



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 5th
September 2021
The 14th Sunday
after TRINITY**



Once he was
useless to you
Now he is useful
to both you and me
Philemon 1:11

**If you cannot attend in person—then
check online after the
weekend for video of the recorded
Service on Facebook :-
Rossorry Parish Church
PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL -
(Copy in the Seat)**

HYMN 517

Brother, sister, let me serve you.....

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

'Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth'.

Psalm 124: 7

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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.

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty God,
 whose only Son has opened for us
 a new and living way into your presence:
 Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
 to worship you in spirit and in truth,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Philemon 1-25

*The First reading is from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon,
 reading from verse 1.*

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
 To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus
 our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love
 for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with
 us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we
 share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement,
 because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

²² And one thing more: prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. ²⁴ And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 523

Help us to help each other, Lord

1. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let us our friendly aid afford
and show our loving care.

2. Help us to build each other up,
our little stock improve;
increase our faith, confirm our hope,
and perfect us in love.

3. Up into thee, our living Head,
let us in all things grow,
till thou hast made us free indeed,
and spotless here below.

4. Touched by the loadstone of thy
love,
let all our hearts agree;
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.

Words: *Charles Wesley* (1707-88) altd.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 1-6

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Matthew,
Chapter 6, beginning to read at verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Be careful not to practise your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

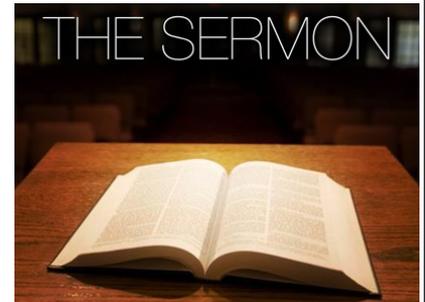
² 'So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

⁵ 'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The SERMON



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE 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.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

(please stand)

THE PEACE

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another
even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

HYMN 425

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever
stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

12th Century Latin

Attrib. *Bernard of Clairvaux* (1091-1153)

Tr. *Ray Palmer* (1808-87)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and ever living God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image, male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of
his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy upon us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
the source of truth and love:
Keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

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

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

Amen.

HYMN 455

Go forth for God ; go forth to the world in peace;

- 1.** Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace;
 be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
 in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
 till in his kingdom we behold his face.
- 2.** Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength;
 hold fast the good, be urgent for the right,
 render to no one evil; Christ at length
 shall overcome all darkness with his light.
- 3.** Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;
 strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,
 help the afflicted; richly from above
 his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
- 4.** Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy,
 to serve God's people every day and hour,
 and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
 rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Words: *J.R. Peacey* (1896-1971)

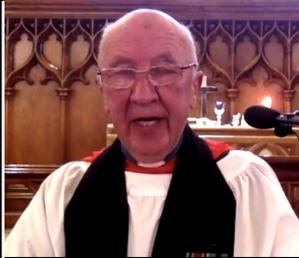
Music: *R. Vaughan Williams* (1872-1958)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen

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TODAY
Holy Communion
led by Rev. W. Johnston
with Mr Nick Hambly



Next week's Service in Church

Sunday 12th September 2021, will be Morning Prayer

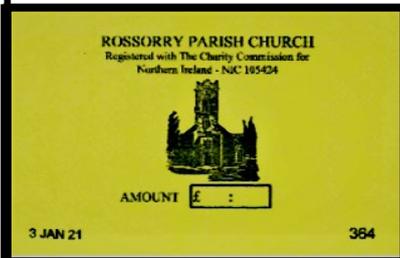
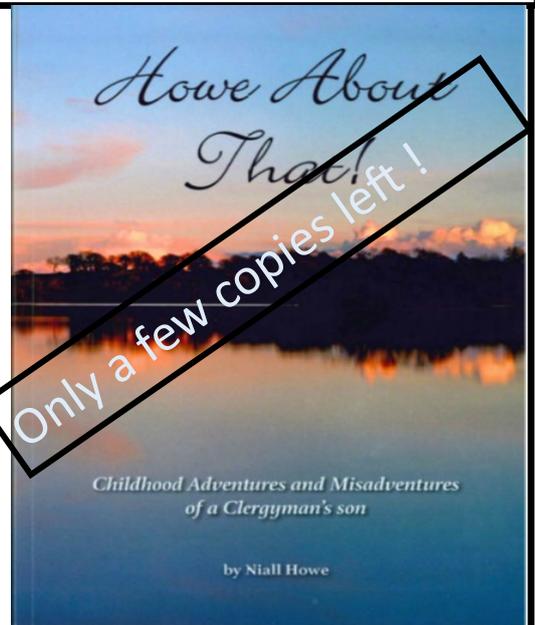
led by Rev. W. Johnston

with 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 look into life from over 60 years ago.



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.

02866 329889

Just published and available to buy for £10.

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If you would like a copy—

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and I will get one out to you or for collection in Church



WEDDING.

The Wedding took place in Rossorry on Friday of last week (Friday 27th August 2021) of

Ms. Ashley MOSS to

Mr Jonathan BELL.

The Celebrant was Very Rev. Sam Wright ,
Dean of Lisburn Cathedral.

We wish the couple God's richest blessings for the future.

Update on Covid Restrictions from the ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE for the return to 'normal Parish Life'

“Although some restrictions have now moved from being mandatory under law to strongly recommended in government guidance those safeguards are still there for a reason. **The majority of activities in the life of our Parishes may now resume** with the permission of the Rector and Select Vestry and with appropriate mitigations in place and risk assessments performed.

A cautious and slow return to normal might be the best way to describe it.

There is absolutely no rush to get everything up and running again within days. Our journey through the pandemic has taken nearly a year and a half so far so it will take time for us to slowly rebuild and get our parishes up and running again.

ARRANGMENTS FOR THE PARISH

DURING THE VACANCY

As the Parish will be officially vacant from 5th April 2021 onwards the following arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the running of the Parish.

- The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods –who can be contacted at 02882 840863), will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy.
- PASTORAL COVER (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals) will be undertaken by Dean Hall of St. Macartin’s Cathedral, who can be contacted on 02866 322465.
- CHURCH SERVICES will be taken by visiting Clergy or Lay Readers appointed by the Diocesan Office.



The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.