facility?

The room is beautifully furnished and was greatly enhanced by the very kind gift of a beautiful 'window featured mirror' (erected above the altar) by Ivan and Avril Kee. The room also has a bookcase that contains a library of books. These books were kindly gifted by Miss Marie McCordick, a former



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The Iona Room (Prayer Room in Cathedral Hall)

Diocesan Lay Reader, for reading in the Iona Room or they can be borrowed and returned. So read, pray, meditate or just be silent!

Mark 6:30-34 - *The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'*

Matthew 6:9-13 - *'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.'*

Philippians 4:6 - *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

1 John 5:14 - *And this is the boldness we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

There is a monthly Healing Service held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1.05pm.

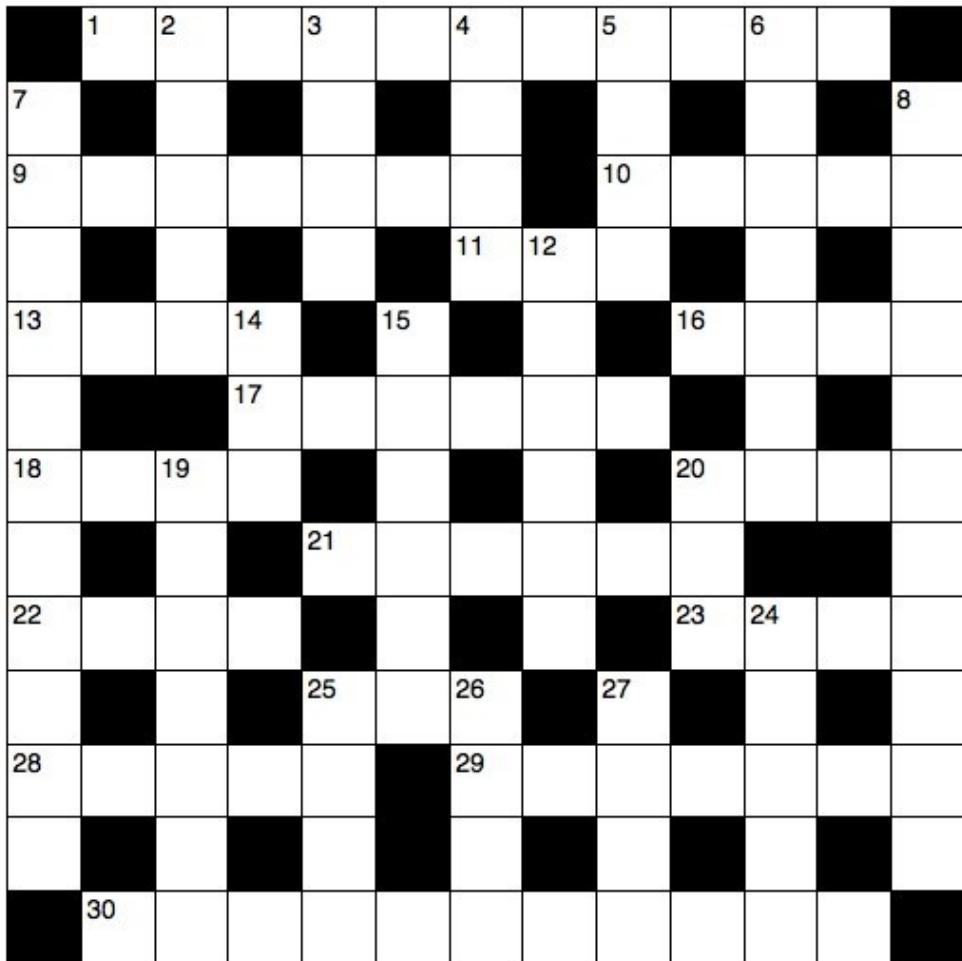


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Crossword



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5) ((Esther 4:1))
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (3,4))
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

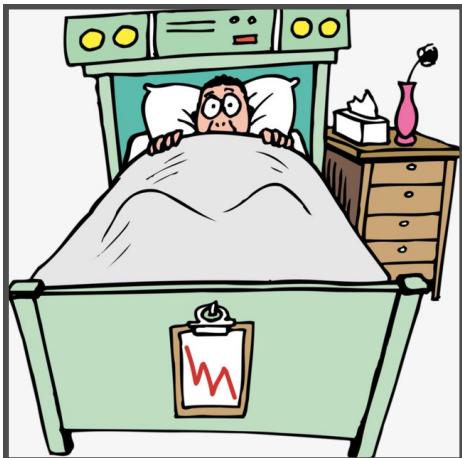
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Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



Hospital Visiting

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital including the South West Acute Hospital, and you would like a visit can you please inform the Cathedral Office or a member of the clergy. Do not rely on the hospital system to inform the clergy as this may not happen. The clergy may well be on the same ward visiting other parishioners and not be aware of a parishioner in another room!

Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes), followed by a cup of tea/coffee – with 30-40 attending each week.
We are encouraging parishioners who may be in Enniskillen shopping on Thursday mornings to drop in for this short service – a mid week pause and praise with God!



