



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 12th
DECEMBER 2021**
*The Third Sunday
of Advent*

The Light Shines in the Darkness

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 bestow-
ing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consum-
ing;
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

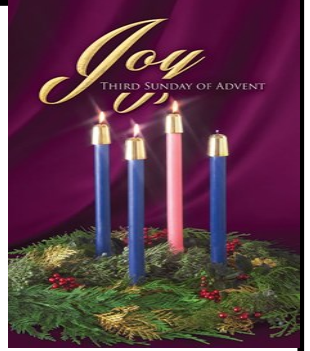
'The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together'.

Isaiah 40:5

Advent Candle Lighting

The Third Advent Candle is lit.

'The Candle of Joy.'



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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

Philippians 2: 1-11

*The First Reading is from the letter of St. Paul
to the Philippians, Chapter 2 ,beginning to read from verse 1.*

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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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 John,
Chapter 1, beginning to read from verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 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.

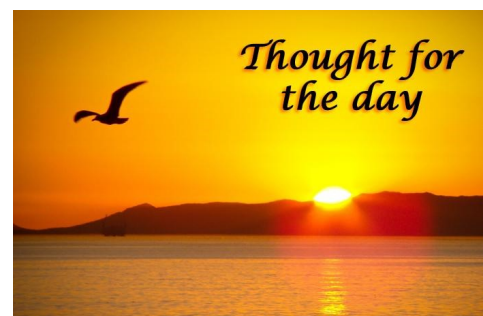
¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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 349

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,

1. Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and Thy ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
3. praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.
4. Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.
5. So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free;
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with Thee.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

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.**

The 3rd Sunday of Advent.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
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 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 373

To God be the glory ! Great things he has done !

1. To God be the glory! Great things he
has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us
his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for
sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may
go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus
the Son:*

*and give him the glory! Great things he
has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase
of blood!

to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon re-
ceives.

3. Great things he has taught us, great
things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son;

but purer and higher, and greater will
be

our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus
we see.

Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

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 19th December 2021,
at 10am will be our Annual Carol Service



Mrs. Joan Nelson



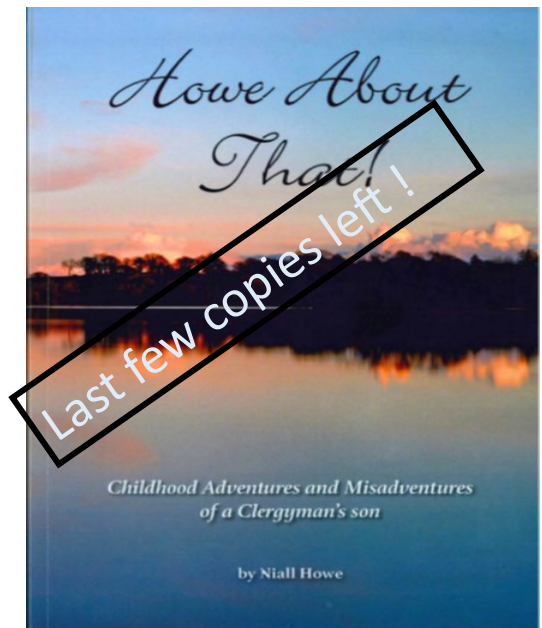
Mrs Sarah Maguire



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.



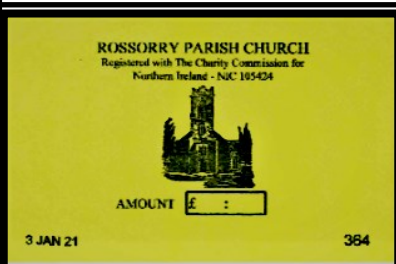
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£10.**

(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**



ROSSORRY CHURCH
ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

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



FERMANAGH
CHORAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS

CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Friday 16th December at 8.00pm

In

St, Macartin's Cathedral

Enniskillen

Free entry. Donations welcome
in support of
Fermanagh Choral Society
& St. Macartin's Organ Fund.

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

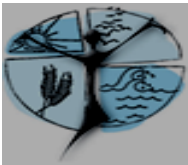
#LightsOfLove sands.org.uk/lightsoflove

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.)



Aisling
centre
Hope Healing Growth

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.***

LESSONS IN HOPE -

Aisling Centre Virtual Day of Inspiration

Saturday 8th January with an inspiring programme of speakers and a guest performance by Actor, Adrian Dunbar. Event Free (donations optional)

- Registration via
- **Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3Bayruk>**



**A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS
A Concert of Choral Favourites**

CHAMBER CHOIR WEST

Conductor David Baxter

Accompanists
Lynsey McCrea
Derick Weir

ENNISKILLEN CATHEDRAL

Monday 20 December, 8 pm

Retiring collection jointly to CCW and Enniskillen Cathedral Organ Fund