

The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral



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'How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts'
Psalm 84:1



Photograph by Cecil Carson

OUR VISION

**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,

Last month I wrote about the Season of Epiphany; about the Wise Man seeking out and finding Jesus and worshipping Him, and the message for us is to be wise people who seek, serve and worship Jesus.



February witnessed the end of the Epiphany Season and the beginning of Lent. At Candlemas we remembered that we have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light simply by trusting in Christ –the Babe of Bethlehem. However, that is only the beginning of the work that Christ wishes to complete in us. We are now to cooperate with Him by allowing His faith and hope and love to expand within and among us. We are created for fellowship and friendship with God, we are given responsibilities as a worshipping community to care for God's world and live righteously in it and to care for one another as we grow in faith. The resources available to us during Lent are an invitation to continue to grow in faith – see page 7 for details of Daily Bible Readings through Lent, see page 6 about our weekly Lenten Services on Wednesdays and Thursdays. As the Body of Christ we need to be deeply interconnected so that we can encourage each other in faith, help each other persevere in the face of challenges, broaden and deepen our understanding of the Christian life so that we can live the Gospel more faithfully.

The promise that carries us from Christmas into Lent is that God changes hearts, that God forgives, that God renews every aspect of our life. As one of our Collects states:

'Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our life make known your heavenly glory.'

Lent offers the invitation to return to God in a very deliberate way and be transformed by His grace. For in the returning we are healed and through the healing we are renewed.

As Lent can be a time for a 'fresh start' and 'new approach' please make every effort to attend church on Sundays and Mid-week, and if you have not been out for while it would be a delight to see you!

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall



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 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!

Parish Visiting

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.

Can you help us? The Clergy and Diocesan Pastoral

HOME VISITS



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!

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

- 16th February - Robyn Dorothy Maude Woods
23rd February - Jamie Nathan McDonnell
Josh Cormac Lee Harron Southem



"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 Burial

- 29th January - James Frederick (Fred) McCaffrey,
Snowhill, Lisbellaw.
8th February - Irene Joan Ingram,
'Picardy', Farnamullen, Lisbellaw.



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

Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£200 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.

Fabric Fund

£70 Donation in memory of our parents and sister Lilas.
From the Beresford family.

£100 Donation from Carewell Homes Ltd.

£65 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Martha Loudon.

£1,210 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Richard Herbert (Bertie) Elliott.

Flower Fund

£100 Donation in memory of my sister Georgina Thompson.
From Jacqueline Wilson and family.

Choral Scholarship Fund

£1000 Anonymous donation.

Prayer Spaces in Schools

7.30pm Tuesday 31st March

St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

A prayer space is usually a classroom-sized area that has been transformed, for a few days or a week, with a range of activities that allow children and young people to explore Christian prayer in a safe and creative way. This encourages personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, gratitude, big questions, identity and stillness. Schools and churches work together to help facilitate prayer spaces and since 2007 there have been over 4,000 prayer spaces in more than 30 nations across the globe

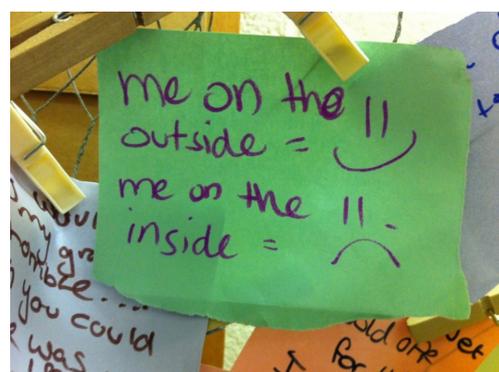


Prayer spaces are typically run by a suitably trained team from a local church or organisation, as a service to the school. In some schools, teachers bring their students for a subject-lesson in the prayer space. In others, students are invited to visit the prayer space voluntarily, during their breaks and lunchtimes and maybe after the school day has finished. Alternatively, churches can host the prayer space and invite schools to come along.

