



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 23rd
MAY 2021**
*The Day of
Pentecost*

PENTECOST
IGNITE YOUR FAITH
IGNITE YOUR PASSION
IGNITE YOUR LIFE

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)

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

'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us'.

Romans 5:5

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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—Acts 2: 1-21

The First reading is from the Book of Acts, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 1.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN S102

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King:
mountains bow down
and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the
promise I have in you.*

Darlene Zschech (b. 1965)

The Second Reading– John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,
Chapter 15, beginning at verse 26.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

26 ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

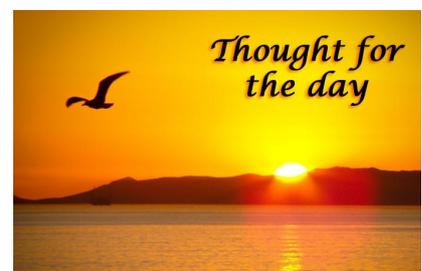
‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12 ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 386

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word,
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

Words: *Margaret Old* (b.1932)

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 this Sunday; The Day of Pentecost.

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
By the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
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

(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

Going out as God's People

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the words and works of God:

Blessing.

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

HYMN 305

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness re-make us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth (Betty) A.P. Head (1850-1936)

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**THIS SUNDAY—in CHURCH
MORNING PRAYER**
This Sunday—led by Mr Karl Saunders
and



Mrs Sarah Maguire
Numbers will continue to be strictly limited in
keeping with the Social Distancing rules.
Next week's Service in Church

Sunday 30th May 2021 will be Morning Prayer
(available online) - Mr Karl Saunders & Mr Nick Hambly

The following pastoral letter from the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, was read at parishes in the Diocese of Armagh last Sunday (16th May), the Sunday after Ascension:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, As a Church family we have come through a great deal since St Patrick's Day 2020 when the first lockdown came into effect. Many restrictions, a number of subsequent lockdowns and all the weariness these have brought. For centuries parish churches have stayed together by worshipping together, so not being able to do that (at least as we would have wished) had the potential to cause a great deal of long term damage to parish life.

I know that as individuals many people have suffered much, with demoralising periods of isolation, lack of contact with those who we love and even desolating bereavements. But as a Church we have come through this dark period a good deal better than most people anticipated. I was able to thank the clergy for the part they played in that effort in a Zoom meeting last week.

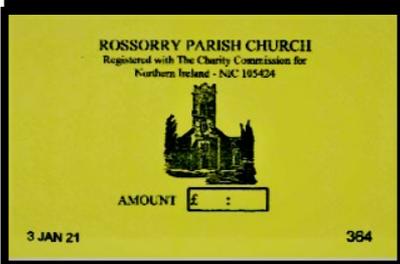
Unfortunately it's not possible to accommodate the whole Diocese on a Zoom call, so I have written this short Pastoral Letter to be read out on 16 May, the Sunday after The Ascension Day. I simply want to say a very heartfelt "thank you" to every parishioner in the Diocese. Thank you for your faithfulness to God and His Church and for living out your vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ during a very uncertain time. Thank you for finding ways of sustaining the Church by online participation, by community involvement, and by giving of your substance as you have always done. These have been testing times for parishes and you have not allowed the test to wholly overwhelm you. Perhaps it's a little bit of an exaggerated parallel but I think we can look to St Paul's words in 2 Corinthians for inspiration "...we are hard pressed on all sides but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair....struck down but not destroyed..."

We can say this only because you have been faithful, and have done what you could to maintain the life of your parishes. When we could not meet I have no doubt you prayed and persevered. When we returned to worship, those of you who were able, came back with joy. As far as I can tell you have served God and your parishes cheerfully. And God loves a cheerful giver.

That is not to say that everything will soon return to the way it always has been; or even as it was on St Patrick's Day 2020. There could yet be setbacks. And as a very wise Irishman once said "Things must change in order to remain the same". We cannot say with 100% confidence that Covid-19 has been defeated; but it has not beaten us in our believing lives. The terrible scenes in other countries, and especially in India, are truly heart rending and I know that we will all be doing what we can to relieve that suffering.

But for now, for us, thank you for all you have done and I trust will continue to do to "build back better" in the parishes which lie so close to your hearts, and for the God who you love and serve. It is my sincere prayer that you can have a refreshing summer, enjoying the beauties of our own countryside and seaside and that you can join with me in saying "Thanks be to God".

+John Armagh
Ascensiontide 2021



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.

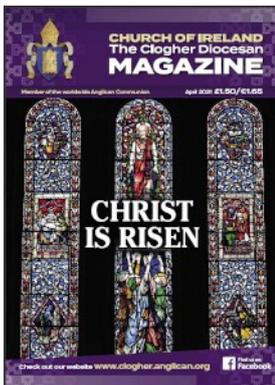
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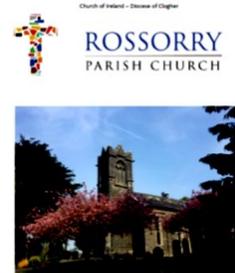
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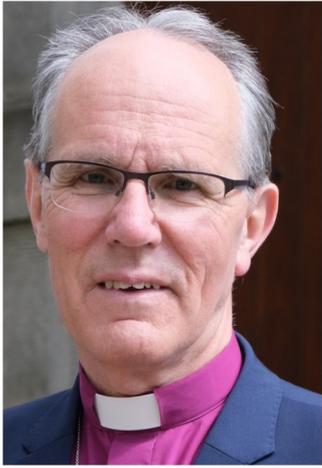


Have been prepared and passed by the Select Vestry.

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.

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



The Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, the Most Revd Larry Duffy, have issued the following statement to mark the Feast of Pentecost:

One of the great marks of the first Pentecost was the ability the Holy Spirit gave the apostles to speak across barriers of language of the works of God. The Spirit today gives the people of God the same ability to speak as one across all kinds of barriers and boundaries. We

rejoice today that we can speak together to both our church communities and beyond with a common message of hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are however disappointed that for a second year we are unable to mark this great feast by coming together for our Ecumenical Service of Prayer, as we have done for almost 20 years. This service allows us to give thanks and praise together to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please God, next year this might again be possible.

Speaking together about the goodness of God across barriers is an important expression of the language of hope. This is so important as we begin the journey of recovery from the impact of coronavirus. There has been much suffering; the loss of loved ones, illness, financial challenge and isolation. We all need to hear the healing and strengthening words of Christ *'Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest'*.

During the pandemic we quickly realised how important communication is when we were denied those simple non-verbal qualities of close contact and touch. We discovered how much we need the warmth of the love of our family and friends. The telephone and internet became our key means of keeping in touch and we thank God for these technological aids that kept us connected. Crucially, we learned how much we are indebted to medical staff, nurses, key workers and volunteers who have communicated dedication, care and love to the community through their skill and acts of kindness.

We must continue to communicate the language of love and hope across all barriers and boundaries. It would be so easy after this long period of restrictions to move to despair and lose hope. Yet we believe there are signs of new life all around us in the vaccination programme and the good response to public health guidance. Let us encourage one another to communicate the hope that by God's help, our common life will slowly return, and together seek his grace to renew our lives.

So we pray that the Holy Spirit of Pentecost may inspire us so that we communicate in our words and deeds the hope we have in God. May we as Christian people, speak of our belief in the transforming power of God, and by his Spirit to work together for the rebuilding and re-energising of our churches and society.

May the Spirit of God fill us with all joy, hope and peace.

+Ian Ellis

+Larry Duffy