



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 25th  
JULY 2021**  
*The Eighth Sunday  
after TRINITY*



I am the way and the  
truth and the life.  
No one comes to the  
Father except through  
me. JOHN 14:6

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

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

**Introduction and Opening Hymn - 660**

**Thine for ever ! God of love .....**

**1.** Thine for ever! God of love,  
hear us from thy throne above;  
thine for ever may we be  
here and in eternity.

**2.** Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
shield us through our earthly strife;  
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
guide us to the realms of day.

**3.** Thine for ever! O how blessed  
they who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

**4.** Thine for ever! Thou our guide,  
all our wants by thee supplied,  
all our sins by thee forgiven,  
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

*Mary F. Maude (1819-1913)*

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

### **A Sentence of Scripture**

***Jesus said: "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

*Matthew 28:20*

***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***

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.**

*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.**

*Please be seated for our first reading*

## **The First Reading—Hebrews 11: 1-11**

*The First reading is from the Book of Hebrews ,  
Chapter 11, beginning at verse 1.*

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did.

By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: 'He could not be found, because God had taken him away.' For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

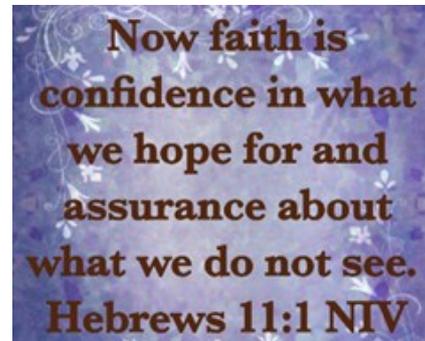
<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



**Now faith is  
confidence in what  
we hope for and  
assurance about  
what we do not see.  
Hebrews 11:1 NIV**

## HYMN 20

### The King of love my shepherd is, .....

1. The king of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.
  
2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
  
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulders gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.
  
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight,  
thy unction grace bestoweth,  
and O, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
  
6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

Words: *Henry Williams Baker (1821- 77)*

Music: *John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

## The Gospel Reading– John 14: 1-7

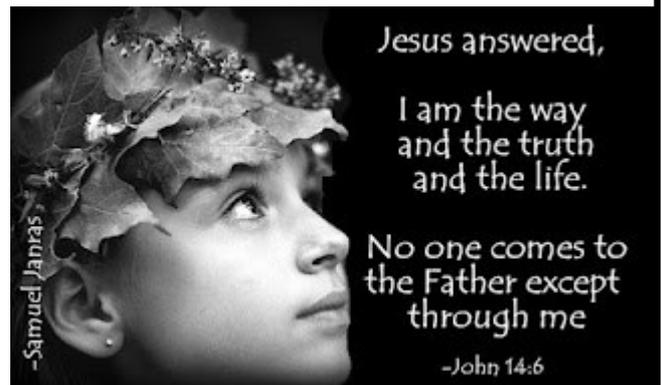
*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John,  
Chapter 14, beginning to read at verse 1.*

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

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.’

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’

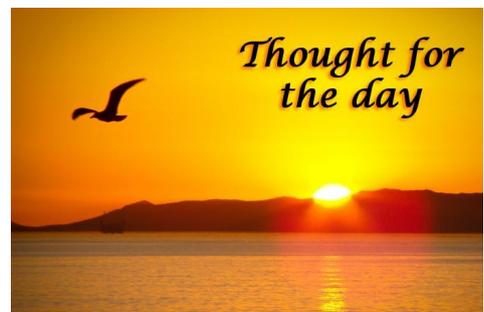
<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.’



This is the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Thought for the Day



## Apostles' Creed

*BCP – page 112*

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 115

**Thou art the way: to thee alone .....**

**1.** Thou art the Way: to thee alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
and he who would the Father seek,  
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

**2.** Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
thou only canst inform the mind,  
and purify the heart.

**3.** Thou art the Life: the rending tomb  
proclaims thy conquering arm,  
and those who put their trust in thee  
nor death nor hell shall harm.

