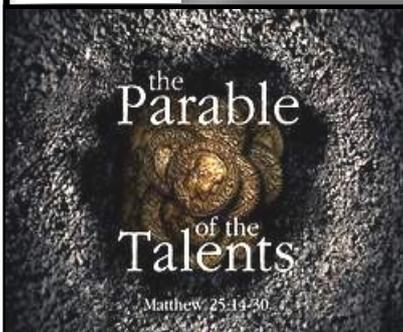




# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 15th  
November 2020  
The Second Sunday  
before ADVENT**



**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL ON  
PAGE 12 —before the Service begins.**  
**Please note- The wearing of Face Masks  
in Church, whilst not compulsory—is  
strongly recommended and is Mandatory  
for entering and leaving.**

### **MORNING PRAYER – 15th November 2020 – Second Sunday before Advent**

*(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)*

#### **Introduction and Opening Hymn - 51**

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. Redeem thy misspent time that's past,  
and live this day as if the last;  
Improve thy talent with due care;  
for the great day thyself prepare
3. Let all thy converse be sincere,  
thy conscience as the noon-day clear;  
think how all-seeing God thy ways  
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.
4. Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,  
and with the angels bear thy part,  
who all night long unwearied sing  
high praise to the eternal King.
5. O Lord, direct, control, this day,  
all I design or do or say;  
that all my powers, with all thy might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.
6. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Thomas Ken (1637 – 1711).*

#### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### **A Sentence of Scripture**

*'Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near'*

*Isaiah 55:6*

### ***BCP - page 101***

Beloved in Christ, today we offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

#### **A Prayer of Penitence**

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### **The Absolution            *BCP- page 102***

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth will proclaim your praise**

O God, make speed to save us: **O Lord make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever, Amen**

Praise the Lord: **The Lord's name be praised.**

### **Psalm 90**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge ■  
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed ■  
from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 You turn us back to dust and say ■  
'Turn back, O children of earth'

4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday ■  
Which passes like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away like a dream; ■  
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green, and flourishes ■  
in the evening it is dried up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure ; ■  
We are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

8 You have set our misdeeds before you ■  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; ■  
our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are threescore years and ten; or if our strength endures, even  
four score; ■  
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they soon pass away and we are  
gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath ■  
And your indignation like those who fear you ?

12 So teach us to number our days ■  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen**

### **First Reading –1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

*The first Reading is from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians, chapter 5 ,  
beginning at verse 1*

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety’, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## CANTICLE (HYMN 710)

1. Sing to God new songs of worship  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm.

He has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

2. Sing to God new songs of worship  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness.  
Sound upon the harp his praises,

play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the King!

3. Sing to God new songs of worship  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters,  
sound your praises to the Lord.  
Let the hills rejoice together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

Michael Baughen (born 1930)  
*based on Canticle 'Cantate Domino' (Psalm 98)*

## Second Reading-Matthew 25: 14-30

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Matthew, Chapter 25,  
beginning at verse 14.*

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>14</sup> 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

<sup>21</sup> 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

<sup>22</sup> 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

<sup>23</sup> 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

<sup>24</sup> 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

<sup>26</sup> 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have

not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup> “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Thought for the Day**

### **Apostles' Creed**

*BCP – page 112*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**1.** Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**2.** Take my hand, and let them move,  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

**3.** Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my king;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

### **Hymn 597**

**4.** Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

**5.** Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store:  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all, for thee.

*Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)*

Prayers

*BCP – pages 112-113*

The Lord be with you; **and also, with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen; **and grant her government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness; **and let your servants shout  
for joy.**

O Lord, save your people; **and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord; **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us; **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECTS

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECTS

### **Collect at Morning Prayer**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,  
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:  
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,  
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour,  
and further us with your continual help;  
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:  
We humbly pray that your holy Spirit may so guide and govern us,  
That in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,  
We may never forget your presence,  
But may remember that we are always walking in your sight,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## INTERCESSIONS

### Going out as God's People

#### **Ending**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.** Romans 15: 13

**Blessing.** The blessing of God almighty...

## HYMN 567

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
you only, Lord, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,,  
and hasten to that glorious day.