To find out more, come along to the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday 31st March where Hannah O'Neill from Prayer Spaces in Schools NI will be answering the questions:

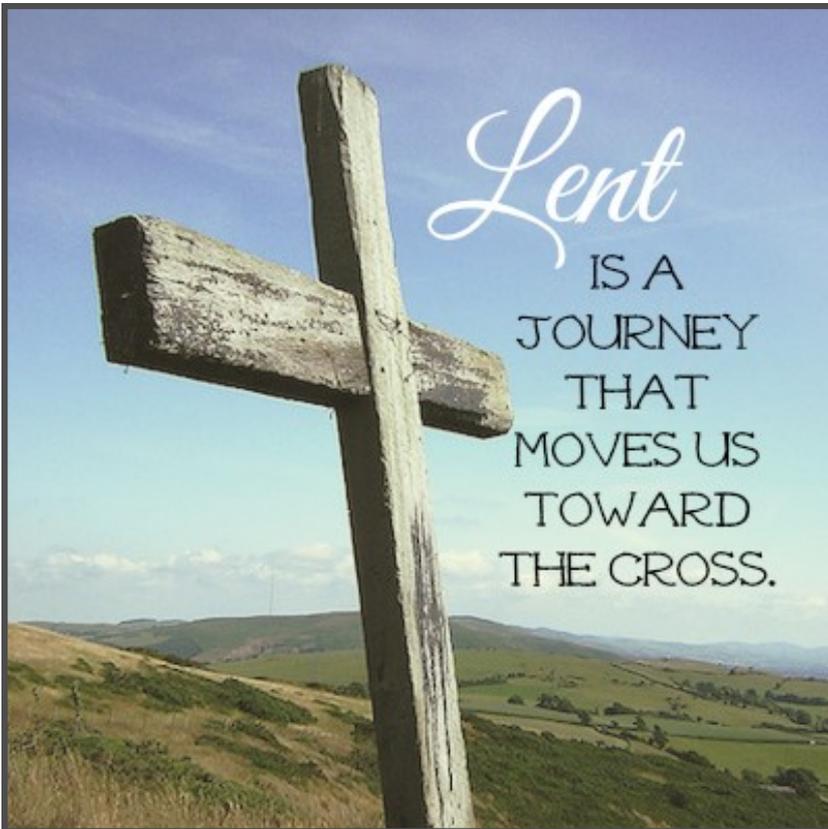
- What is a Prayer Space?
- How do you run a Prayer Space?

She will bring along some prayer resources and tell stories from her own experience of setting up and facilitating school prayer spaces. The evening is suitable for teachers, Sunday school and youth leaders, and anyone with an interest in prayer and Christian youth and children's work.



We begin at 7.30, but refreshments will be available from 7.00pm.

For more information visit <https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/>
or contact Karl Saunders - k.saunders@btinternet.com



Lent

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TEN SERVICES

Wednesday 4th March
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 11th March
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 18th March
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 25th March
7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 1st April
7.30pm – Compline

The Season of Lent is here again and it's a time to examine our lives.

- It's a time to evaluate ourselves in light of God's Word.
- It's a time to see what we are actually feeding in to our lives.
- It's a time to abandon the sins we have grown accustomed to.
- It's a time to evaluate our church attendance.
- It's a time to consider what we financially give to God's House in light of our other spending.
- It's a time to consider the priority you give to things in life.
- It's a time to receive God's forgiveness and strength to lead a Christian life.
- It's a time to renew your desire to serve God and fellow people.
- It's a time to be the Christians that God has intended us to be.



Daily Reading for Lent



Journeying through Lent

with **New Daylight**

Daily Bible readings
and group study material

.....Available for £3.00 per book in the
Cathedral Porch

- These accessible readings offer a deep understanding of Lent
- A great resource for developing discussion or reflection
- Includes writings from best-loved contributors
- Encourages Bible reading and discipleship individually and in community
- Seasonal material offers an easy way for people to explore a pattern of daily reading

This resource provides Lent material at an affordable price, using material by well-loved contributors from the New Daylight archive alongside specially written questions for group discussion. It encourages groups and individuals, whether existing readers of New Daylight or those who are new to using Bible reading notes, to share their experience and reflect together on the Lent journey as a church community. With contributions from:

Rachel Boulding - The sermon on the mount

Helen Julian CSF - Feasting and fasting

Stephen Cottrell - Jesus' wisdom in Luke

Tony Horsfall - 1 Corinthians 13

Brother Ramon - From upper room to Easter Day

Praise for Lent with New Daylight: 'People are saying it's the best Lent book they've had and are asking for more!'

