



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 21st
March 2021**

***The Fifth Sunday
in LENT***

We Wish to See Jesus
John 12:20-33



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 March 2021 – The Fifth Sunday in LENT .

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 231

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

5. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

'Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed'

1 Peter 2: 24

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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 228)

1. Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony –
the man who is God:
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery –
meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God!*

3. Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
love indestructible
in frailty appears
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

*O what a mystery –
meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

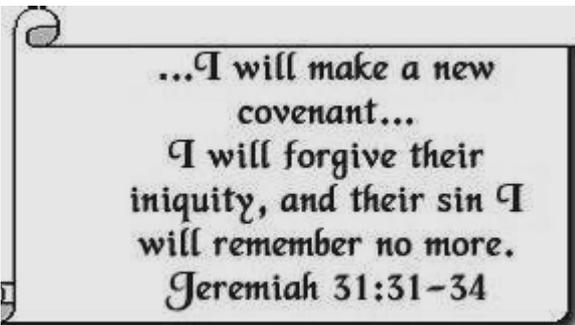
Words & Music: *Graham Kendrick* (b.1950)

The First Reading—Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*The First reading is from the book of the Prophet, Jeremiah,
Chapter 31, beginning at verse 31.*

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



...I will make a new
covenant...
I will forgive their
iniquity, and their sin I
will remember no more.
Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM 51: 1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ■
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ■
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ■
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ■
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ■
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ■
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ■
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ■
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ■
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ■
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ■
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ■
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ■
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

**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-John 12: 20-33

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,
Chapter 12, beginning at verse 20.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

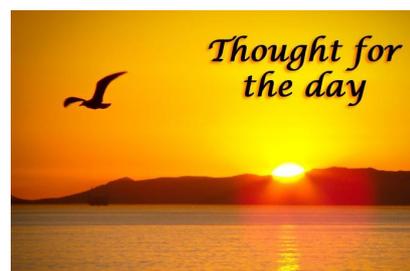
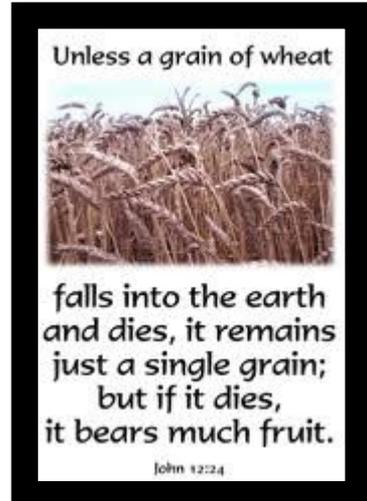
²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 S163

1. When you prayed beneath the trees,
it was for me, O Lord;
when you cried upon your knees,
how could it be, O Lord?
When in blood and sweat and tears
you dismissed your final fears,
when you faced the soldiers' spears,
you stood for me, O Lord.

2. When their triumph looked complete,
it was for me, O Lord,
when it seemed like your defeat,
they could not see, O Lord!
When you faced the mob alone
you were silent as a stone,
and a tree became your throne;
you came for me, O Lord.

3. When you stumbled up the road,
you walked for me, O Lord,
when you took your deadly load,
that heavy tree, O Lord;
When they lifted you on high,
and they nailed you up to die,
and when darkness filled the sky,
it was for me, O Lord.

4. When you spoke with kingly power,
it was for me, O Lord,
in that dread and destined hour,
you made me free, O Lord;
earth and heaven heard you shout,
death and hell were put to rout,
for the grave could not hold out;
you are for me, O Lord.

Christopher Idle (b. 1938)

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 5th Sunday in Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 draw you to himself
and grant that you find in his cross
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven:

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 224

1. How deep the father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory!

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulder;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Words & Music: *Stuart Townsend*

Dismissal

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

Amen,



The Parish regrets to announce the death and funeral of two of our Parishioners this week. The sympathy and prayers of the Parish are with his family and friends at this sad time.

SYMPATHY NOTICES



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of **Mr Ernie Long**, on 12th March 2021, one of our most respected and highly esteemed parishioners. Ernie and his wife Patsy

have been faithful and dedicated members of Rossorry and contributed much to its life and witness. Ernie was well known in the community through a career working in the Post Office in Enniskillen. He was our parish Sunday School Superintendent for many years and recently completed over 30 years service leading the FWO counting team. We thank God for his life and all he shared with us and extend our sympathy and assurance of our prayers to Patsy, Linda and Cheryl in their time of great loss.

His Funeral service took place at 2pm on Monday 15th March 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church with interment afterwards in Rossorry Churchyard.

GRAHAM, Robert John-



Magheradunbar, Enniskillen, (suddenly) on March 15 2021 , beloved husband of Lorna, dearly loved father of David (Arlene), Robert, Alan (Lisa), Mark, Susan (Neil) and much loved grandfather to Katie, Millie, Alfie, Joseph, John and Jacob.

