



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 22nd
November 2020**
*The Sunday before
ADVENT*
(The Kingship of Christ.)

When the Son of man shall come in His glory
and all the holy angels with Him



then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory
Matthew 25:31 knowing-jesus.com

**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 – 22nd November 2020 – The Sunday before Advent

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 281

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift us your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice! Again, I say: Rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

4. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangels
voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

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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 95

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ■
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ■
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God ■
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ■
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, ■
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down ■
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God; ■
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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 –Ephesians 1: 15-23

*The first Reading is from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 1 ,
beginning at verse 15.*

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE (HYMN 694)

1. Glory, honour, endless praises
here we offer, King of kings.
You are source of all our being,
Lord of all created things.

2. Gory, honour, endless praises
to the Lamb who has been slain:
by your blood you ransomed sinners,
Set your people free again.

3. Called to serve from every nation,
kings and priests, we praise you, Lord,
and to Father and to Spirit
lift our hearts with one accord.

*Edwin Le Grice(1911-92)
Based on the Canticle 'Glory and Honour and Power'*

Second Reading-Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"

⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Thought for the Day

Apostles' Creed

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**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.**

HYMN 114

1. Thou didst leave thy throne and thy
kingly crown,
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home was there found
no room
for thy holy nativity.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.*

2. Heaven's arches rang when the angels
sang,
to proclaim thy royal degree;
yet in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in deepest humility.

3. Though thou camest, Lord, with the living
word
that should set thy people free;
yet with mocking scorn, and with crown of
thorn,
they bore thee to Calvary.

4. When the heavens shall ring, and the
angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there
is room,
there is room at my side for thee."

Emily E.S. Elliott (1836-1897)

Prayers

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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

Collects for the Sunday before Advent

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 509

1. Your kingdom come, O God;
your rule, O Christ, begin;
break with your iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

2. Where is your reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease
as in the realms above?

3. When comes the promised time,
the end of strife and war;
when lust, oppression, crime
and greed shall be no more?

4. O Lord our God, arise
and come in your great might!
Revive our longing eyes
which languish for your sight.

5. On lands both near and far
thick darkness gathers yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise and never set!

*Lewis Hensley (1824-1905) altd.
Leighton George Hayne (1836-83)*

Dismissal

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

Amen.

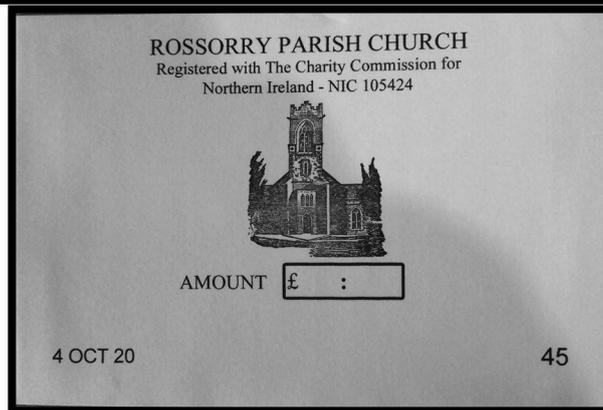
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THANK YOU

Heather and I are overwhelmed by the large number of cards, telephone calls, texts and emails ,congratulating me and wishing us well in the future.

You are so kind—we will miss you terribly—such great and warm friends !



FREEWILL ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The Freewill envelopes for 2021 will be delivered to the Parish Visiting Team in the next few days.

You should receive a letter from the Rector and Next year's Envelopes (Yellow in colour) shortly thereafter.

Any problems or issues or if you are missed out—ring the Parish Office on 02866 329889 and let Gerry know.

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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.

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*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

or **Contact us on:**

Telephone 028 66 325811 / E-mail 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

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SAMARITANS - 116 123

or e-mail 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**



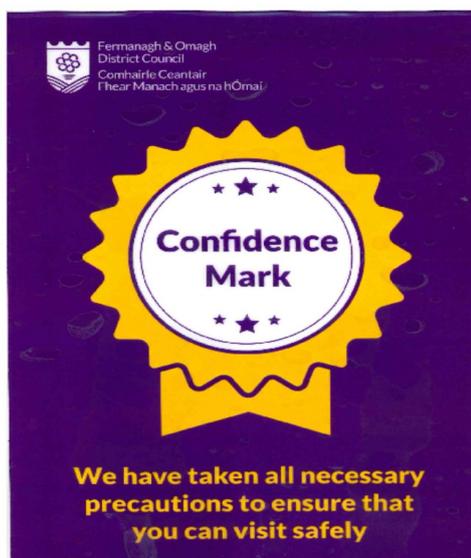
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VESTRY

**Next meeting will be held this week-to
be held online by ZOOM @7.30pm**

**(Held back from last week—awaiting some estimates for
recording / streaming equipment)**

**Members will be emailed date and time, joining
details / access code and background documents will be
circulated by email .**



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 31st 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.