5. Then with delight may I employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath  
given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ..

**Amen.**

**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE USHERS INDICATE**  
**YOU SHOULD LEAVE BY THE TRANSEPT DOOR**



## **NEW BISHOP –elect for CLOGHER**

It was announced on Monday 9th November that the Episcopal Electoral College for the Diocese of Clogher, meeting in an online format, has elected the Revd Canon Dr Ian William Ellis, Rector of Rossorry, as the new Bishop of Clogher. He succeeds the Most Revd John McDowell who took office as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland at his translation on Tuesday, 28th April 2020.

Archbishop John McDowell said: 'I am delighted to announce the election of Canon Ian Ellis as my successor as Bishop of Clogher. Everyone who knows Canon Ellis will have been impressed by the dedication, pastoral care and intelligence which he has brought to his vocation in the Church and in education. I look forward to welcoming him into the House of Bishops and to arranging for his consecration as soon as is practicable.'

The bishop–elect said: 'I am deeply humbled to be elected today by the Electoral College as Bishop–elect of Clogher and intensely conscious of the honour and responsibility bestowed upon me. I pray that I may fulfil the trust that has been placed in me and I look forward to working with the great team of diocesan clergy and laity. This is a wonderful diocese and Heather and I have been so happy serving here during my ministry as Rector of Rossorry, and I look forward to getting to know the people of the wider diocese in the near future. I pray that God may guide us all to serve him in this part of the Kingdom of God.'

Following the ratification of his election by the House of Bishops, Canon Ellis will be consecrated as a bishop on a date to be determined.

### **A message from the Rector to parishioners**

You will have heard by now that on Monday afternoon I was elected by the Episcopal Electoral College for Clogher Diocese to be the next Bishop of Clogher.

At the moment I have a great mix of emotions - I am truly humbled and very conscious of the honour and responsibility bestowed on me yet also saddened at having to leave Rossorry where we have been so happy for these last 5 years. Heather and I have been so blessed to have been called to serve you here in this wonderful parish of Rossorry where we have many treasured memories and friendships formed. You have been so patient and supportive to me as your Rector as I know you will continue to be so in the future.

However, we are not moving on just yet as the consecration is likely to be in the New Year. I will let you know the date as soon as the Archbishop has decided. Heather and I would value your prayers as we begin to move forward. Wishing you every blessing from God.

Your friend and Rector  
Ian

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## **FREEWILL GIVING**

Even though Services have resumed at Church many of you may not be able or ready to attend but you may still contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations.

**The end of month Church door collection is now used by so few**

**people that there is no point in keeping it going.**

**If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.**

***Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.***

If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

## **AISSLING CENTRE IS HERE FOR YOU**

*The door may be closed  
but we continue to support the community during this time*

**We are pleased to confirm that we have moved to a  
telephone/e-counselling service &**

### **WE CONTINUE TO ACCEPT COUNSELLING REFERRALS**

Referral forms can be downloaded from our website  
[www.theaislingcentre.com](http://www.theaislingcentre.com)

or **Contact us on:**

Telephone 028 66 325811 / E-mail [info@theaislingcentre.com](mailto:info@theaislingcentre.com)

*Our phone lines are open during normal business hours &  
we will respond to post, e-mail etc as quickly as possible*

***We hope you stay safe and well and encourage everyone to  
adhere to the guidance given to keep us all safe***

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Thank you to the many people of Fermanagh and surrounding areas who are continuing to help us support your family, friends during this crisis through your donations on our local giving page

Donate: [www.localgiving.com/aislingcentre](http://www.localgiving.com/aislingcentre)

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**IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS OR DISTRESS**

**AND NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE**

**CALL FREE 24/7**

**LIFELINE - 0808 808 8000**

**SAMARITANS - 116 123**

**or e-mail [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)**

## **The PARISH HELP GROUP**

A self help group of parish volunteers has been established to help to those who are elderly or self-isolating or who may require , a copy of the CD of Services or who may just need a friendly voice on the 'phone, at this challenging time. We have our volunteers in place and they are now in contact with those who asked for a friendly voice to keep in touch.



