



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday**  
**7th February 2021**  
*The Second Sunday*  
*before Lent*

The **light** shines in the darkness, and  
the darkness has not overcome it

**No Service in Church for the next few weeks, due to Covid restrictions**

**Check online over the weekend for video of the recorded Service on Facebook :-**

**Rossorry Parish Church**

### **Welcome to Rossorry Parish Church for our service of Holy Communion on this 2nd Sunday before Lent**

#### **HYMN 6            Immortal, invisible.....**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we  
praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring  
above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness  
and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and  
small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the  
tree,  
and wither and perish; but nought changeth  
thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their  
sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: *W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

Music: Welsh hymn melody

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **Sentence of Scripture**

*'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'*

*Matthew 11:28*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law  
and the prophets.

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may walk in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

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.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

**Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

*The First Reading is from the Book of Proverbs, chapter 8,  
beginning at verse 1.*

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
 when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
 before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
 or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
 when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
 and I was daily his delight,  
 rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
 and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN 24 All creatures of our God and King.....**

**1.** All creatures of our God and king,  
 lift up your voice and with us sing  
 alleluia, alleluia !

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !*

**4.** Dear mother earth, who day by day  
 Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
 O praise him, alleluia !

The flowers and fruit that in thee grow,  
 let them his glory also show:

**7.** Let all things their creator bless,  
 and worship him in humbleness,  
 O praise him, alleluia !

Praise, praise the Father, praise the  
 Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933) altd.  
 based on The Canticle of the Sun  
 by St. Francis of Assisi*

## THE GOSPEL

John 1: 1-14

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John, Chapter 1,  
beginning to read at verse 1.*

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## A REFLECTION

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have  
no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through  
the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **THE INTERCESSIONS**

Let us pray.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own  
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is  
always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear  
Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his  
body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore  
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*(please stand )*

#### **THE PEACE**

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

**HYMN 431**

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, .....**

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

2. Here for faith's discernment praying  
lest we fail to know thee now,  
here our deepest homage paying,  
we in loving reverence bow;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

6. Life-imparting, heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with one hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb that died,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

*George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and ever living God,  
at all times and in all places  
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Salvation is your gift  
through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and by him you will make all things new  
when he returns in glory to judge the world:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image, male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving your only begotten Son to become man  
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:  
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:  
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of  
his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you,  
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we do as Christ your Son commanded:  
**we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit  
that we may be made one in your holy Church  
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,  
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy upon us,  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart  
of the earthly paradise,  
and the Bread of life at the heart of your Church.  
May we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

The peace of God  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## HYMN 263

**Crown him with many crowns, .....**

**1.** Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne,  
hark! how the heavenly anthem  
drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

**3.** Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his wondering  
eye  
at mysteries so bright.

**4.** Crown him the Lord of life  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife,  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

**6.** Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-94)  
and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)  
Music: George J. Elvey (1816-93)*

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

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## Next week's online Service

Sunday 14th February 2021  
will be Morning Prayer

The Parish regrets to announce the death  
of our oldest Rossorry  
Parishioner.



### Charlotte "Lottie" JOHNSTON

on 31st January 2021,  
peacefully, at the  
Graan Abbey Care Home, in  
her **106th year**, formerly of  
Burnside Park, Enniskillen.  
Deepest sympathy to her son,  
Billy and grand-daughters, Debbie and Rozi.  
Her funeral was held on  
Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at Kilskeery  
Parish Church with burial in the family plot.



### Sympathy Notice



The members of Rossorry Parish  
were saddened to learn of the death  
on 1st February 2021

### of **John Robert KERR**

Drumkeen Road.

A brother of a Parishioner

(Mrs Mary Houston)



His funeral Service took place on Wed. 3rd  
February at Ballycassidy House with burial  
after in the family plot at Rossorry  
Churchyard.

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### FREEWILL GIVING

*Even though Services are once again online,  
throughout this period of the*

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

*It is therefore important that you continue to send or drop off (subject to current rules)  
your Freewill envelopes to the Parish Office.*

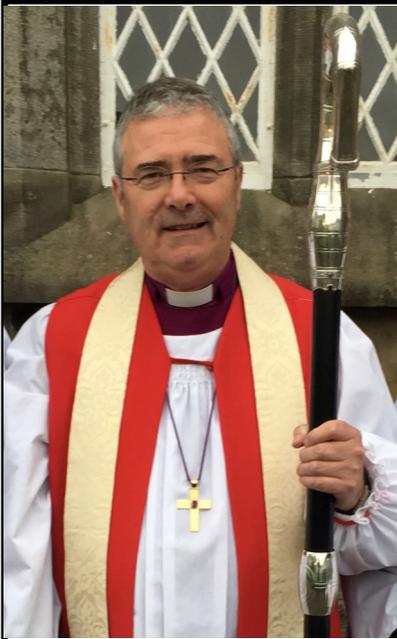
If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building  
Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this  
without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

### FREEWILL ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The Freewill envelopes for 2021 should have been delivered to the  
Parish Visiting Team in the past few weeks.

You should have received a letter from the Rector and next year's Envelopes  
(Yellow in colour).

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



**The Most Revd John McDowell,  
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of  
All Ireland,  
has issued the following statement:**

'The publication of the Research Report on Mother and Baby Homes and Magdalene Laundries in Northern Ireland further reveals the suffering of women and children in relation to their experiences in these homes. We are grateful to the academic research team for the work that has gone into this report, which will help the Church reflect in greater depth on the issues highlighted.

'Having had a chance to read the relevant chapters of the report, I acknowledge with shame that members of the Church of Ireland stigmatised women and children in a way which was very far removed from Christian principles and which resulted in an unloving, cold and judgmental attitude towards pregnant women who deserved better.

'The birth of a child should always be a time for happiness, and that many young women experienced it as joyless and cold is a matter for bitter regret. I am sorry and apologise for the role we played in treating unmarried women and their children in this way. They deserved much better.

'The Church of Ireland will be giving the report further careful consideration, and we would encourage any individuals or agencies who have relevant knowledge and records to co-operate fully with the independent investigation.'

**+John Armagh**