

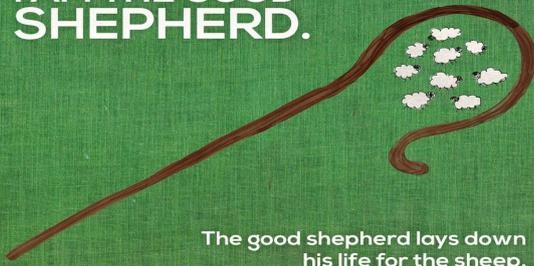


ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 25th
April 2021**
***The Fourth
Sunday of Easter***

**I AM THE GOOD
SHEPHERD.**



The good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.

**If you cannot attend in person—then
check online over the weekend for video
of the recorded Service on Facebook: -
Rossorry Parish Church**

**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL
(Copy in the Seat)**

(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)

Introduction and Opening Hymn - 92

1. How sweet the name of Jesus
sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,
and drives away our fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I
build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.
4. Jesus, my saviour, shepherd, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy Name
refresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

Music: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

***'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great
mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead.'***

1 Peter 1: 3

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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*

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
That we may be cleansed from all our sins,
And serve you with a quiet mind;
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.**

The First Reading—Ezekiel 34: 1-10

*The First reading is from the book of the Prophet, Ezekiel,
Chapter 34, beginning at verse 1.*

The word of the LORD came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN 21

(hymn version of Psalm 23)

- 1. *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,***
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
- 2.** My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
- 3.** Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
- 4.** My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
- 5.** Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Words: *William Whittingham (1524-79)*

based on Psalm 23

Music: *Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87)*

The Second Reading— John 10: 11-18

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,
Chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.*

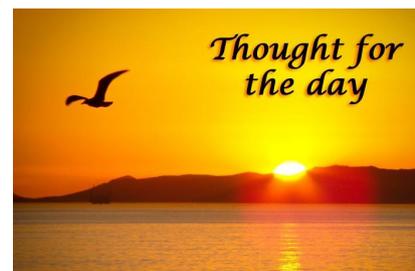
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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 9

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.

3. There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that Christ has
shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

4. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

6. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would fill with
gladness
in the presence of the Lord.

Frederick W. Faber (1814-63) altd.

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.**

COLLECT for 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
Raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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

(The Intercessions will normally include prayer for: the universal Church of God, the nations of the world, the local community, those in need and remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, the faithful departed)

Ending with....

**Merciful Father,
Accept these our prayers
For the sake of your Son.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Ending

God the Father,
By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
Raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:

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 509

1. Your kingdom come, O God;
your rule, O Christ, begin;
break with your iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

2. Where is your reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease
as in the realms above?

3. When comes the promised time,
the end of strife and war;
when lust, oppression, crime
and greed shall be no more?

4. O Lord our God, arise
and come in your great might!
Revive our longing eyes
which languish for your sight.

5. On lands both near and far
thick darkness gathers yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise and never set!

Words: *Lewis Hensley* (1824-1905) altd.

Music: *Leighton George Hayne* (1836-83)

Dismissal

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

Amen.

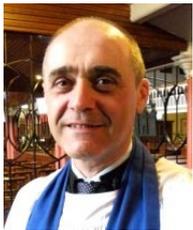
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Good News!- In a statement released by the Bishops of the Church of Ireland in Northern Ireland, on St Patrick's Day, they announce that the time has come for a cautious return to in-person church services from Good Friday 2nd April.

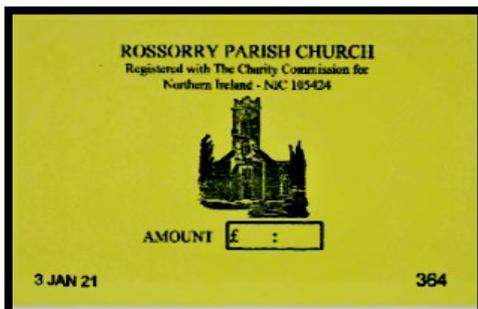
Sunday services (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the Month) will continue to be held in Rossorry Church with a recording available later on our Facebook page, kindly delivered by visiting Clergy and Diocesan Lay Readers.



**This Sunday—Mr Karl Saunders
and
Mrs Sarah Maguire**



Numbers will continue to be strictly limited in keeping with the Social Distancing rules.



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 bring your Freewill envelopes to Church on Sundays or send or drop off (subject to current rules) 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.

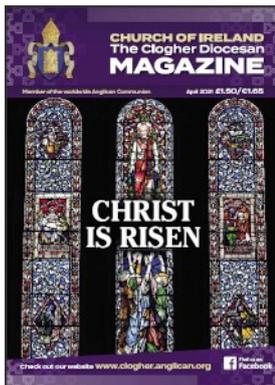


Next week's Services:- (In CHURCH) (and published online.)

Sunday 2nd May 2021
Holy Communion

CLOGHER DIOCESAN MAGAZINE

Please ensure you pay as soon as possible, please, for the 2021 Magazines—



£15 to
Jean Bleakley or
the Office
(please include your name)



Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 2020

ROSSORRY PARISH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Have been prepared and passed by the Select Vestry. A copy will be sent to every home in the Parish in the next few weeks.

Please contact the Parish Treasurer or the Parish Office if there are any issues or inaccuracies.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM CANON IAN AND HEATHER

Heather and I would like to thank the Churchwardens, Select Vestry and parishioners of Rossorry Parish for the lovely farewell event held at the conclusion of Easter Sunday's Holy Communion Service. We were both very moved by the occasion, both by Nigel Irwin's kind words and the lovely presentations made to us.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Select Vestry and Churchwardens for the beautiful print of the church and the gift cheque presented to us on behalf of the parishioners of the parish. We were simply astounded by your generosity and thank you most sincerely for your kindness.

Thank you also to the various parish organisations who made individual presentations: Sunday School, Choir, Mothers' Union, Prayer Group, Wednesday Club, Guiding Organisations, Scout Groups, Parent and Toddler Group, Bowling Club, and the Parish Readers. We really appreciate all your thoughtful gifts and kind messages.

As we said on the day, we have so many memories to treasure of our time in Rossorry; we thank you again for your friendship and helpfulness as we worked together in this parish. We look forward to coming among you hopefully many times again in the future.

With kindest good wishes and renewed thanks.

Canon Ian and Heather



CONSECRATION of The New BISHOP

Is available to watch online live from St. Macartins' Cathedral at
7.30pm on Monday 26th April 2021

at :- www.enniskillencathedral.com (via Facebook)

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.