**4.** Thou art the Way, the Truth, the  
Life:  
grant us that Way to know,  
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

*George W. Doane (1700-1859)*

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.**

**COLLECT for today; The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.**

Blessed are you, O Lord,  
and blessed are those who observe and keep your law:  
Help us to seek you with our whole heart,  
to delight in your commandments  
and to walk in the glorious liberty  
given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.

**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**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

**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 680**

**Will your anchor hold in the storms of life ? .....**

**1.** Will your anchor hold in the storms  
of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of  
strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the ca-  
bles strain,  
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows  
roll,  
fastened to the rock that cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the  
Saviour's love.*

**2.** It will firmly hold in the straits of  
fear,  
when the breakers have told the reef is  
near,  
though the tempest rage and the wild  
winds blow,  
not an angry wave shall our bark o'er-  
flow.

**3.** It will surely hold in the floods of  
death,  
when the waters cold chill our latest  
breath;  
on the rising tide it can never fail,  
when our hopes abide within the veil.

**4.** When our eyes behold through the  
morning light,  
the city of gold, the harbour bright,  
we shall anchor fast by the heav'nly  
shore,  
with the storms all past for evermore.

Words: *Pricilla. J. Owens* (1829-99)

Music: *W.J. Kirkpatrick* (1838-1921)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**in the name of Christ. Amen**

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## THIS SUNDAY—in CHURCH MORNING PRAYER

This Sunday—led by Mrs. Ellen Stevenson

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

Next week's Service in Church—Sunday 1st August 2021

will be Holy Communion (available online)



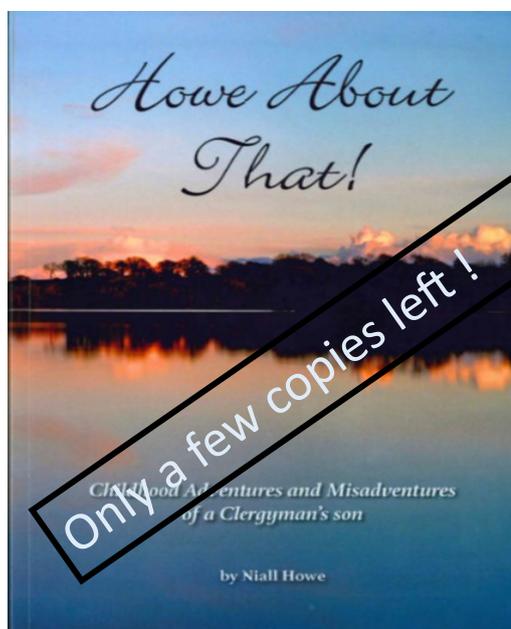
led by:-  
Rev. Canon W. Johnston &  
Mrs Sarah Maguire



### Howe About That!

A story by Niall Howe  
(son of Canon Howe –former Rector of  
Rossorry) about his adventures and  
misadventures of his childhood in the  
Rectories where Canon Howe was based.

A beautiful look at life around a Rectory from  
a child's point of view and a very interesting  
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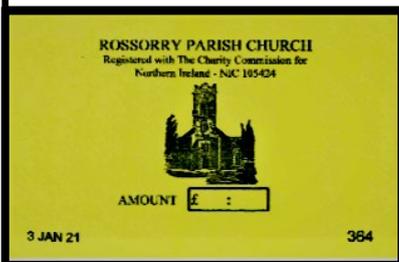
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for collection in Church



### FREEWILL GIVING

*Even though  
Services are once  
again online,  
throughout this  
period of the*

*Pandemic, the Parish continues to have on-  
going 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  
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without even visiting your Bank.  
Contact the Office for details.

**02866 329889**

## Parishes encouraged to support Climate Sunday

Local parishes across the Church of Ireland are being encouraged to support Climate Sunday – an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland . Archbishop John McDowell remarks: “There has probably never been a time when an emphasis by the Churches on the care of the created order is needed.

