



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 31st
OCTOBER 2021**
*The Fourth Sunday
before Advent*



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

Opening Hymn - 294

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,**

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

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

Psalm 124:7

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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

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.

CANTICLE

Jubilate.....

1. O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his face with songs of joy.

2. Know that the Lord he is God;
it is he who has made us and we are his we are his people
and the sheep of his pasture.

3. Come into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

4. For the Lord is good
his loving mercy is for ever,
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9

*The Old Testament Reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon,
Chapter 3 ,beginning to read from verse 1.*

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Great and Wonderful.....

- 1** Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God, the Almighty:
just and true are your ways O King of the nations.
- 2** Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?
for you alone are holy.
- 3** All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings · have been revealed.
- 4** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

(sung Acclamations)

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour, Christ, according to St Matthew,
Chapter 5, beginning to read from verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

- ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

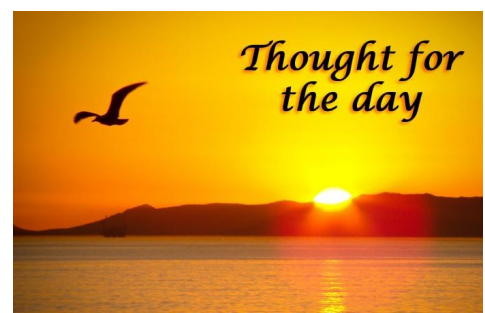
¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(sung Acclamations)

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 630

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;**

1. Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

3. Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

*vv.1&3 John Keeble (1792-1866)
vv. 2&4 W.J. Hall (1703-1861)*

Prayers

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 Fourth Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
Grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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 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.

(Sung) **Amen.**

HYMN 503**Make me a channel of your peace:**

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace;
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy:
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words & Music : *Sebastian Temple* (1928-97)
based on The Prayer of Francis of Assisi

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen



**THIS SUNDAY—in CHURCH
MORNING PRAYER**

Mrs. Joan NELSON.

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

Next week's Service in Church -
Sunday 7th November 2021
will be a Service of Holy Communion



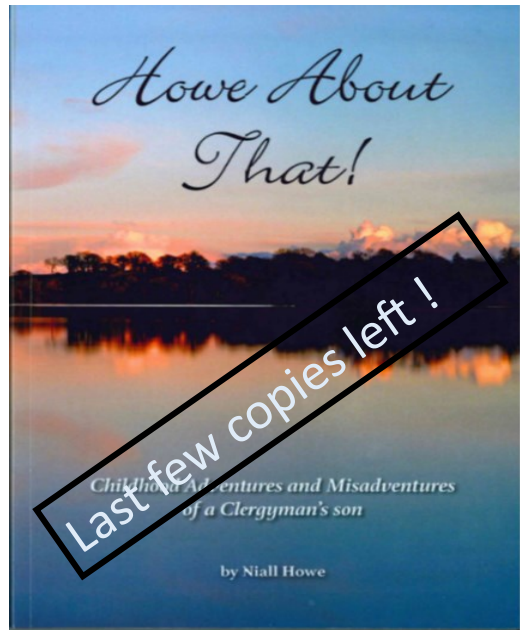
**Rev. Denise Acheson and Mrs Sarah
Maguire**



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.



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

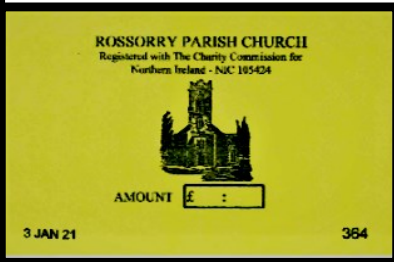
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'Fields of Life' Charity.)

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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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CONFIRMATION at ROSSORRY



Confirmation of five of our young parishioners whose preparation was interrupted and delayed by the Covid pandemic—took place in Rossorry on Wednesday evening 27th October 2021

(pictured with Bishop Ellis are the Rev. John Woods (the Rural Dean), Mrs Carol Livingstone (Sunday School Superintendent), with Adam, Annabelle, Ellen, Toby and Tristan.)

God's warmest blessings on them as they continue their Christian journey through life.

Samaritan's Purse

Shoebboxes.



It is time again to prepare the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes to send off to children all round the world who can expect nothing at Christmas, apart from the gift of a shoebox, "full of treasure", from a kind Christian like yourselves. The leaflet with instructions and guidance about contents are available, from Churchwardens, in the front porch of the Church.

Gifts will be dedicated at the Service of Morning Prayer **in Church on Sunday 28th November 2021** (they must be in by then to allow time to ship them around the world).

General Synod Leads the Church of Ireland's Response to the Glasgow Climate Conference by Rev Trevor Sargent .

Taking place in Glasgow in the first two weeks of this November, the COP26 United Nations conference will bring together world leaders to put in place an updated and urgent strategy to combat and adapt to the accelerating climate emergency. Climate change requires both urgent action and long-term sustained commitment. Whatever the outcome of COP26, it is our vital duty, as disciples of the Prince of Peace, that we push for solutions, and meanwhile, 'take the log out of our own eye, before we take the speck out of our neighbour's eye', to paraphrase Jesus (Matthew 7:5). Synod & COP26 singing off the same hymn-sheet

Members of General Synod will recall the address by the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All Ireland, who spoke as follows: "In some ways we have made a good start as a Church, completing our divestment from the extraction of fossil fuels by the end of this year, therefore meeting its target date of 2022. This fulfils a commitment made in resolution of the General Synod in 2018. But this is not the whole story. Far from it. Investments are one thing, and difficult enough to get right in this regard. The whole life of the Church, particularly in our parishes, where our main work and witness takes place is quite another. Not least if we are to be responsible ancestors, never mind have any credibility as the People of God with the younger generation, we will need to take environmental sensitivity and action into our everyday life as a Church. To ensure that a carbon footprint assessment of our parish and personal activities is as natural to us as an Easter Vestry return and that we act on its results. We cannot honestly challenge governments without also challenging ourselves. The Church of Ireland cannot solve the climate crisis. However, unless we take seriously how we can do what little we can to contribute to that solution, whether that's making zero carbon a parish target (and asking young people to help us do so) or changing our personal life style, our credibility with another generation depends on our willingness to do so. I know that the Church and Society Commission (CASC) are in the process of giving that effort some organising principles in tools in a conference being planned for the spring of next year, and I wish them well in that."

