



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**SUNDAY 5th
DECEMBER 2021**
*The 2nd Sunday
of ADVENT*



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

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

HYMN 134

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives.

1. Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way,
for the King of Kings;
make way, make way,
and let his kingdom in.*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

3. And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

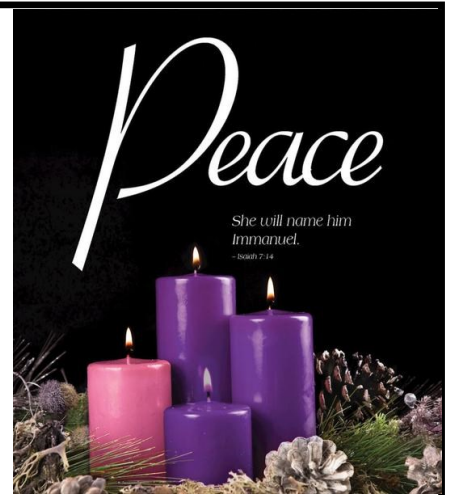
Sentence of Scripture

'The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together'.

Isaiah 40:5

Advent Candle Lighting

The second Advent Candle is lit.
'The Candle of Peace'.



COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.

COLLECTS

The 2nd Sunday of Advent.

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the
world
and will send him again to be our
judge:
Give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first
coming
that when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with
joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Advent Collect.

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 FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-11

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

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 136

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

announces that the Lord is nigh;

awake and hearken, for he brings

glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be every heart from
sin;

make straight the way for God within;

prepare we in our hearts a home,

where such a mighty guest may come.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;

whom with the Father we adore,

and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

tr. John Chandler (1806-76)

THE GOSPEL

(sung acclamation)

Luke 3: 1-6

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke,
Chapter 3, beginning to read at verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

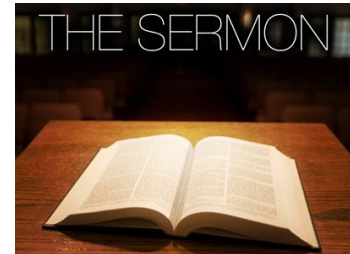
‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”

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 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

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
Look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 126

**O Jesus, I have promised
 To serve thee to the end;**

1. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!

"Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;

"Cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!"

2. Wakened by the solemn warning,

let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,

shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
 comes with pardon down from heaven:

let us haste, with tears of sorrow,

one and all, to be forgiven,

6th-century Latin

tr. *Edward Caswall* (1814-78)

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

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TODAY in Church -
Sunday 5th December 2021
 will be a **Service of Holy Communion**
 Celebrated by

Rev. Denise Acheson with

Mr. Nick Hambly

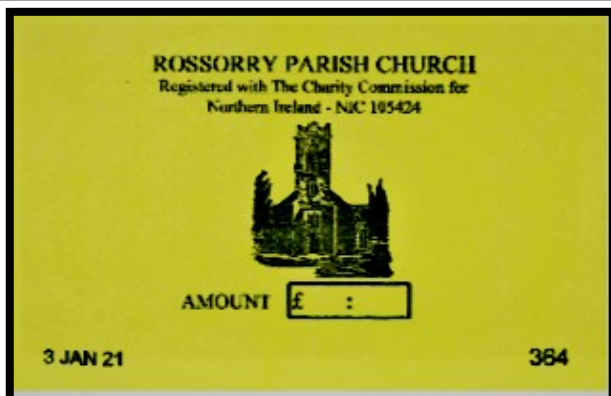


Next week's Service in Church -
Sunday 12th December 2021
 will be a **Service of Morning Prayer**
 with

Mr Harry Anderson

&

Mrs Sarah Maguire



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



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CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Friday 16th December at 8.00pm

In

St, Macartin's Cathedral

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Free entry. Donations welcome

in support of

Fermanagh Choral Society

& St. Macartin's Organ Fund.



ROSSORRY CHURCH
ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

This year on Sunday
morning—19th December
2021 at 10am

PARISH VISITORS

The Christmas letters and
Freewill Envelopes for 2022
are now available for
delivery to Parishioners.

Please pick up from the front porch—if you are in Church.
For delivery **before** Christmas, please.

Many thanks for your ongoing help and support

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)

