

ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 30th
January 2022**

*The Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany*

**MORNING PRAYER with the
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
of Jake William James
LIVINGSTONE**

**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL (Copy in the
seat before the Service begins.) Please note- The
wearing of Face Masks for entering /leaving is
compulsory and whilst in Church is recommended
for all (without Medical Exemptions)**

GREETING & PEACE

OPENING HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling,

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: *Charles Wesley (1707-88)*
Music: *William P. Rowlands (1860-1937)*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation

All: Everything old has passed away. Behold! All things are made new!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

All: let the whole earth stand in awe of him!

Alleluia! Sing praises to the Lord

All: King of kings, Lord of Lords. Praise him with Alleluias!

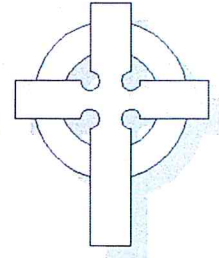
PENITENCE

Before God we acknowledge that we have fallen short of God's glory and sinned against both God and neighbour. St John reminds us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us

All: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8,9

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.



Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we squander its rich resources. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord says: "Remember this, I have made you, you are my children. I will not forget you. I have swept away your offences like a cloud, I have swept away your sins like the morning mist. Return to me for I have redeemed you." Isaiah 44:21-22



The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,

All: they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,

**All: and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:

All: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord

All: and to seek his will in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;

**All: in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.**

And now shall he lift up my head

All: above my enemies round about me;

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness;

All: I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen

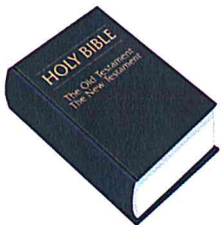
From Psalm 27

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator God,

who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:

We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 1 v4-10

*The First reading is from the book of the Prophet, Jeremiah,
Chapter 1, reading from verse 4.*

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁶ 'Alas, Sovereign LORD,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.'

⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'

⁷ But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Jubilate.....

(Psalm 100)

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 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.

2nd Reading: Luke 2 v22-40

(Sung Acclamation)

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 2,
beginning at verse 22.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.'

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(Sung Acclamation)

CANTICLE

Great and Wonderful

Revelation 15: 3,4 and 5: 13

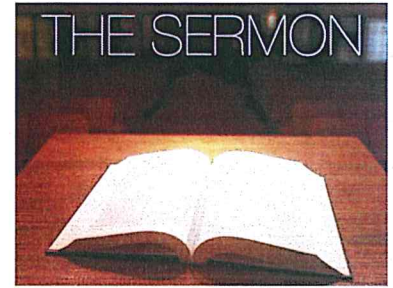
1 Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God, the Almighty:
just and true are your ways O King of the nations.

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.

Sermon



BAPTISMAL HYMN 391

Father, now behold us
and this child, we pray:

1. Father, now behold us
and this child, we pray:
in your love enfold us,
wash our sins away.

2. Christ's eternal blessing
for this life we claim:
faith, by ours, professing;
signed in Jesus' Name.

3. By the Spirit tended,
childhood grow to youth;
from all ill defended,
full of grace and truth.

4. God of all creation,
stoop from heaven's throne,
and by Christ's salvation
make this child your own.

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

Music: *Kenneth George Finlay* (1882-1974)

THE BAPTISM

The priest may say

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

At the baptism of an infant the following may be added:

Holy Baptism is administered to infants on the understanding that they will be brought up in the fellowship of Christ's Church; that they will be taught the Christian faith;

and that, when they have publicly confessed this faith, they will be confirmed by the bishop and admitted to the Holy Communion.

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the sponsors of baptismal candidates to present the candidates.

We welcome he who comes to be baptized. I invite *the* sponsors to present him now

The sponsors answer

We present Jake William James to be baptized.

The priest says to the sponsors of those unable to answer for themselves

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism and answer on his behalf.

By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage him in the life and faith of the Christian community?

The sponsors answer

With the help of God, we will.

The priest says to the sponsors

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

The sponsors answer

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The priest says to the sponsors of the candidate

In baptism, God calls us from darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

The sponsors answer

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

The sponsors answer

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

The sponsors answer

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

The sponsors answer

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

The sponsors answer

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

The sponsors answer

I come to Christ.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will support them.

The Priest signs the candidate with the sign of the cross with the following words:

Christ claims you for his own.

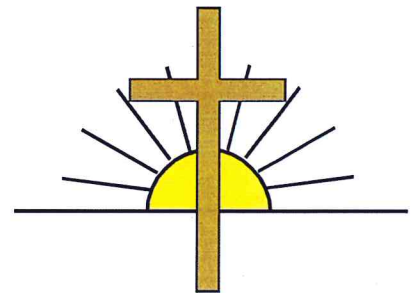
Receive the sign of the cross.

Live as a disciple of Christ,

fight the good fight,

finish the race, keep the faith.

**All: Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**



Water is poured into the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

All: Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues with

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

All: Praise to you, God of life!

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

All: Praise to you, mighty God!

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

All: Praise to you, Redeemer of the world!