**If we have missed anyone—please let the Office know and they will be added to our list.**



**Next week -  
Sunday 22nd November  
2020 at 10am -  
MORNING PRAYER**



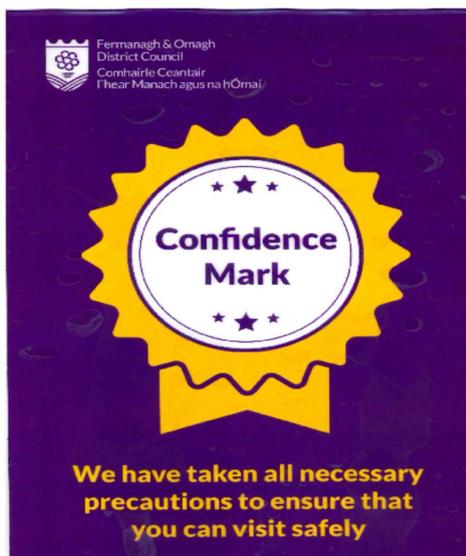
**ROSSORRY  
SELECT  
VESTRY**



**Next meeting will be held  
this week-to be held online  
by ZOOM @7.30pm**  
**Members will be emailed  
date and time, joining  
details / access code and  
background documents will  
be circulated by email .**

**Many thanks to all who  
provided gifts for the  
Samaritan's Purse this year**

*They went away on Wednesday and  
are en route to the children most in  
need*



**CONFIDENCE MARK**

*Has been awarded to Rossorry Parish in  
recognition of the protocols put in place to  
ensure your safety whilst attending this Church.*

*Thank you for supporting our efforts at  
maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks  
and the use of the sanitiser on entry and exit.*

- **Please complete the contact details sheet including your seat number.  
This is to facilitate contact tracing if required.**
- **Place the completed Contact Tracing sheet in the box beside the Exit**

## **PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **BELOW—DESIGNED TO HELP YOUR SAFE VISIT TO CHURCH**

*Due to the restrictions of social distancing and hygiene, things will be different and many aspects of the temporary way of doing things may be challenging but we ask for your patience and cooperation. You will find below an outline of the practical points involved if you wish to attend church at this time.*

- Do not come to church if displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. From 31<sup>st</sup> July, those who have been shielding and others who are generally vulnerable are advised to use extreme caution in public spaces and during interactions with others. Please follow relevant government guidance regarding isolation and booking a test if you have any of the symptoms. Many parishioners are nervous about coming out and it is perfectly understandable for people to wish to remain at home.
- Please do not feel obliged to attend church at this time if you have any concerns regarding your health – an online recording of our services will continue for foreseeable future.
- Please note that due to physical distancing restrictions, the number of people we are permitted to have in our churches is greatly reduced. We apologise in advance, but any additional numbers may not be admitted.
- Please do not congregate in car park or church porch.
- Please use hand sanitiser provided on entering and leaving church.
- On entering church, you will be directed to a pew (which may not be your normal seat) by one of the stewards. Please remain in your seat for the duration of the service and only sit with members of your own household.
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- No hymn/prayer books are permitted although you may bring your own. There will be printed service sheets in the pews allocated for seating. At present Congregational singing is not permitted and we are also required make the Service shorter for health reasons.
- At all times please always observe relevant physical distancing.
- Toilets are open during the service however should you wish to use them please ensure you use the cleaning materials provided to wipe down surfaces after use.
- At the end of the service please follow the directions of the stewards. Do not leave your seat until directed to do so. We will operate a one-way system.
- There will be a retiring collection rather than our usual offering.  
**A box is provided at the Exit Door**
- Please bring tissues with you if you require them and if used please dispose of properly in bin provided or bring them home. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so.
- Please be aware that for these measures to be successful additional time should be allowed on arrival.
- Due to strict cleaning requirements there will be limited access to the churches outside of Sundays - if you need access please contact the Rector.