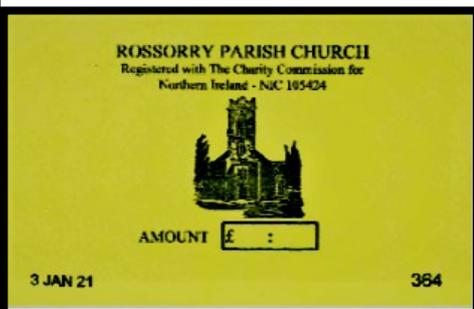
His Funeral service took place at 2pm on Thursday 18th March 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church with interment afterwards in Rossorry Churchyard.

We thank God for his life and all he shared with us and extend our sympathy and assurance of our prayers to Lorna, David, Robert, Alan, Mark and Susan in their time of great loss.

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 28th March 2021 will be Morning Prayer for PALM SUNDAY.

Palm Sunday
Morning Prayer



STATEMENT FROM THE CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND—ST PATRICK'S DAY 2021

Last year on St Patrick's Day, advice was issued to all our clergy with the unprecedented instruction that in the light of evolving Government advice, until further notice, all Sunday and midweek services should be suspended, and all Parish organisations and activities should cease. At that time, we had little knowledge of Covid-19 nor could we have imagined the devastating impact it would have upon the world, our country and on individual lives. We continue to remember in our prayers the sick, the bereaved, the isolated and fearful and also to give thanks to God for the courageous and sacrificial actions of our health care workers who have worked tirelessly in our hospitals and wider community to care for all whom the virus has impacted upon most directly.

A difficult year has passed, and a hard road has been travelled but we have reached a new junction. In person gatherings for worship and Parish organisations have been voluntarily suspended since early in January 2021, but we have decided that the time has now come for a cautious and careful return to in-person church services from Good Friday (2nd April 2021). This news will be warmly welcomed but is simply permissive rather than instructive. Some may wish to continue online and/or drive-in services for the time being due to their own local situation. From 1st April outdoor gatherings in a public space will allow for 10 people from 2 households to meet up. This therefore means that customary Easter Dawn services cannot take place this year in their normal form. Parish activities and meetings also remain suspended in the interim, but meetings of

General Vestry can take place at the close of Sunday worship as part of an in-person gathering. No changes have been made to the operation of church buildings as places of worship.

Congregation numbers will continue for the time being to be limited according to 2 metre social distancing seating capacity. Parish officers must carry out a risk assessment and ensure that good mitigation is in place and that face coverings are worn by congregation members on their arrival and exit from the church building and throughout services. We all need to play our part in preventing any further transmission of Covid-19 within the community. Marriages and funerals will continue to take place in line with the current restrictions.

We note that the same position of a cautious return to in-person worship at Easter time has been adopted by the Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church and Roman Catholic Church and welcome the co-operation and strong working relationship between the churches.

The message of Easter is one of Hope. From the cross of Calvary to the empty tomb, from death to new life. Echoing the words of the First Minister yesterday, we would encourage everyone to reflect on the road we together have travelled and to continue to pray this Easter for recovery from the pandemic, healing, peace, and a renewed hope. As we journey onwards, we are mindful that we still have further to travel, but we do so trusting in our crucified and risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

+John Armagh, +Andrew Derry, +David Down and Dromore, +George Connor

Church Leaders' statement on the Centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland.

The Church Leaders, meeting today in Armagh (12 March), note the announcement regarding a Church service being planned for later this year to mark the Centenary of the partition of the island of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland.



The Church Leaders are deeply mindful that the events of 100 years ago evoke a range of responses from communities across these islands. For this reason, this point of reflection will provide an opportunity to affirm our common commitment to peace, healing and reconciliation.

The service will therefore be at the initiative of the Church Leaders and the Church Leaders will be wholly responsible for its planning, organisation and design.

On St Patrick's Day, the Church Leaders, the Rt Rev Dr David Bruce, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Most Rev John McDowell, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Rev Dr Thomas McKnight, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Most Rev Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and the Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson, President of the Irish Council of Churches, will make a significant announcement together about their prayers and work throughout this year.

CENTENARY PRAYER

Sovereign, wise and gracious God, in whose hands lie the past, present and future, we acknowledge before you our failures, our divisions, and the hurt we have caused you and one another. Forgive, restore, and heal us. The events of partition and formation, which took place one hundred years ago on this island, changed, shaped, and determined the outlook for this place which we all call home. As we reflect upon those times and bring to mind what happened then and in the years since, we acknowledge before you our different and often polarised interpretations of history. As we travel onwards in our journey, may we learn from the experiences of the past and from those who trod these roads before us, so that the inheritance we pass on to the next generation is the gift of understanding, peace, and hope. In faith we pray, and humbly ask, in the name of him who is the light of the world and giver of all hope, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Leaders Group

The Church Leaders Group comprises the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and the President of the Irish Council of Churches.