



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 12th  
SEPTEMBER 2021**  
*The Fifteenth  
Sunday after Trinity*

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)**

  
JESUS IS TRULY GOD



### **Opening Hymn - 6**

**Immortal, Invisible, God only wise, .....**

**1.** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name  
we praise.

**2.** Unresting, unchanging, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest  
in might;  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring  
above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

**3.** To all, life thou givest, to both great  
and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on  
the tree,  
and wither and perish; but nought  
changeth thee.

**4.** Great Father of glory, pure Father  
of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling  
their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to  
see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth  
thee.

Words: *W. Chalmers Smith* (1824-1908)  
Music: Welsh hymn melody

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **A Sentence of Scripture**

***'In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself'.***

*2 Corinthians 5:19*

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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**

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.**

*Please be seated for our first reading*

**The First Reading—Isaiah 40: 1-5**

*The First reading is from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah, Chapter 40,  
beginning at verse 1.*

Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling:

'In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'



This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me .....**

- 1.** Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where your steps are seen.
  
- 2.** Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with you beside me,  
I need never stray.
  
- 3.** Daily bring me nearer  
to the heavenly shore;  
may my faith grow clearer,  
help me love you more:
  
- 4.** Hallow every pleasure,  
every gift and pain;  
be my only treasure,  
all I hope to gain.
  
- 5.** Day by day prepare me  
as you see is best,  
then let angels bear me  
to your promised rest.

*Thomas B Pollock (1836-96)*

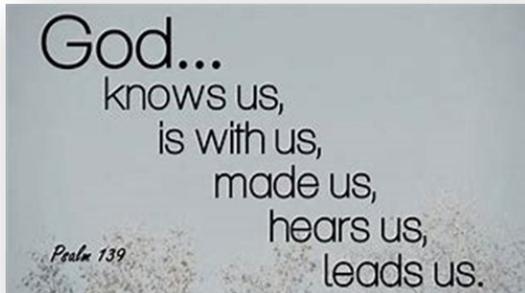
*Please be seated*

**Second Reading**

**Psalm 139: 1-5**

*The second Reading is from Psalm 139 reading from verse 1.*

*( Search me out, O God, and know my heart. )*

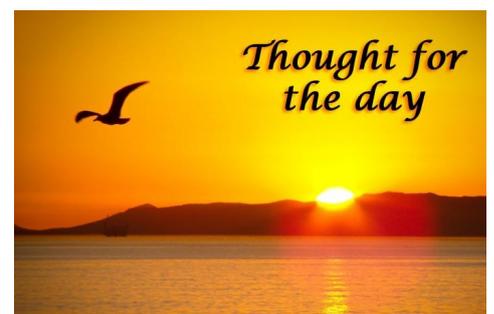


- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I cannot attain it.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**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 129

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him .....

1. How lovely on the mountains are  
the feet of him  
who brings good news, good news,  
announcing peace, proclaiming news  
of happiness:  
our God reigns, our God reigns!

*Our God reigns! (4 times)*

2. You watchmen, lift your voices  
joyfully as one,  
shout for your king, your king!  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:  
our God reigns, our God reigns!

3. Waste places of Jerusalem, break  
forth with joy!  
We are redeemed, redeemed.  
The Lord has saved and comforted his  
people:  
our God reigns, our God reigns!

4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation  
of our God!  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!  
Before the nations, he has bared his  
holy arm:  
our God reigns, our God reigns!

Words & Music: *Leonard E. Smith* (b.1942)

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.**

God,  
who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
Grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel;  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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**

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 509                      Your kingdom come, O God; .....**

**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**

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:-  
Mr Charles Crawford with**

