



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 14th  
March 2021**

***The Fourth Sunday  
in LENT***



**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 – 14th March 2021 – The Fourth Sunday in LENT .**

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

#### **Introduction and Opening Hymn - 294**

**1.** Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

**2.** O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path  
illuming.

**3.** Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with  
loathing.

**4.** And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human  
telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)  
trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, (1833-90)  
Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

#### **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 543)**

1. Lord of the home, your only Son  
received a mother's tender love,  
and from an earthly father won,  
his vision of your home above.
2. Help us, O Lord, our homes to make  
your Holy Spirit's dwelling-place;  
our hands and hearts' devotion take  
to be the servants of your grace.

3. May we with joy our homes prepare  
that, were our Lord a child once more,  
he might be glad our hearth to share  
and find a welcome at our door.

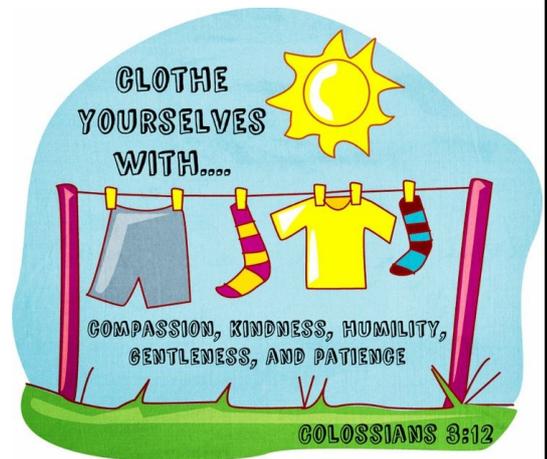
4. Lord, may your Spirit sanctify  
each household duty we fulfil ;  
may we our Master glorify  
in glad obedience to your will.

*Albert F. Bayly (1901-84)*

### **The First Reading—Colossians 3: 12-17**

*The First reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians,  
Chapter 3, beginning at verse 12.*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## **PSALM 107: 1-3, 17-22**

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ■  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, ■  
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
3. And gathered out of the lands  
from the east and from the west, ■  
from the north and from the south.
17. Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, ■  
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.
18. Their soul abhorred all manner of food ■  
and drew near to the gates of death.
19. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ■  
and he delivered them from their distress.
20. He sent forth his word and healed them, ■  
and saved them from destruction.
21. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ■  
and the wonders he does for his children.
22. Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving ■  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

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-Luke 2: 41-52

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke,  
Chapter 2, beginning at verse 41.*

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

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.



<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.'

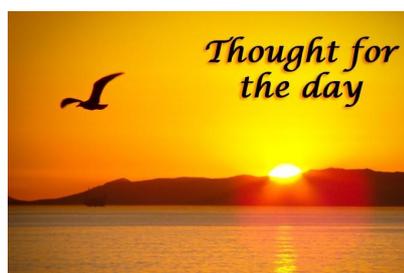
<sup>49</sup> 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Thought for the Day**



**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 S13**

**1.** Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand,  
And wonder at such mercy  
That calls me as I am;  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
My unworthy soul is won.

**2.** Beneath the cross of Jesus  
His family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,  
Now one through grace alone.  
How could I now dishonor  
The ones that You have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
See the children called by God.

**3.** Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in His footsteps  
Where promised hope is found.  
How great the joy before us  
To be His perfect bride;  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
We will gladly live our lives.

*Keith Getty (b.1974)  
and Kristyn Getty (b.1980)*

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 4th Sunday in Lent

Lord God  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
Give us grace to endure the sufferings  
of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that  
shall be revealed;  
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 361

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who, from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-78)*

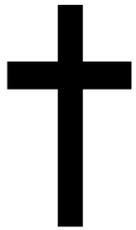
### **Dismissal**

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

**Amen,**

The Parish regrets to announce the deaths and funerals of two of our Parishioners this week.

The sympathy and prayers of the Parish are with their families and friends at this sad time.