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 15th March at 11.00am – all are welcome!

1. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite at which those who have been baptised seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their growth as Christians. The confirmation candidates first confirm the promises of their baptism. Then the bishop lays hands on them, praying that God's Spirit will confirm, strengthen and guide them to live out their faith in their everyday lives.



2. Why Confirmation?

As children we often adopt our parents' beliefs and practices but as we grow older we develop our own opinions and beliefs. This is part of the transition into adulthood, which is marked by many different stages – moving to secondary school, becoming a teenager, wanting to choose our own styles of clothes and music. In the Christian faith there is also a stage of transition when young people may feel that they want to make their own declaration of faith and commit their life to Christ. This transition is normally marked by confirmation. It is a service in which the young people confirm for themselves, and publicly before family, friends and the wider Church, the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. However, confirmation is not just something for teenagers but can take place whenever an individual desires to make a faith commitment. Sometimes young people come before they reach their teens and others come as adults.

3. What happens at Confirmation?

The candidates renew their baptismal vows before the bishop; and as in baptism, the congregation is asked to support the candidates in their life of faith. The bishop then asks each candidate by name, 'Do you ... believe and accept the Christian faith into which you are baptized?'

The candidates then affirm their faith, together with the congregation, in the words of the Apostles' Creed. After this, they kneel before the bishop, who lays hands on each one, praying,

'Confirm ... O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue to be yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he/she comes to your eternal kingdom. Amen.'

4. How is Confirmation related to Holy Communion?

Holy Communion or Eucharist is when Christians draw especially close to God. In some parts of the Anglican Communion individuals who have been baptised do not have to be 'confirmed' to receive Holy Communion. In the Church of Ireland, admission to Holy Communion has usually presupposed

Confirmation

confirmation.

5. What happens after Confirmation?

By making a public affirmation of faith the candidates take responsibility for themselves as members of Christ's Church. When the bishop asks, 'Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?' and 'Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?', the candidates respond, 'With the help of God, I will'. This demonstrates both their commitment and their recognition of their dependence on God to live a Christian life.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults who were never Confirmed and would like to seek Confirmation please contact either The Dean or the Cathedral Office for details. This will take place at a private location with other adults from the Diocese on Ascension

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café take place on Sunday mornings when our children leave during the middle of our 11am service. They head down to the Cathedral Hall to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games facilitated by an amazing team of leaders.

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Lights Café welcomes children in P6-Yr 8.

Our March 2020 dates are:

Sunday 1st

Sunday 8th

Sunday 28th

All are welcome and we always love to see new faces!

All Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café members are encouraged to attend our 2020 Confirmation service on Sunday 15th March and Family Service on Sunday 22nd March at 11am.

If you want to get involved or join our team of leaders please get in touch- you can find us on Facebook or Instagram, or you can contact Beth in the Cathedral Office!

*"He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." - **Matthew 18:2-5***



Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to children of primary school age and of all denominations. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **The rule is: no child without an adult and no adult without a child.**

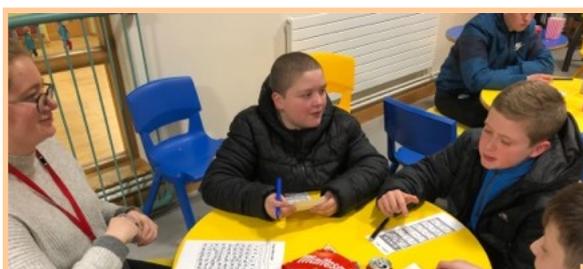
Messy Church was held on 20th February and our next session is on **Thursday 19th March** from 4.00-6.00pm. We will be celebrating the mothers and mother-figures in our lives- we look forward to seeing you all for More Messy Madness and Mayhem!

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." – Proverbs 31:25-28

Confirmation and Xplore

Confirmation is the rite at which those who have been baptised seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their growth as Christians. Our current cohort are preparing for their service of **Confirmation on Sunday 15th March at 11am**. All are welcome to celebrate this occasion. There will be a **Pre-Confirmation service on Sunday 8th March at 7.00pm** in the Cathedral.

Confirmation candidates are also encouraged to attend Xplore- our youth group which meets on the last Monday of each month. Xplore returned in January with Bingo Night! On again on **24th February and 30th March from 7.30-9.00pm where we meet for fun, food and fellowship**. Everyone in Year 9 or above is welcome - so come along and bring a friend!