Canticles in Worship by Rev Chris Mac Bruithin

A new series of reflections on the Canticles in the Book of Common Prayer - *Urbs Fortitudinis*

Unlike any of the canticles I've written about so far, the 'Urbs' as it is commonly called has no contemporary language version in the 2004 Book of Common Prayer. In other parts of the Anglican Communion, it is rarely used as a canticle. Why then is the Church of Ireland so attached to it, that it was retained in the new prayer book? At the same time, why was it not re-expressed in modern language to ensure its continued use?



Bishop Harold Miller suggests that a factor in its popularity is its brevity. This is no small advantage in a packed service or in a small parish that struggles with Anglican plainchant.

Another reason for our attachment to this canticle is its content. It begins with impenetrable 'walls and bulwarks', surrounding a city prepared for a 'righteous nation'. Understandably, during our turbulent history on this island, groups of Anglicans have found strength in this message of eternal protection.

But does its use foster a sense of siege mentality? And if we are the 'righteous nation' inside the walls, what are we saying about those outside?

It is important to read any portion of scripture in its right context, and we should not be surprised that the prophet Isaiah did not have Irish Anglicans in mind when, under God's inspiration, he penned these words!

In Isaiah's early career as a prophet in Jerusalem, the city was under threat of attack by Assyrian forces. Isaiah is prophesying in these verses that God will protect his people and not let the Assyrians breach the walls. The mighty Assyrian empire might well have been expected to decimate Jerusalem, based on size and military strength, but in fact the bully nation is forced to retreat. God's people are safe.

However, not long after, the people whom God protected were themselves in real need of repentance. No matter how much Isaiah pleaded with them, they continued to ignore God, oppress the poor, widows and foreigners in their community. When the Babylonians come along, looking to extend their empire, it is a different story. They crush Jerusalem and drag the Jewish people into exile. We all know the sad words of the psalmist, 'By the rivers of Babylon we sat down, and there we wept as we remembered Zion.' Singing the words of *Urbs Fortitudinis* was no defence when God enacted judgment on His own people.

As Christians, we read the Old Testament through the lens of the New. Jesus, of

course, came with a message of radical forgiveness, reconciliation and inclusion. Where humans had erected walls of separation, Christ tore them down. Christianity soon spread all over the known world, and the apostle Paul could speak of a 'new humanity', a Christian community that transcended race or tongue, in which Jew and Gentile, historic enemies, were brothers and sisters around one table.

So shall we continue to sing Canticle 18? I think so. It incites us to trust in God, rather than military or political solutions. It reminds us of God's dependability and might. It also reminds us that God's way is not a nationalism or sectarianism based on a belief that God loves us more than other people. Rather, we are reminded that there is a 'path of the just', and that we all must walk this path, demonstrated most clearly in the example of Jesus Christ.

Psalm

Psalm 63 – or how to cope with the pressures of daily life

If you had to describe our society in a single word, the most appropriate one would be pressure. We live with pressure in every aspect of life, from our school, work or family life, to the big issues facing our world.

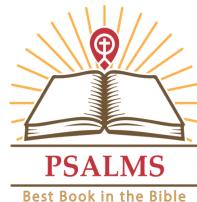
King David knew what it meant to live under pressure. His son, Absalom, led a rebellion against him, resulting in David fleeing for his life into the wilderness of Judah. It was there that he wrote Psalm 63. The psalm demonstrates the priorities of a person of God under pressure.

God my desire: 'You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.' (v1). David's physical thirst was an expression of his deeper thirst to know God. Even though separated from the worship of the sanctuary, he chose to seek God. When God seems distant or silence in our lives, we too can choose to seek him; this can be a vital path of growth in our relationship with him.

God my delight: 'Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.' (3). David's delight in God is expressed in praise, as he recognises God's love for him. What gives us delight in our lives? Does it come from the things of this world or from God himself?

God my defence: 'I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.' (8). David is surrounded by enemies, but confident in God's defence and purpose for him. God uses our troubles and disappointments to fulfil his will, as he develops our character and trust in his purposes.

'Don't worry about locating your purpose. If you are seeking after God, your purpose will locate you.' (Tony Evans).



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Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Messy Church

Messy Church meets again on Thursday 21st March, from 4.00 -6.00 pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Last month we had visitors from Bolivia, Louis and Maribel, and they told us about what it's like to be a child in their country.

Come along this month for more fun, songs, crafts and games! Remember – every child with an adult, and every adult with a child.



Confirmation

Last month, we had a table quiz to revise what we have learnt so far about baptism and confirmation, our church, the Prayer Book and special times and seasons. Team Katrick were the winners, with 'Kenny's Dean Team' in second place. Well done to everyone for doing well!

Classes continue on Monday 4th and Mon 11th March.

We take a break on Mon 18th for the St Patrick's weekend, and Xplore is on Monday 25th.



Xplore

We meet on Monday 25th March from 7.00-9.00 pm.

Check the Instagram group for more details.

Pilgrim

Our adult formation group continues on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Dates until Easter are: Tue 5th March, Tue 19th March and Tue 2nd April.