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism:

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship

Jake William James, who comes to Christ in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, he may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may he walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FAITH

The priest shall ask the following question of the sponsors of each candidate:

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which **Jake William James** is to be baptized?

The sponsors answer

I do.

The priest addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**All: 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.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

The priest baptizes by dipping the candidates in the water, or by pouring water over them, saying

Jake William James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



The priest continues

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister, saying

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

The priest says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray...

**Our Father, in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your Kingdom come
Your will be done on earth
As is heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and glory
Are yours, now and forever. Amen**

The following prayer or other suitable prayer(s) may be said:

Father, we thank you that **Jake William James** has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and members of your Church. Grant that he may grow in the faith in which he has been baptized; Grant that he himself may confess it when he comes to be confirmed; Grant that he may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

At the baptism of infants this, or another prayer for the family, may be used:

Almighty God, bless the home of *this child*, and give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of *him*, that by their word and good example they may teach *him* to know and love you, 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**

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Please stand

The priest or another person gives the newly baptized a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all your days.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

THE BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you,
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing
At the wonder he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing
Once again into our doors.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hand, and let them move,
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my king;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

4. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all, for thee.

Words: *Frances Ridley Havergal* (1836-79)

Go in the peace of the Lord, to love him and serve him.

All: In the name of Christ. AMEN

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YOU SHOULD LEAVE BY THE TRANSEPT DOOR**

This morning's service will
be a service of Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism of
Jake William James LIVINGSTONE



Rev. Nigel Kirkpatrick
with
Mr Nick Hambly



Next SUNDAY 6th February 2022 will be
a Service of Holy Communion with



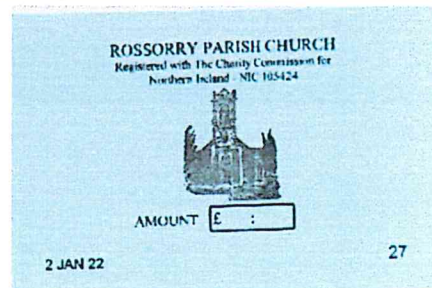
Rev. Denise Acheson
With
Mrs Sarah Maguire



FREEWILL ENVELOPES FOR 2022

The Freewill envelopes for 2022 should have been delivered by the Parish Visiting Team in the past couple of weeks.

You should have received a letter from the Select Vestry and next year's Envelopes (Light BLUE in colour) .



Any problems or issues or if you are missed out—ring the Parish Office on 02866 329889 and let Gerry know.



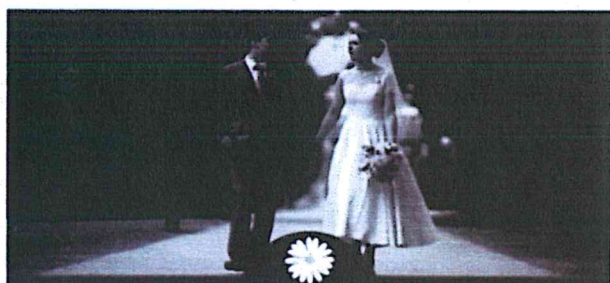
Please note that Annual fees are payable, now, for 2022 for members of Rossorry Mothers' Union. £25 per member payable by leaving in an envelope addressed to Arlene Graham (with your name on it or in it) at Church or drop off at the Parish Office
Arlene Graham
Tel:- 02866 341935

FLOWER ROTA

The Flower Rota for 2022 is available in the Front Porch of the Church.

Anyone who wishes to supply flowers for a particular date—please put your name on the list.

You don't have to be a super duper arranger—a simple bunch of fresh flowers will do !



CHRISTIAN GUIDELINES

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

FIVEMILETOWN

Saturday Course

DATES: Saturday 12th March 2022

TIME: 9.30am - 4pm
Please bring packed lunch

VENUE: Kiltermon Church
Ballagh Road, Kiltermon, Co Tyrone. BT75 0LD

COST: £70 per couple

It is important to register for the course

by phoning 02891 468846 - email admin@cguidelines.org.uk
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Click on the Sign-up button

*Payment must be made before the course commences to 'Christian Guidelines' at address below or by Internet banking to Ulster Bank
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check out our website - www.christianguidelines.org/marriage

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.

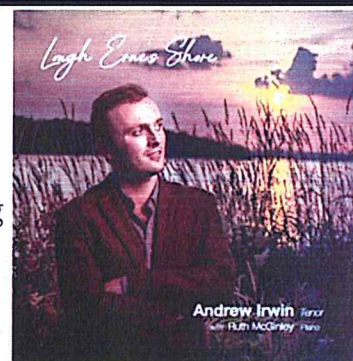
The 5 Songs From County Fermanagh, that have been newly arranged by Irish musician Neil Martin for the CD, have particular

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)



If a child lives with criticism
he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility
she learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule
he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with jealousy
she learns to feel guilty.

But if a child lives with tolerance
he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement
she learns self-confidence.

If a child lives with praise
he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness
she learns justice.

If a child lives with approval
he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with security
she learns to have faith.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship
he learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte