



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 16th
MAY 2021**
***The Seventh
Sunday of Easter***



**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 - 581

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
all who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Words & Music: *Daniel Schutte*
based on Isaiah 6:8 and 1 Samuel 3

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

***'Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we profess'***

Hebrews 4: 14,16

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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.

please stand

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—1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

The First reading is from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 1.

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

'What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived' –
the things God has prepared for those who love him –

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 112: 1-9

1 Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord ■
and have great delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land, ■
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, ■
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ■
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.
- 5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending ■
and order their affairs with justice,
- 6 For they will never be shaken; ■
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; ■
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear, ■
until they see the downfall of their foes.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor
their righteousness stands fast for ever; ■
their head will be exalted with honour.

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

HYMN 509

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| <p>1. Your kingdom come, O God;
your rule, O Christ, begin;
break with your iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.</p> | <p>4. O Lord our God, arise
and come in your great might!
Revive our longing eyes
which languish for your sight.</p> |
| <p>2. Where is your reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease
as in the realms above?</p> | <p>5. On lands both near and far
thick darkness gathers yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise and never set!</p> |
| <p>3. When comes the promised time,
the end of strife and war;
when lust, oppression, crime
and greed shall be no more?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905) altd.
Music: Leighton George Hayne (1836-83)</i></p> |

The Second Reading– Matthew 5: 13-20

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Matthew,
Chapter 5, beginning at verse 13.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden

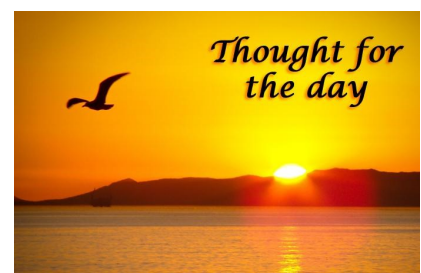
¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 285

1. The head that once was crowned
with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

3. The joy all of all who dwell above:
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its
shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name;
their joy the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6. The Cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Music: Jeremiah Clarke, (c. 1673-1707)

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 7th Sunday of Easter; Sunday after the Ascension Day.

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
Mercifully give us faith to know that,
as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and 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

Christ our exalted King
pour on you his abundant gifts
make you faithful and strong to do his will
that you may reign with him in glory:

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 281

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift us your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice! Again, I say: Rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangels
voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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It is with very deep sadness that the Parish notes the death of :-

Mr William Edward (Bill) CREIGHTON of Clonamullog, on Friday 7th May .

Following a Funeral Service on Sunday afternoon, 9th May 2021 at Ballycassiday Funeral Home, Bill was buried in his family plot at Mullaghduin Parish Church.



Bill was a longtime parishioner of Rossorry and along with his late wife, Violet, who predeceased him 5 years ago were most regular worshippers.

Our deepest condolences to Bill's family and friends

**THIS SUNDAY—in CHURCH
MORNING PRAYER**



**This Sunday—led by Mr Harry Anderson
and
Mr Nick Hambly**



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

Next week's Service in Church

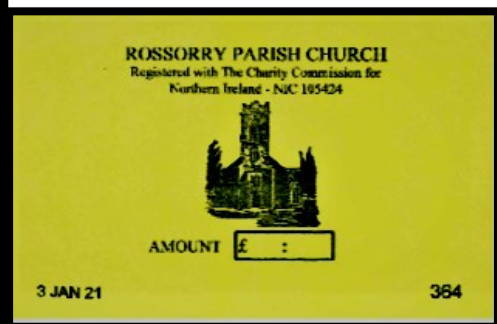
**Sunday 23rd May 2021 will be Morning Prayer
(available online) - Mr Karl Saunders**



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.***



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ROSSORRY PARISH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS



Annual Report and Statement of
Accounts for the year 2020

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 DISTRICT VISITORS
*-Please collect your delivery pack
from the Porch at Church*

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.