Photographs
by Laura
Richmond

Forming Faith at St Macartin's



Check us out on Social Media!



Children and Youth at Enniskillen Cathedral



@ekncatherdralyouth

March 2020 at a glance...

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	
SUNDAY LIGHTS & CAFE 1	 2	3	4	5	6	7	
SUNDAY LIGHTS & CAFE PRE-CONFIRMATION SERVICE @ 7PM 8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
 SERVICE @ 11 am 15	16	17	18	 19	20	 21	
22 FAMILY SERVICE	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29 SUNDAY LIGHTS & CAFE	30	31					

Cathedral Family

Dr Colin Mootoo is a cardiologist at the South West Acute Hospital and a welcome, relatively new face in the Cathedral Choir.



Tell us about your early days.

I'm from the warm twin island country of Trinidad and Tobago, born and bred (as we say colloquially, Trini to the bone!). I'm the younger of two siblings and we had a pretty normal upbringing. I thoroughly enjoyed my school days, high school in particular was a great mix of work and play. I always took part in music activities (my mother would be constantly behind me to practice the piano) and played in my school's steel band orchestra (the steel pan boasts to be the only instrument to have been invented in the 20th century, right in my home country). Oh what I would give to return to those carefree days!

What brought you to Enniskillen?

I always wanted to further my career in medicine (in particular- cardiology) and I felt that the UK was the best option to pursue. I completed the necessary exams and I got wind of a brand new hospital in the west of Northern Ireland (by another doctor who works there and happens to be Trinbagonian as well). I actually made my first visit to Enniskillen in 2018 on a reconnaissance trip to see what there was to offer. I remember being greeted by wind and cold rain (something I am still adjusting to and wonder if I ever will) but I liked what I saw! A job application was put in and the rest as they say is history. I officially moved here in mid-September 2019 and I have found my home away from home.

What are your hobbies/interests?

Coming from a very diverse and multicultural society has afforded me exposure to a wide range of activities. I enjoy all genres of music and have been getting to learn some new songs thanks to the choir. I love taking part in physical activities and outdoor events (again, a challenge here because of weather conditions so I've been sticking to the indoor gym with a roof and heating). I also recently took up painting about two years ago and haven't

Cathedral Family

done any since I've moved here (idea for St Macartin's - an art club maybe?). I've been a voracious reader in my school days and have been trying to get back in groove with that (finding time has been difficult). I'm currently working on the Hunger Games trilogy. Being Caribbean, I can't deny that I enjoy a good party - it's in my blood! It's currently carnival season back home and this is the first time that I'll be missing on all the festivities that comes this time of year.

Do you travel?

New places, new experiences and different cultures make for a wider world view and opens the mind. I've been to a few places so far, mainly Caribbean, North America, the UK and some of Europe. Currently I am planning a short city break to NYC next week (I haven't been there in about twelve years when the after effects of 9/11 were still evident). I'm hoping to set foot on the continent sometime in the near future and definitely will be going back home before the year is over.

List some of your favourites.

Book - To Kill a Mockingbird

Food - Curry

Bible verse - John 8: 7 "So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

Hymn - this is a tough one so I'll have to go with two. What a friend we have in Jesus (I spent a lot of time with my grandparents and this was a favourite of theirs, may they rest in peace) and God will take care of you.

Time of the year - Christmas! The season for food, friends, festivities and family and most importantly welcoming in the Christ Child.

Movie - Titanic

Colour - blue

City - London. The first time I visited London I felt as though I was living my whole life in black and white and finally started seeing in colour. What a breathtaking city.

