



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 28th
FEBRUARY 2021**

*The Second Sunday
in LENT*

What good is it for a man to
gain the whole world, yet
forfeit his very soul?

- Mark 8:36



**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 – 28th Feb.2021 – The Second Sunday in LENT .

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 484

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim (refrain)
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod
our king victorious, Christ the son of God:
(refrain)

Each new-born soldier of the crucified
is signed with the cross, the seal of him who died:
(refrain)

This is the sign which Satan's armies fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:

Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

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

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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.**

CANTICLE (HYMN 694)

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

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

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)

The First Reading—Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

*The First reading is from the Book of Genesis, Chapter 17,
beginning at verse 1.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring* after you.

15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 22: 23-31

- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ■
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them; ■
but when they cried to him he heard them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ■
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ■
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord, ■
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ■
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship, ■
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
- 30 He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him; ■
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
- 31 They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn, ■
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Mark,
Chapter 8, beginning at verse 31.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

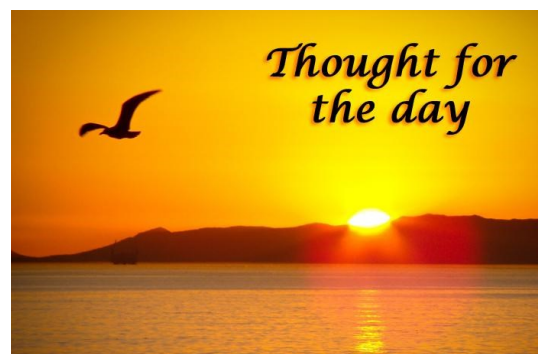
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 608

Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Anonymous

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 COLLECT for 2nd Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light
of your truth that they may return to the way
of righteousness:

Grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 635

Lord, be my guardian and my guide,
be near me when I call;
uphold me when my footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
Deliverer from the dead!

And if I tempted am to sin,
and evil powers are strong;
be present, Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me always watch and pray,
and know that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he shall not prevail.

Isaac Williams (1802-65)

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.



World Day of Prayer—Friday 5th March 2021

‘Build on a Strong Foundation’

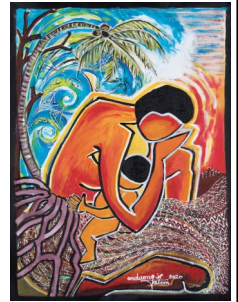
The Focus of this year’s Day of Prayer is Vanuata.

On the other side of the world in the South Pacific, 2000 miles east of Australia, lies an archipelago of 80 islands called Vanuatu.

With black and white sandy beaches, beautiful coral reefs, tropical coloured fish, forests full of lovely birds, abundant flora and fauna, and spectacular cascades these are wonderful islands.

There are no large mammals, poisonous snakes or poisonous spiders. The climate is temperate and the soil fruitful, but this region is prone to natural disasters including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and many destructive cyclones in the hot and humid season from November to March.

To the Ni-Vanuatu, the people of Vanuatu, land is very important. It is not viewed as a thing to be owned, but as vital to the existence of humans as a mother is to a child. The traditional Vanuatu family took care of each other and was self-sustaining, and respect was shown for the environment. Modern technology is changing life – although the internet is scarcely available in the outer islands, mobile phones are almost universal. But the islands, which vary greatly in songs, dances and customs, are proud of their cultural identity. Originally, each island had its own gods, customs and culture. The Vanuatu people did not worship animals or plants but believed there was a creator somewhere in the heavens.



Christianity and colonisation had a significant impact on island society.

Formerly, throughout the archipelago, chiefs were the custodians of the land, language and heritage, and determined the norms of the societies under their jurisdictions. In the Farea (village meeting house) issues were debated and although men were generally the decision makers, women had ways to bring their concerns.

Christianity changed a decentralised system of life in the villages to a centralised form of governance, and the role of women in decision-making was much reduced. Missionaries opposed cannibalism and regarded local religion as witchcraft. Currently 83% of the population is Christian.

ONLINE SERVICE (this Sunday) available from RTE on the link below:-

The service will be broadcast at 11.10am on RTÉ One television and 11.00am on RTÉ Radio 1 Extra
<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/service-on-sunday/SI0000002989?epguid=IH000383944>

Next week's online Services:-



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

**Sunday 7th March 2021
will be Holy Communion**



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 helpline:

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

ANOTHER SCAM—this one affects Churches !!



A Rector elsewhere in NI has been contacted by several people who have received WhatsApp messages from someone pretending to be him, the message says he needs them to help a lady who is suffering from cancer and if they can go and get £300 in gift vouchers and send to a number provided. The messages are all signed off from the Rector concerned. He was alerted to this as one of the group picked up on the sign off which he wouldn't normally use on WhatsApp messages eg his full title. The people who have received the messages are all people who work in the Church i.e. Organist, Treasurer, Admin etc. and all their details including their mobile numbers are available on the church website. It is assumed that someone has visited the website and has picked these people out knowing they work closely with the rector. Thankfully no one paid any money but it is a concern as this could be the start of other church groups being targeted.

If you have any church groups or if you are part of a church forum could you highlight this potential scam please.

Our Rector / Admin Team would never approach any parishioner for a donation on Social Media - be Scam Aware !!!