



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**SUNDAY 2nd
JANUARY 2022**
*The 2nd Sunday
of CHRISTMAS*



Services are being recorded for posting
online—FACEBOOK early next week.

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

HYMN 81

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for this and every nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Words: *Timothy Dudley-Smith* (b.1926)

Music: *Michael Baughen* (b.1930)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

'From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord.'

Malachi 1:11

**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.

**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 for the 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
Help us to walk in this light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 1: 3-14

*The first Reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians,
Chapter 1, reading from verse 3.*

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 170

**Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;**

1. Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angel gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and Love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rosetti (1830-94)

THE GOSPEL

(sung acclamation)

John 1: 10-18

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,
Chapter 1, beginning to read at verse 10.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

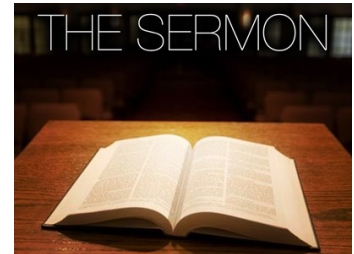
¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, 'This is the one I spoke about when I said, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."') ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(sung acclamation)

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 189

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;**

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour to thy lowly bed;
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin' alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Remember that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Light eternal,
you have nourished us in the mystery
of the body and blood of your Son:
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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.

(sung) **AMEN**

HYMN 202

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 on Mary's lap is sleeping,**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 on Mary's lap is sleeping,
 whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 while shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King,
 whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
 haste, haste to bring him laud,
 the babe, the son of Mary!

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
 come, peasant, king, to own him.
 The King of kings salvation brings:
 let loving hearts enthrone him.
 Raise, raise the song on high!
 The virgin sings her lullaby:
 joy, joy for Christ is born,
 the babe, the son of Mary!

William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen

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TODAY in Church -
Sunday 2nd January 2022
 will be a **Service of Holy Communion**
 Celebrated by

Rev. Denise Acheson with

Mr. Nick Hambly



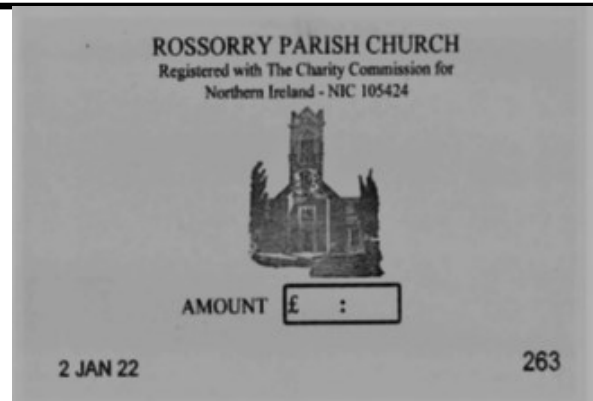
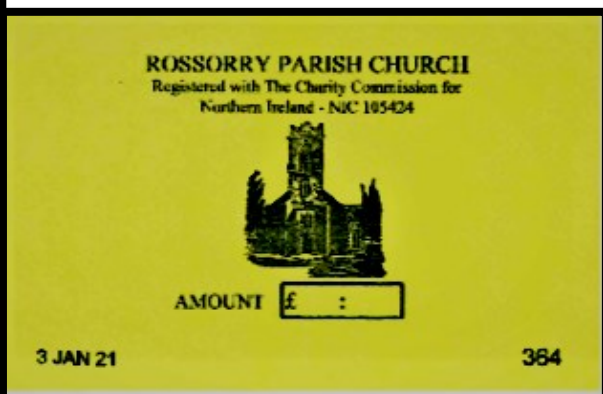
Next week's Service in Church -
Sunday 9th January 2022
 will be a **Service of Morning Prayer**
 with



Mrs Joan Nelson

&

Mrs Sarah Maguire



The Parish Financial year ends on

31st December 2021.

Would everyone, please, ensure
 they get up to date with their
 2021 Freewill Offerings in the
 next 2 weeks

Many thanks

ENVELOPES for 2022

Your envelopes for 2022
should be delivered to you by
now.

Any issues or problems—
please ring the Parish Office
02866 329889
and we will try to sort them
out

Archbishop of Armagh statement on death of Bishop Desmond Tutu



At a time when people have become wary of those who exercise political power in many places throughout the world, the death of Desmond Tutu, who exercised, instead, great moral authority as a disciple of Jesus Christ, comes with an intensified sense of loss.

As a young man, he became painfully aware of the spiritual dimension of the abuse of political power and recognized the vocation of the Church in South Africa to work for racial and economic justice and for the dignity of all human life.

He brought many gifts to embodying and fulfilling this vocation, perhaps the greatest of which was courage in the face of an implacable enemy in the form of apartheid; in confronting international indifference and avoidance of moral imperatives; in facing down the violence of the mob; in working through the painful implications of the overlapping claims of truth and justice.

Desmond Tutu was both a herald and a bringer of justice and in his long life there were many who wished to extinguish the light which he brought into a dark and disordered world. But it was not overcome, and the light of his memory will remain as a beacon of hope to the oppressed, the cheerless and the weary everywhere.

Our prayers are with Bishop Tutu's family and friends; with the Anglican Church of South Africa and with the whole of Catholic Christianity, which has, for the time being, lost such a cheerful son.

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. 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)