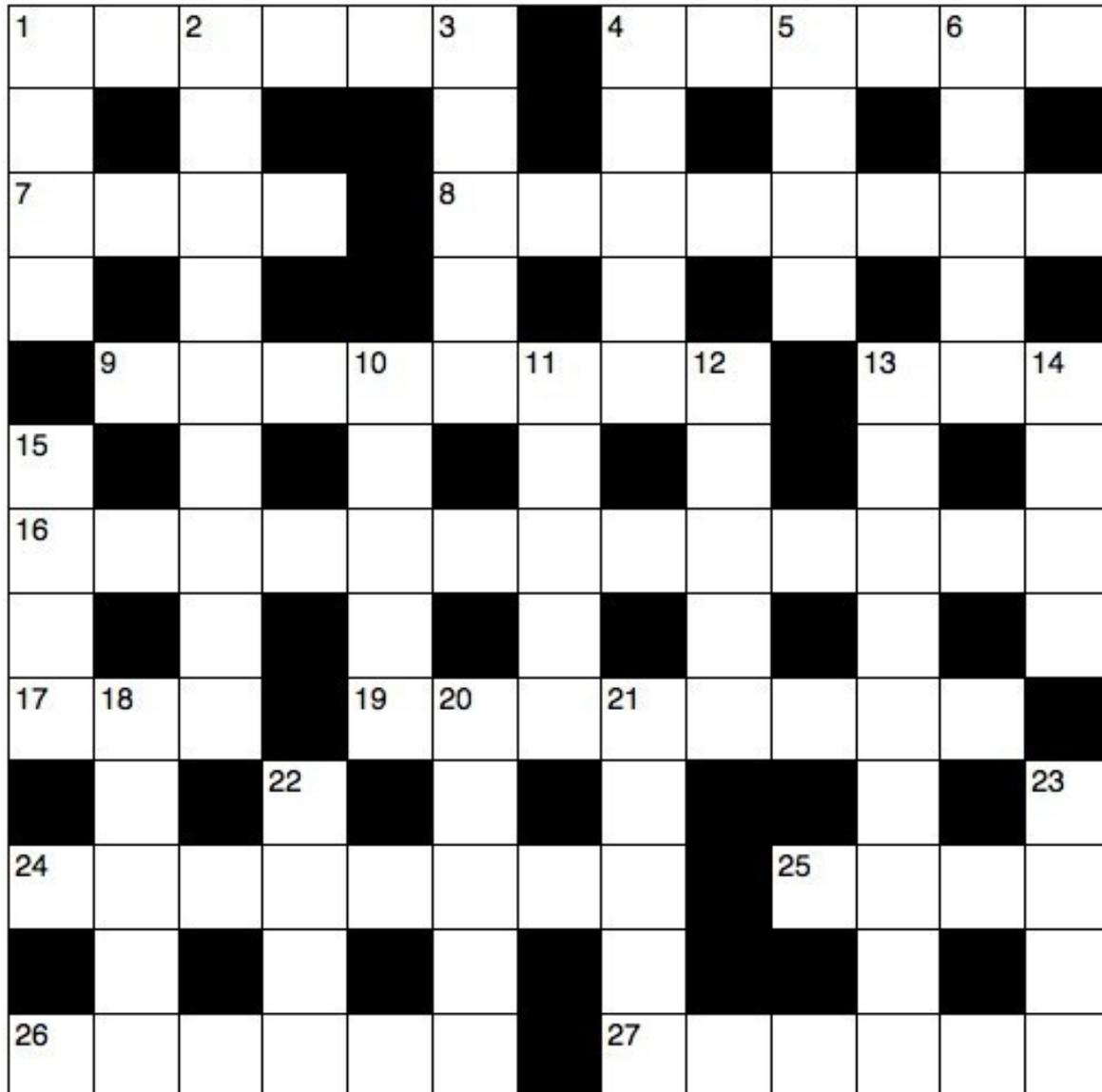
Indulgence - my sweet tooth has a propensity to cheesecake and chocolate.

Any challenges?

I promise I won't mention the weather again (too late!) This is my first winter experience and I saw snow for the first time last week. I have made some wardrobe adjustments that have helped but I'm not a fan of these temperatures.

While I am enjoying this new experience away from home, I do miss the familiarity of family, friends, neighbours, even my old workplace (certain aspects of it). This is my first time being on my own and it has taught me independence but I miss the comfort of home. That being said, I have found a new family at St Macartin's, in particular the choir, and they have been nothing but warm and welcoming (definitely something they learnt from the Dean!).

Crossword



Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Crossword

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

**WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR MUM THIS
MOTHERING SUNDAY...??
IS SHE FED UP WITH CHOCOLATES
AND FLOWERS...??**

**GIVE YOUR MUM A SPECIAL
TREAT...**

**Come with her and the whole family
to our special**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY
FAMILY SERVICE.**

SUNDAY 22nd March at 11.00am

*Gifts will be available for every young person
to present to their mothers!*



The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness'

'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.' (Augustine).

