



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 21st  
FEBRUARY 2021**

*The First Sunday  
in LENT*



BAPTISM, TEMPTATION, & THE  
MISSION OF GOD

Mark 1:9-15

**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**

### **MORNING PRAYER – 21st Feb.. 2021 – The First Sunday in LENT .**

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

#### **Introduction and Opening Hymn - 639**

1. O Thou who camest from above,  
the pure celestial fire to impart  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
upon the mean altar of my heart.

2. There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return,  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and think and speak for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up thy gift in me.

4. Still let me prove thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make my sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

#### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*'The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and  
contrite heart, O God, you will not despise'.*

Psalm 51: 17

***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.**

**CANTICLE (HYMN 606)**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

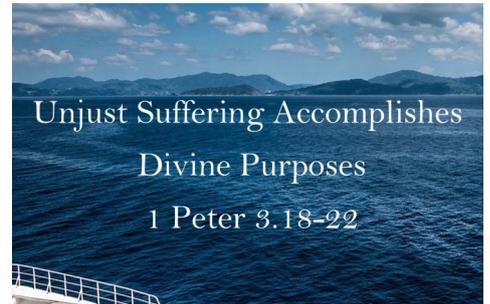
You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

Words and Music: *Martin Nystrom* (b.1956)

### **The First Reading—1 Peter 3: 18-22**

*The First reading is from the first Book of Peter, Chapter 3,  
beginning at verse 18.*

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 25: 1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust; ■  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, ■  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ■  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, ■  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ■  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions, ■  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ■  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right ■  
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ■  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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**

## Gospel Reading-Mark 1: 9-15

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Mark,  
Chapter 1, beginning at verse 9.*

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

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

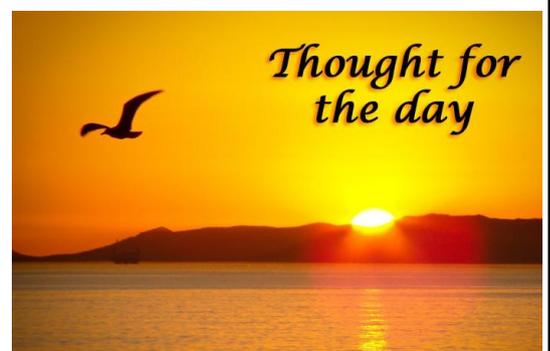
14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'



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 207

1. Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

2. sunbeams scorching all the day,  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

3. Let us thy endurance share,  
and from earthy joys abstain;  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
with thee strong to suffer pain.

6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side ;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*George H. Smyttan (1822-70)  
and Francis Pott (1832-1909)  
based on Mark 1: 12-13*

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 COLLECT for 1st Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty  
days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet  
without sin:  
Give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Collect for the Season of LENT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who  
are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and  
contrite hearts that we, worthily  
lamenting our sins and acknowledging  
our wretchedness, may receive from  
you, the God of all mercy, perfect  
remission and forgiveness;  
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**

Christ gave you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves,  
And to take up your cross and follow him:

#### **Blessing.**

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

**Amen.**

## HYMN 652

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self denying, death defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867) altd.*

### **Dismissal**

The Lord bless us and protect us,  
**and share the abundance of life in your Name.**

**Amen,**

## Police warn against vaccination scams

Police on both sides of the border are advising members of the public to be aware of potential scams relating to the Covid-19 vaccine.

In Northern Ireland, several members of the public have received a text message which reads 'we have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine' and links to a convincing, but fake, NHS page which then asks for bank details.

In the Republic, members of the public have in recent days received fraudulent text messages and calls regarding Covid-19 vaccination. The text messages have made requests for people to confirm private and sensitive information such as their PPS number, date of birth, and address. The phone calls have included requests that they make an appointment for a Covid-19 vaccine jab at a random hospital. In most cases, the person receiving the call will say that they are not in a position to travel to the hospital. This allows the caller to extract further personal details. Some individuals might confirm that they live alone or reveal their home address. The caller will then offer to come to their residence to administer a vaccine.