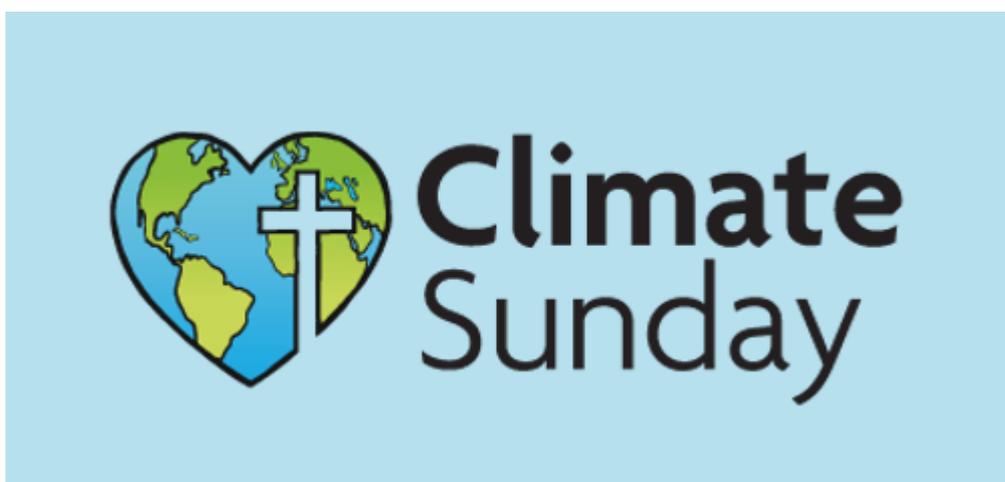
Climate Sunday gives parishes the opportunity to celebrate God’s work in creation as well as his work in redemption, at a time when the need to do so is most pressing.”

Canon Andrew Orr adds: “Climate Sunday is a fantastic initiative which is already proving very popular, with over 5,000 churches already signed up. It’s a very straightforward way for churches to highlight the issue of climate justice in their congregations and get involved in caring for God’s creation. We hope this video <https://youtu.be/mQPeyOCQqJI> will encourage everyone in all parts of



Ireland to take part.”

*(Canon Andrew Orr, a member of the Commission and also Chair of Eco–Congregation Ireland, an inter–church organisation seeking to help churches to celebrate the gift of God’s creation, recognise the inter–dependence of all creation, and care for it in their life and mission and through members’ personal lifestyles. )*





## **Statement by** **the Archbishop of Armagh on** **Legacy issues**

*The Most Revd John McDowell,  
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland,  
has issued the following statement on the*

*UK Government's planned approach to the Legacy of the Troubles:*

'The announcement yesterday in the House of Commons of the path that the Government intends to follow in relation to Legacy issues in Northern Ireland will have created further heartbreak, frustration and anger for victims of the Troubles. The degree of suffering endured by victims over the years is not something that can be moved on from. It needs to be acknowledged in the full variety of its expression, and dealt with over the long term.

'Failure to deal with Legacy has probably been the biggest political and societal failing since the signing of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement. The one principle which all involved have been agreed on is that a general amnesty would be a morally empty response. Regardless of the name it goes under, a general amnesty is what the Government of the United Kingdom is now planning to put in place.

'In a repeat of a dismal pattern, once again political interests in Great Britain have been used as the criteria for settling policy in Northern Ireland. Imperfect as they may have been, the carefully worked out provisions of the Stormont House Agreement have been set aside by one of the parties to the Agreement. Of course, that means a further erosion of trust in those who have been entrusted with just and fair government.

'To believe that any process of reconciliation can be advanced by a measure that betrays the trust of victims, and of most ordinary citizens, indicates a profound ignorance of human nature and human suffering, and of the particular conditions of society in Northern Ireland.'