**Mrs Sarah  
Maguire.**



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

**Next week's Service in Church -Sunday 19th  
Sept. 2021**

**will be a Service of Morning Prayer**

**Celebrated by**



**Dean Raymond Ferguson**

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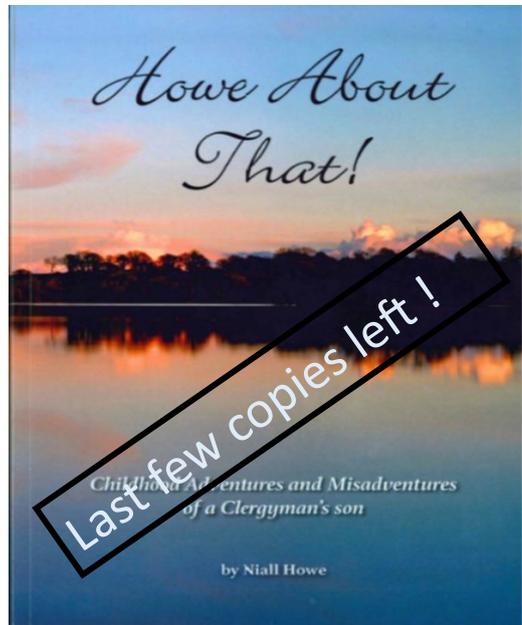


**Mr Nick Hambly**

**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.



**Just published and available to  
buy for £10.**

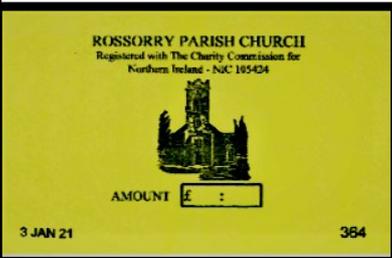
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**rossoryoffice@btinternet.com**

**and I will get one out to you or**



**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  
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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**The next meeting of Rossorry Select Vestry will be held in Church at 7.30pm on Monday 13th September 2021**

**Choir practice will begin again on this Thursday evening**

**16th September at 7.30 pm in the Church**

*(preparation for Harvest)*



**Archbishops' tributes to Mrs Pat Hume**

*The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, and Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, have paid tribute to Mrs Pat Hume, who died yesterday evening (Thursday, 2nd September):*



**SEPTEMBER is ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH**

Support from family and friends

Support from professionals

- Occupational therapists
- Psychologists
- Speech and language therapists

Structured support approaches

- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Cognitive stimulation therapy
- Life story work and reminiscence

Dementia Connect support line  
**0333 150 3456**

Anyone who has been involved in public life in Ireland over the past 50 years will be saddened by the news of the death of Mrs Pat Hume who not only cared for her husband in his long and distressing final illness but was a source of inspiration and stability to him and to all who work for peace in these islands.

Our thoughts and prayers are especially with John and Pat's children and with all of those who are grieving most deeply for her today.

**+John**

Mrs Pat Hume has died at her home in Derry surrounded by her family on Thursday evening. We express our heartfelt sympathy to her family, together with our assurance of prayers in their sorrow and bereavement in these days.

We pay tribute to her for her commitment, courage and compassion in the service of peace and the cause of reconciliation in Ireland.

Local people mattered deeply to Mrs Hume, children and adults alike, as did local flourishing and she worked tirelessly for both. We give thanks to God for her many decades of tireless service, lovingly shared with her husband John.

**+Michael**

## ROSSORRY PARISH HALL



The following extract from a letter from the Archbishop has provided guidance on how we may try to normalise Church activities following a layoff of nearly 18 months.

*“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.”*

In response to this the Select Vestry has approved the reopening of the Hall with appropriate safeguards in place.

- Comprehensive Risk Assessments have been prepared and actioned.
- Parish Organisations and Users have been appraised of the preparations and the duties that they will require to undertake to keep all safe.
- The Hall has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised for use in line with the Risk Assessments (with thanks to Leslie, Lorraine and Joy).

So far a number of the Organisations have indicated that they will resume activities (subject to all requirements of the Risk Assessments and current PHA safety requirements).

- ⇒ Sunday School—from 19th September.
- ⇒ Rossorry Bowling Club—from 20th September.
- ⇒ Rossorry Scouts—from end of September –date TBC.
- ⇒ Pilates Class—date TBC—subject to finding an instructor.
- ⇒ Mother & Baby exercise class—date TBC.
- ⇒ Rossorry Wednesday Club—date to be delayed for a couple of months.

Other Organisations and users are not yet ready to resume and that is fine and in keeping with the Archbishop’s advice.

Leaders will be in touch with their groups with details, as necessary.

We will continue to update this subject in the Weekly News Sheet., as required.