



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 20th  
March 2022  
The Third Sunday  
in LENT**

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

**Luke 13:6-9**



**PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL (Copy in the seat —before the Service begins.)**

**Please note- The wearing of Face Masks for entering /leaving is not compulsory but whilst in Church is strongly recommended for all (with Medical Exceptions)**

### HYMN 646

**Glorious things of thee are spoken**

**Zion, city of our God; .....**

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word can ne'er be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.

On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.

Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasurer  
none but Zion's children know.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### A Sentence of Scripture

***'The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise'.***

*Psalm 51:17*

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.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

### **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**

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.**

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.....

(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 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 to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be. Amen.

### **The First Reading—1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

*The First reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians,  
Chapter 10, reading from verse 1.*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.<sup>2</sup> They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.<sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food<sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.'<sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.<sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes.<sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN 606**

**As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you. ....**

**1.** As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

**2.** I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

**3.** You're my friend and you are my  
brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

Words and Music: *Martin Nystrom* (b.1956)

## Gospel Reading—Luke 13: 1-9

( Sung Acclamation )

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.*

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.’

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, “For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?”

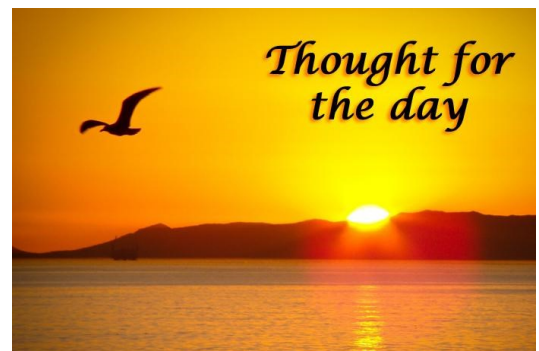
<sup>8</sup> “Sir,” the man replied, “leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig round it and fertilise it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

( Sung Acclamation )

### Thought for the Day



## Apostles' Creed

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 311

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,  
may we ripen and increase, .....

1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,  
may we ripen and increase,  
fruit to life eternal growing,  
rich in love and joy and peace.

2. Laden branches freely bearing  
gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
here is fruit that grows by sharing,  
patience, kindness, gentleness.

3. Rooted deep in Christ, our Master,  
Christ, our pattern and our goal,  
teach us, as the years fly faster,  
goodness, faith, and self control.

4. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,  
May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending,  
Heaven's love and joy and peace

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

**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 COLLECTS**

**Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent.**

**LENTEN COLLECT**

Merciful Lord,  
Grant your people grace  
to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil  
and with pure hearts and minds to  
follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who  
are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and  
contrite hearts that we,  
worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our  
wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all  
mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE COLLECTS 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**

## **Going out as God's People**

### **Ending**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
all things earthly and heavenly,  
Fill you with joy and peace:

### **Blessing.**

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

**Amen.**

**1.** In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and  
storm.

What heights of love, what depths of  
peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease!

My Comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

**2.** In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
for every sin on him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.

**3.** There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of  
Christ.

**4.** No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

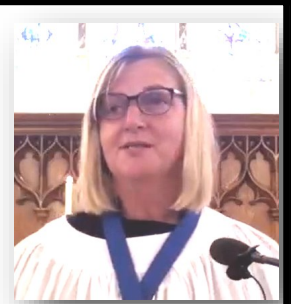
**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE WARDENS INDICATE  
YOU SHOULD LEAVE BY THE TRANSEPT DOOR**



This morning's service will be a service of Morning Prayer

Rev. Colin Brownsmith  
with

Mrs Sarah Maguire



Next SUNDAY 27th March 2022 will be a Service of Morning Prayer on Mothering Sunday



Rev. Colin Brownsmith

with

Mr Nick Hambly



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ROSSORRY MOTHERS' UNION

will take place on

Thursday 24 March 2022  
in the Parish Hall.

Annual General Meeting



**ART CLASS**

GOOD

NEWS !

Eddie is back after his

illness and Classes began again on Friday 11th March (afternoon) in the Committee Room of the Parish Hall. There are a few spaces left ! Ring Yvonne for details on 02866 342514

STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS

URGENT UKRAINE APPEAL TO THE PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ROSSORRY



If any Parishioner or Friend of Rossorry Parish Church wishes to help with a donation - please direct it to the:- Rossorry Parish Office. 20, Drumme Road, Enniskillen, BT74 5JX

Cheques should be made payable to "Rossorry Parish Church"

(Please include a brief note of your name and that it is for the Bishops' Appeal (Ukraine) and not part of your Freewill Offering.)

# LENTEN CALENDAR

2nd March 2022	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
10th April 10.00am	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Liturgy of the Palms</i>
15th April 8.00pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <i>A Service of Words and Music for Good Friday</i>
17th April 10.00am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i>

## FERMANAGH CHURCHES FORUM

***Lenten Lunches and Reflections***  
***12.30pm to 1.30pm***

9th March	Mc Arthur Hall Methodist Church
16th March	The Bridge Centre Presbyterian Church
23rd March	St. Macartin's Hall Enniskillen Cathedral
30th March	St. Michael's Community Centre Belmore St. beside Mount Lourdes.

***Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.***

**No charge—but donations to  
Christian Aid & Trocaire**

### 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)*