We all have deep longings in our lives that we seek to satisfy, however Jesus points out that we can only be truly satisfied by God Himself:

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6). The words *hunger* and *thirst* are strong words referring to a truly desperate for righteousness. But what does this mean?

Longing for right relationship with God: It means putting God at the centre of all we are and do and trusting Him with the whole of our lives. It's a response to Jesus' death on the cross, rather than anything we can do for God: *'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.'* (Romans 3:22).

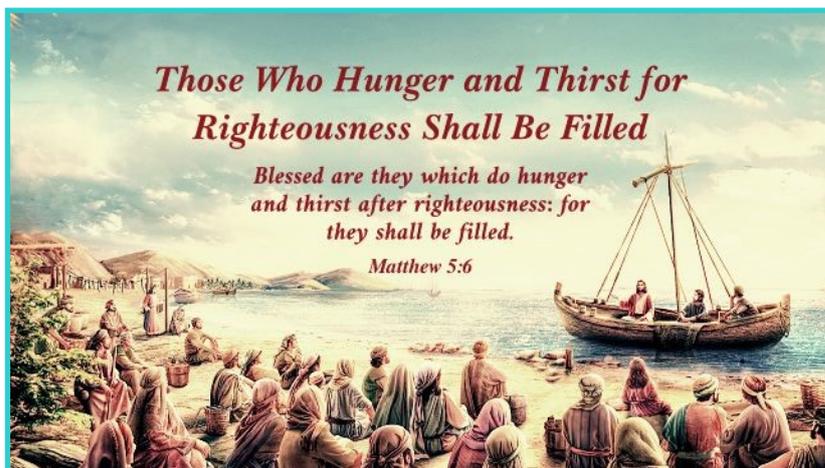
Longing for right living for God: A righteous or holy life is one that is righteous 24 hours a day. It's an integrated Christian life lived out of our ongoing relationship with God, affecting everything we do, say or think.

Longing for right relationship with others: God's righteousness will influence how we relate to others in the community, so that all our relationships are loving and just e.g. at work, with family, friends or neighbours.

When we are really desperate Jesus says that God will *fill* us and our desire for righteousness will be satisfied. The problem is that often we are not desperate enough! We don't want to let go the deep desires that get in the way of God.

'It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are far too easily pleased.' (C S Lewis).

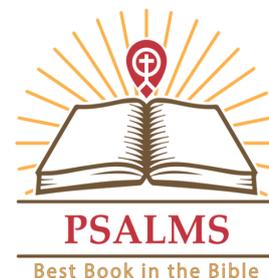
Next month we will look at the fifth Beatitudes: 'Blessed are the merciful'



Psalm

Psalm 84

This psalm is appropriate to think about during Lent, as it was used by pilgrims going up to Jerusalem. It speaks of the journey to find the presence of God in our lives. Where is our heart with God?



A Heart for God's Presence:



'How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.' (v1,2). For the psalmist, the Temple is the focus of God's presence and the place where he longs to be. How much do we long to know God's presence ourselves? Lent is a time to seek Him through the spiritual disciplines of Bible reading, prayer, fasting, silence and solitude.

Heart set on Pilgrimage:

'Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.' (5,6). Lent reminds us that the Christian life is a journey of faith, which is not always easy. We pass through the valley of Baka, which is the dry desert place in our experience. Here God can seem remote and silent. However, it also the season when we are refreshed by the Holy Spirit filling our lives.

A Heart that's Undivided:

'Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.' (10).

We will find a home in God's presence only with an undivided heart, as we maintain our focus on God and trust him for all we need.

'Most of Scripture speaks to us; the Psalms speak FOR us.' (St Athanasius).

Answers to Crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Balthead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arts.
DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uri-
en. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lyd-

Parochial Organisations

Mothers' Union Theme for 2020: Building Hope and Confidence

'Building hope and confidence' has been placed at the heart of our call to support individuals and families to transform their lives. As we build our hope and confidence in God we will be inspired and equipped to build hope and confidence in others, in both local and global context.