### You can protect yourself and your relatives, friends and neighbours with this advice:

- Do not open attachments or click on links in emails or texts from numbers you don't know.
- Never give out your personal information, banking details or passwords in response to an email, text or phone call without verifying that the caller is who they say they are.
- Block any numbers you find suspicious.
- Always go to a website directly, by typing out the address yourself, when logging into an account. Do not click on links.
- Keep an eye out for spelling mistakes in messages and emails.
- Never disclose who you may live with or if you live alone.
- Remember that the NHS and the HSE will never request payment for a Covid test or vaccine.
- If you receive a suspicious call, just hang up.
- If you have questions or concerns relating to Covid testing or vaccination, contact your local GP.



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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.

## Something Other than a Building

A Report on Churches on the Island of Ireland during the Covid-19 Pandemic



Dr Gladys Ganiel,  
Queen's University Belfast  
January 2021



“The impact of Covid–19 has prompted us to ask searching questions about what it means to be a community of Christian believers in today’s society.

“As Co–Chairs of the Irish Inter–Church Meeting it has been a great encouragement to us to see how inter–church engagement has emerged as a priority at this time of significant challenges and pressures. This common Christian witness, and solidarity with other faith communities, has helped ensure that the significance of people’s spiritual wellbeing is not overlooked.

“It is a matter of concern that this report once again illustrates the significant pressures on clergy.

Collaborative leadership has been highlighted as a significant area for attention and investment within churches, brought to

the fore primarily by the experience of moving worship and outreach into the digital space, but with further potential in other areas of church life.

“A related matter that we suggest has perhaps, to date, not received the detailed consideration it merits, is that essential family–community connection that is at the heart of church life, but can so often be overlooked or taken for granted.

“As Covid–19 has caused people to be confined to their homes we have seen the defining influence of the home environment on people’s experiences — educational, professional, social — and life chances. From a church perspective, it has been a timely reminder of the importance of the family as the place where faith is shaped and nurtured. Re–building our communities, as churches and in the wider society, after this time of disruption, grief and loss, will begin at the level of the family.”



### The Parish regrets to announce two deaths which occurred last weekend.

**BUTLER**, Helen, of the Tilery Nursing Home (formerly Swanlinbar Road, Enniskillen) died peacefully on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021, beloved wife of the late Jim Butler and mother of Mark and Anne. Her Funeral service took place at 2pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at Rossorry with interment in the adjoining Churchyard in her family plot.



**SHANNON**, Rachael, daughter of Wendy and Andrew and sister to Harry, of Ballinamallard, died after a very brief illness on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Rachael was a parishioner of Magheracross Parish Church but for a number of years had been a leader of Rainbows and Brownies in Rossorry.



### Next week's online Services: -



**Each Wednesday in Lent, there will be a post on our Facebook page, a short reading and reflection.**

**Sunday 28th February 2021 will be Morning Prayer.**



## Children and domestic abuse

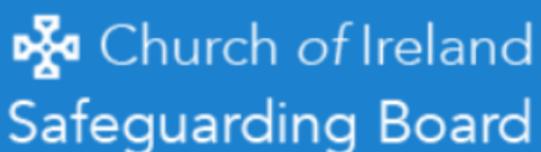
National data suggest around one in seven women and one in sixteen men in the State have experienced severe domestic abuse. The same study found just 29% of women and 5% of men had reported abusive behaviour to the police. In Northern Ireland, police deal with around 2,500 reports of domestic abuse each month.

At a time when families are restricted to home, where stress is so high and where normal routines and social connections are not possible, domestic abuse is a huge concern across our island. Anecdotal evidence suggests that domestic abuse has increased since the beginning of the pandemic. Women's Aid, for example, reported a 41% increase in the calls they received from the start of the Republic's restrictions to the end of November 2020. The Police Service of Northern Ireland responded to 549 more domestic abuse incidents in April and May last year than in the same months in 2019.

If you are experiencing abuse or have concerns about a child in this situation, help and support is available by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency or through the following help-lines:

### ***Northern Ireland***

The 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline on **0808 802 1414**. Victim Support Northern Ireland provides a helpline on **028 9024 3133**, during office hours, and the UK-wide National Supportline can be called at any time on **0845 30 30 900**.



*Safeguarding Trust* is the Church of Ireland's Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children.

*Adult Safeguarding* is the Church of Ireland's Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Adults at Risk.

All policy documents and supporting information are available on our Safeguarding website: [www.sg.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.sg.ireland.anglican.org)