

Advent Candle Lighting

The first Advent Candle is lit.

'The Candle of Hope'



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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

1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

*The First Reading is from the first letter of St. Paul
to the Thessalonians Chapter 3 ,beginning to read from verse 6.*

⁶ But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. ⁷ Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. ⁸ For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Glory and Honour.....

1. Glory and honour and power
are yours by right O Lord our God.
2. For you created all things
and by your will they have their being.
3. Glory and honour and power
are yours by right O Lamb for us slain;
4. For by your blood you ransomed us for God
from every race and language
from every people and nation.
5. To make us a kingdom of priests,
to stand and serve before our God.
6. 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 Luke,
Chapter 21, beginning to read from verse 25.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.

³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

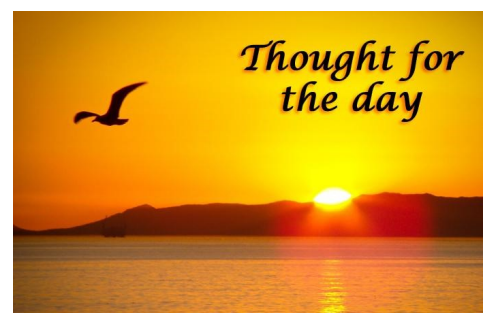
³⁴ 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

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 488

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
you soldiers of the cross !**

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
you soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory,
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Be strong in faith and serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

George Duffield (1808-88)

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 First Sunday of Advent.

Almighty God,

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light

now in the time of this mortal life

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

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 509

**Your kingdom come, O God ;
your rule, O Christ, begin;**

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



THIS SUNDAY—in CHURCH MORNING PRAYER

**Mr. Harry Anderson
& Mrs. Sarah Maguire**



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



Next week's Service in Church -

Sunday 5th December 2021

will be a Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Denise Acheson & 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.



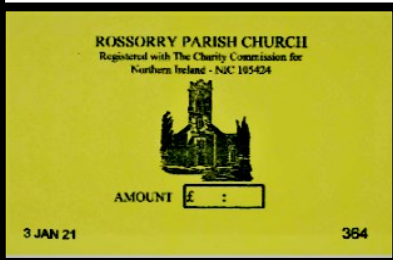
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(At least 25% of any profit to the
'Fields of Life' Charity.)

If you would like a copy—

Please contact Gerry
in the Parish Office (02866 329889)
or email:-
rossoryoffice@btinternet.com

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



**The Parish
Financial year
ends on**

31st December 2021.

**Would everyone, please, ensure
they get up to date with their
Freewill Offerings before that
date.**

Many thanks.



ROSSORRY RAINBOWS & BROWNIES.

Rossorry Rainbows and Brownies are holding an information meeting on Monday 29th November 2021, in Rossorry Parish Hall from 6.15 pm to 7.00pm to gauge interest, enrol for the groups and make arrangements for meetings and activities, going forward.

Parents, please come along and help get the groups up and running again. Sanitising and social distancing is in effect in the Hall.

If you are willing to help out, as an adult or especially as a Leader, they will be delighted to talk to you and guide you in this wonderful work for our young people.

MONDAY 29th November 2021 from 6.15pm to 7.00pm

Andrew has released a CD

Our very own Andrew Irwin has released his debut CD, '**Lough Erne's Shore**'.

Whilst taking over the weekly Church music list for Rossorry during lockdown in 2020, he was also busy preparing the album.

The album consists entirely of songs with a connection to Ireland.

The 5 Songs From County Fermanagh, that have been newly arranged by Irish musician Neil Martin for the CD, have particular local interest. These are songs that have never been arranged classically for piano and voice, and in releasing them, Andrew has created a lasting legacy for Fermanagh music.

Other favourites include Danny Boy, Carrickfergus and the Mountains of Mourne. This is a perfect opportunity to support local while buying a Christmas gift!

The 15 track CD costs £15, and can be ordered by contacting :-

The Parish Office on 02866 329889

(can be collected at the Office or left at Church for you)



We invite you to join us for



Lights of Love

16th December, 7.30pm
St Michael's Church,
Enniskillen

#LightsOfLove sands.org.uk/lightsoflove

Sands NI

are delighted to have their annual **Lights of Love** back running again this year. Although not our usual traditional Carol Service due to some restrictions with in the church, we are presenting an evening of, music, poems and readings. The evening follows the original format, which includes a chance for parents to place a little name tag with their babies name upon the Christmas tree and place a present.

We ask that if parents wish to purchase a present for the age their baby would be this Christmas and during the service they will have a chance to place it under the tree. These presents will then be donated to a local charity in time for Christmas.

(Sands is a charity within the UK. Their aim is to provide support and guidance to parents and families affected by the death of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal deaths.)



FAB FINDS

**Aisling Centre Pop-Up-Shop - Open
Fridays 10am – 3pm weekly
Friday 19th November – Friday 17th
December.**

Bag a Bargain, Everything Must Go!

***All funds raised will be used to provide
counselling services at Aisling Centre***

CHRISTMAS

FLORAL WORKSHOP at ROSSORRY

**Claire Dougal (florist)
will hold a Floral
Workshop at Rossorry**

**Parish Hall on Saturday 11th December
2021 from 11am—2pm featuring
Christmas Wreaths and Table Centres.
Come along and make your own or see
how it is done !**

(Light lunch available.)

***For information , contact:-
Yvonne Elliott at 02866 342 514***



Happy Birthday !

***Last week the Painting Class celebrated a
special Birthday for their tutor, mentor
and good friend, Mr Eddie Mc Nulty.***

Happy 80th Birthday. Eddie !!

(P.S.—still room at the Class for a couple more)