On Sunday 9th February the All Ireland President of Mothers' Union, Mrs June Butler visited and spoke in St Macartin's Cathedral. Her message was on 'Building Hope and Confidence' – the Mothers' Union theme for the coming year. New members Gladys Fisher and Sandra Forde were admitted and new officers Jenifer Johnston: Branch Leader, Sally Master-son: Secretary, Maud Shaw: Treasurer and Valerie Watson: Overseas Representative were commissioned. This was followed by a Parish Lunch in the Cathedral Hall.

Pictures right and overleaf



Pictured above are Rosie Woods (Churchwarden), Andy McCabe (Dean's Verger), Scott Elliott (Pastoral Assistant), The Dean, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall, June Butler, The All Ireland President of Mothers' Union, Rev Colin Brownsmith and David Graham (Churchwarden).

The February meeting on Monday 10th was opened by the Dean with a reading and prayer. Jenifer Johnston, new branch leader introduced our guest speaker Mrs Geraldine Beattie, a Trustee Board Member also a volunteer with the charity 'Fields of Life.' She was accompanied by her brother-in-law Mr Gordon Deazley. They gave a marvellous presentation from their humanitarian visit to Uganda last year highlighting the need for basic essentials for females and the widespread poverty.

The next meeting on 9th March is Visitors night 'Planting for Spring' with Gladys Fyffe (Craigville Garden Centre). All Welcome.

Parochial Organisations



Photographs by
William Holmes

Parish Lunch



Photographs from Sunday Lunch in the Hall following the MU Service on 9th February.



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Tuesday Club

Eleanor Lynn welcomed members to the first meeting of the new year on 28th January. After prayers the special speaker Edna Topping was introduced. Edna demonstrated 'Patchwork' with numerous examples of her beautiful work. She also gave detailed instructions of how to start and complete a pattern. All enjoyed a most interesting and informative afternoon. Tea and time for a chat and catch up followed. The next meeting is on 25th February at 2.00pm the Cathedral Hall with a speaker on 'Living with Dementia.' Then again on 31st March when Olive Brownsmith is the speaker.



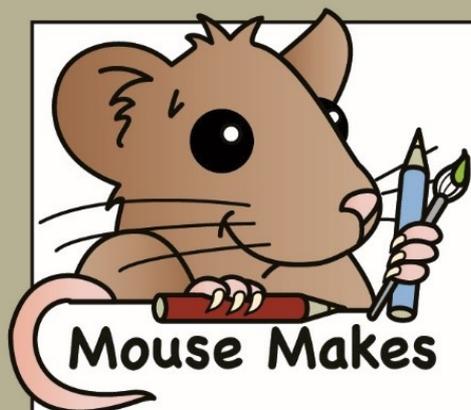
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Maud Shaw

Edna Topping is pictured above with Susan Spratt after her demonstration of how to do patchwork to the Tuesday Club. Edna also enjoys crochet and showed examples including covers for hot water bottles as pictured. She is indeed a very talented la-

Bowling Club

St Macartin's Annual Mixed Pairs Tournament will take place on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March with the Final on Thursday 19th March in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 8.00 pm sharp. Entries to Maud Shaw - 02866322133 or Mobile 07720081175.

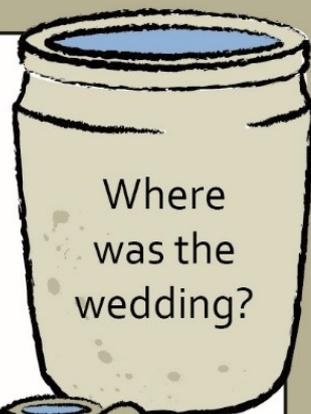
Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

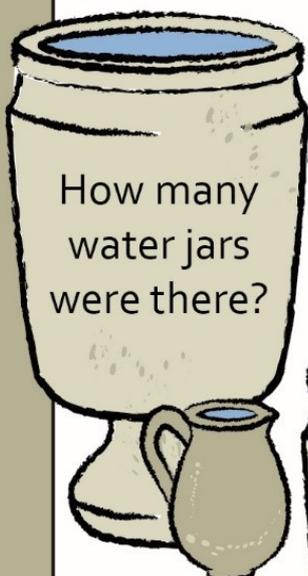
READ John 2:1-11 to find out what happened.



Where was the wedding?