**John Francis CREEGAN**

of Kinarla Park who died on Monday 8th March 2021 and whose funeral from Ballycassidy to Rossorry Churchyard took place on Wednesday 10th March 2021



**Robert Stanley (Bob) HICKS**

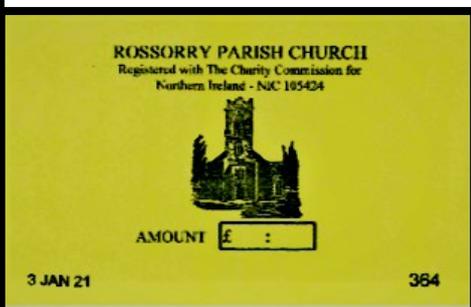


of the County Nursing Home, Enniskillen and formerly of Elliott Place, Enniskillen who died on Wednesday 10th March 2021 and whose funeral service took place at Rossorry Parish Church on Saturday 13th March 2021 followed by interment in Rossorry Churchyard.

### **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)**.

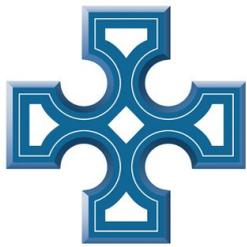
Any problems or issues or if you are missed out—ring the Parish Office on 02866 329889 and let Gerry know.

## Next week's online Services:-



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

Sunday 21st March 2021  
will be Morning Prayer



### Statement from the Church of Ireland Bishops in Northern Ireland in relation to Public Worship

Following the Northern Ireland Executive's decision to extend the current Covid-19 restrictions to Thursday 1st April 2021, representatives of the Churches met last week with Ministers from the Executive Office, the Minister of Health and the Chief Medical Officer. At that meeting the Chief Medical Officer stressed that it would make a significant difference and be of huge benefit to public health and safety, if churches were willing to continue, for the time being, not to gather in-person for services and other meetings.

In the light of the Executive's extension of the current restrictions, and on the basis of the continued and unequivocal public health message that people should continue to *stay at home*, we have agreed that all in-person Sunday gatherings for worship, along with all other in-person church gatherings, should remain voluntarily suspended for the time being in all Church of Ireland parishes in Northern Ireland until Thursday 1st April 2021 – with the exception of weddings, funerals, arrangements for recording and/or live-streaming, drive-in services and private prayer (as permitted by regulations).

We have also agreed to further assess the situation immediately after the next NI Executive review of current lockdown provisions on Thursday 18th March 2021, **in the cautious anticipation that, from Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) onwards, our parishioners in Northern Ireland could return to in-person gatherings for worship**, with all necessary precautions and mitigations in place. This recognises the importance of Easter, the significance of which was acknowledged by the Minister for Health and the Chief Medical Officer at their most recent meeting with Church representatives.

We welcome that a similar approach is also being taken by the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church and, in a slightly different form, by the Roman Catholic Church.

**+John Armagh**

**+Andrew Derry and Raphoe**

**+David Down and Dromore**

**+George Connor**

# 'When Faith Gets Shaken'

UPCOMING EVENTS



What do you do when life falls apart, and it feels as if God has left you? How do you keep going when your faith is rocked to the core? Sometimes things get so hard we're not sure where God is – or what he's up to.

Drawing on their own experiences, Patrick Regan and Andy Flannagan will join us remotely in Down Cathedral on St Patrick's Day to address these deep questions in word and song.

## **St Patrick's Day Service from Down Cathedral via webcam**

**12.00 midday on Wednesday 17 March**

**Webcam link: [www.downcathedral.org/services](http://www.downcathedral.org/services)**

*Please note that due to restrictions around COVID there will be no congregation at Down Cathedral, nor will there be in-person worship at Saul. In place of the pilgrimage we will be sharing a pre-recorded Prayer Pilgrimage on our website and social media channels.*

### **Patrick Regan**

Patrick Regan OBE is the founder and CEO of Kintsugi Hope, a charity which aims to create safe and supportive spaces for those struggling with emotional and mental health challenges. He is also the founder of urban youth work charity XLP and the author of five books. Patrick has travelled widely working with and on behalf of the poorest communities and is a regular contributor on radio and TV on issues of poverty and justice.

### **Andy Flannagan**

Andy Flannagan is a Luton-based, Irish singer-songwriter who was previously a hospital doctor. His campaigning song writing drew him into the political arena, and he is Executive Director of Christians in Politics. One of his driving passions is to see a just rewiring of the global economic system. As a writer and performer Andy is first and foremost a story-teller, weaving hope and pain into songs that soar with beautiful, poignant melodies that betray his Irish roots.