We don't meet during Holy Week, but participants are encouraged to attend Holy Week services instead.



Answers to Crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Egion. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.
DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISBN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightenment. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abiha. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Siur.

Parochial Organisations

Bowling Club



St Macartin's Annual Mixed Pairs Tournament will take place on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March with the Final on Thursday 21st March in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 8.00 pm sharp.

Entries to Maud Shaw - 02866322133 or Mobile 07720081175.

Tuesday Club

There was no Tuesday Club meeting in January due to snow. The next meeting on 26th February at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room is a talk on 'Living with Dementia.' Then on 26th March there will be a talk on 'Mental Health and Well-being' with speaker Davina Coalter.

Mothers' Union

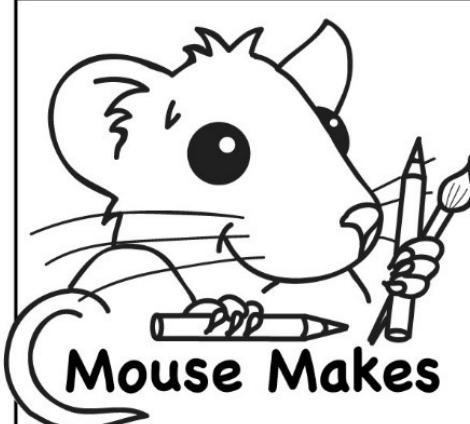
On 11th February the meeting in the Hilliard Room was opened by the Dean with a reading and prayers. The speaker was the Rev Paul Thompson from Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale Parish, who gave an interesting talk on his eighteen years as prison Chaplain in various prisons in England and Wales. Rev Thompson is a native of Armagh. He joined the prison service as a Chaplin after he was ordained and described the service as challenging but also rewarding. His pastoral work included the prison staff and their families as well as inmates. The service is multi cultural and all faiths have to be catered for. Usually a representative from a different faith leads each service. Many of the prison officers come from a military or navy background. Generally they don't stay in the service for long, so the staff is constantly changing due to high levels of stress and intimidation from the prisoners inside, and families outside. Smuggling in illegal substances and mobile phones is an everyday occurrence and staff have to be on high alert at all times. Rev Thompson answered a number of questions and told some amusing and disturbing stories about some of the characters he encountered during his time as Chaplain. Catering arrangements were made for the meeting to be held in the Cathedral Hall on Thursday 28th February to explore the MU theme for 2019 - Listen, Observe and Act in step with God. After supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. The next meeting is on Monday March 11th with Delightful Desserts.

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Children's Page



Mouse Makes

During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

Lent is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.

P W R P W O R D O R G F
I S C R I P T U R E O O
T O O A L R E A D F D R
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M R E M E M B E R E R Y
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T S L E N T N R J T P A
A S H W E D N E S D A Y
T W O R S H I P U E R S
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Can you find these words in the word search above?

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JESUS • WILDERNESS • TEMPTATION • PRAY • FAST
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Parish People

March Lessons and Readers

Sunday 3rd March: The Sunday before Lent - The Transfiguration

The First Reading - Exodus 34: 29-35 - Wendy Graham
The Psalm - Psalm 99
The Second Reading - Acts 1:1-14 - Fred Watson
The Gospel Reading - Luke 9: 28-36 - The Dean

Sunday 10th March: The First Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 - Pam Greene
The Psalm - Psalm 121
The Second Reading - Romans 10: 8b-13 - Brian Rutledge
The Gospel Reading - Luke 4: 1-13 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 17th March: The Second Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 32: 1-9 - Brendan McCann
The Psalm - Psalm 145: 1-13
The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 1-12 - Linda Corrigan
The Gospel Reading - John 4: 31-38 - The Curate

Sunday 24th March: The Third Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-9 - Brian Rutledge
The Psalm - Psalm 63: 1-9
The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-3 - Gillian Glass
The Gospel Reading - Luke 13: 1-9 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 31st March: The Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday and 100 Years of the RAF

Welcome Team March 2019

- 03 Eileen and
Jim Nixon
 - 10 Caroline and
Trevor Shaw
 - 17 Helen and
Norman Coalter
 - 24 Hilary and Ray-
mond Campbell
 - 31 Sylvia and Trevor
Stevenson

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9.00am - Holy Communion
- 11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)
 - Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)
 - Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)
- 11.00am - Sunday School - Begins in church and children leave for classes.
 - On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.
- 7.00pm - Evening Prayer (first, second and third Sundays)
 - Holy Communion (fourth Sundays)
 - A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing (fifth Sundays)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- 11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)
- 1.05pm - Healing Service (fourth Thursday)
- 4.00pm - Messy Church (Thursday once per month as arranged)
- 7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)
- 7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

MONDAY

- Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)
- Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)
- Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)
- Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)
- Mothers' Union - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

- Tuesday Club - 2.00pm - 4.00pm (last Tuesdays)
- Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Pilgrim - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

WEDNESDAY

- Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon
- Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm
- Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY

- Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged)
- Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

- Xplore Movies - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

**New members are
always welcome
at any of our
organisations!**