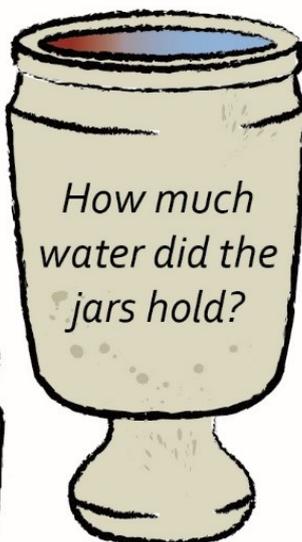
What were the water jars for?



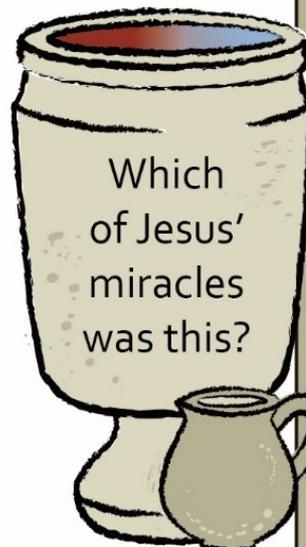
How many water jars were there?



What were the water jars made of?

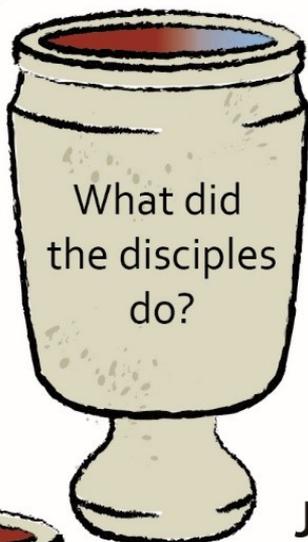


How much water did the jars hold?



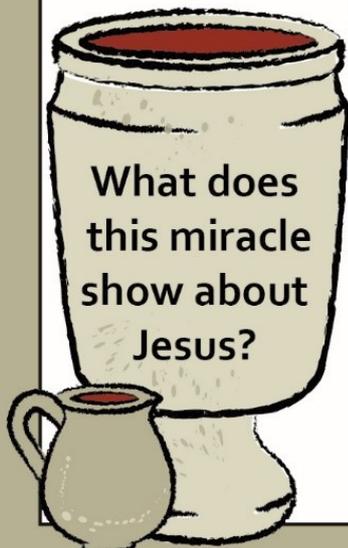
Which of Jesus' miracles was this?

What did the steward tell the bridegroom?



What did the disciples do?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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F I L L W I N E X T Y G E T

WEDDING • CANA • GALILEE • JESUS • MARY • DISCIPLES
SERVANTS • RAN • OUT • SIX • STONE • WATER • JARS
FILL • TOP • TASTE • TURNED • WINE • FIRST

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - David Graham and Rosemary Woods

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Karen Clyde, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, Jenifer Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),

Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J Nixon, Sandra Richmond, Stephen Richmond and Jonathan Woods

Assistant Hon Secretary - Raymond Campbell

Assistant Hon Treasurer - Karl Saunders

Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

March Lessons and Readers

The First Sunday in Lent - 1st March

The First Reading - Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 - Myrtle Irvine

The Psalm - Psalm 32

The Second Reading - Romans 5: 12-15 - George Irvine

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 4: 1-11 - Scott Elliott

The Second Sunday in Lent - 8th March

The First Reading - Genesis 12: 1-4a - Sue Hogg

The Psalm - Psalm 121

The Second Reading - Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 - Robin Hogg

The Gospel Reading - John 3: 1-17 - Scott Elliott

The Third Sunday in Lent - 15th March

Confirmation Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent - 22nd March

Family Service -Mothering Sunday

The Fifth Sunday in Lent - 29th March

The First Reading - Ezekiel 37: 1-14 - Brendan McCann

The Psalm - Psalm 130

The Second Reading - Romans : 6-11 - Gillian Glass

The Gospel Reading - John 11: 1-45 - Scott Elliott



Welcome Team March 2020

01 Avril and Ivan Kee

08 Julie and David

Nixon

15 Stephanie and

Scott Hamilton

22 Jeanette Wilson
and Richard Cochrane

29 Myrtle and George
Irvine

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

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)

SATURDAY

Film Club - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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