



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 29th MAY 2022
*The 7th Sunday of
Easter*
**SUNDAY after the
ASCENSION DAY**

Believe in the LORD JESUS,
and you will be saved
-you and your household
Acts 16:31

Please note- The wearing of Face
Masks for entering /leaving is not
compulsory but whilst in Church is
now a matter of personal choice.

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HYMN 332

Come, let us join our cheerful songs ,

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their
tongues,
but all their joys are one.
2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they
cry,
'to be exalted thus!'
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us!
3. Jesus is worthy to receive
all honour, power divine;
and blessings more than we can give
be, Lord, for ever thine.
5. Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) altd.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture

***' Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we
profess'***

Hebrews 4: 14,16

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.

(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.

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 for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING**ACTS 16: 16-34**

*The first Reading is from the Book of Acts,
Chapter 16, reading from verse 16.*

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.'

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

³¹ They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN 518

Bind us together, Lord

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords that
cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
O bind us together with love.*

1. There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body;
that is why we sing:

2. Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son.
Born with the right to be free,
for Jesus the vict'ry has won.

3. We are the fam'ly of God.
We are the promise divine.
We are God's chosen desire.
We are the glorious new wine.

Words and Music: *Bob Gillman* altd.

Gospel Reading—John 17: 20-26

(Sung Acclamation)

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,
Chapter 17, beginning at verse 20.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

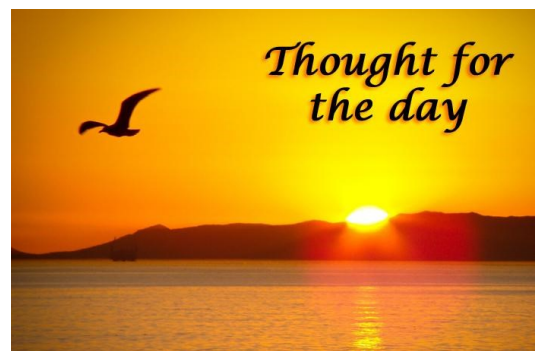
²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

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 285

The head that once was crowned with thorns

1. The head that once was crowned
with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven
affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;

3. The joy all of all who dwell above:
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its
shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name;
their joy the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6. The Cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Music: Jeremiah Clarke, (c. 1673-1707)

Prayers of the People

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.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter - (Sunday after Ascension Day)

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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)

DURING THE VACANCY OF A PARISH

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a minister for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord.

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.

HYMN 263**Crown him with many crowns,**

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wondering
eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: *Matthew Bridges* (1800-94)
and *Godfrey Thring* (1823-1903)
Music: *George J. Elvey* (1816-93)

Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You may now leave by either door (main door or Trancept)
- but please—no bunching up !!



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

Mr Karl Saunders
with Mr. Nick Hambly



Next SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022 will be a service of Holy Communion



Rev. Colin Brownsmith
with
Mrs. Sarah Maguire



The Parish regrets to announce the sudden death



of our most esteemed parishioner:-
Ivan Kenneth BLEAKLEY
on last Wednesday. His Funeral Service was held yesterday, Saturday 28th May 2022 at Rossorry Parish Church.

Sincerest sympathy from the Parish

Wearing of Masks in Church

As you know, restrictions and the requirement to wear masks in public places has been removed. You are, therefore, not required to wear a mask, any longer, in Church.

However, some people are still hesitant about being out in public and would prefer to continue to wear their mask.

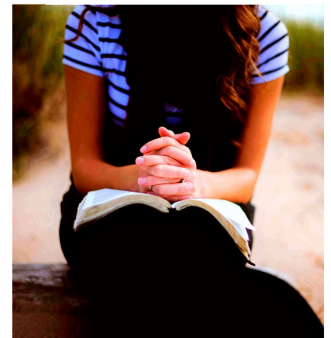
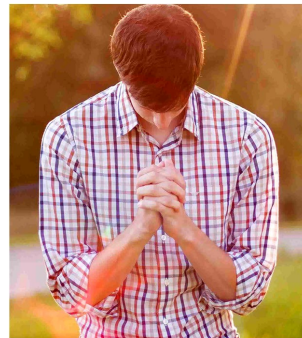
This is **perfectly OK** and is a matter of personal choice.

If you wish to have some social distancing, still, -please mention this to one of the Churchwardens, who will facilitate you.



Thank you.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE TAKING EXAMS



Dear Lord of body, mind and soul.

We think today of those about to take school and university exams and we ask you to give them your peace. We think also of those who invigilate and mark the exams, may you give them wisdom and compassion.

Be with the teachers, parents, family, and care givers as they support the young people both through the exams and with the results. May they show love and understanding and give them insight in guiding the young people forward with their lives.

Amen.



The Church of Ireland is committed to ensuring all children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm.

We strive towards the highest standards in Safeguarding with children and vulnerable adults:

Thousands of children and vulnerable adults visit Church of Ireland premises for worship and other social, educational and recreational purposes each week. The Church's ministry to them is a priority for the Church and it is only possible because of the commitment of volunteers who are prepared to take responsibility for those in their care.

Safeguarding Trust: the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children and Vulnerable Adults is designed to enable all parties within the Church of Ireland to fulfil their proper responsibilities within this ministry:

- **To create a safe environment which will promote healthy and fulfilling participation of children and vulnerable adults in spiritual, educational and recreational activities and minimise the possibility of harm, either deliberate or accidental.**
- **To encourage safe practices for those who work with children and vulnerable adults.**
- **To set out the appropriate responses and procedures in the event of accident or abuse taking place.**
- **To safeguard those who work with children and vulnerable adults from the consequences of unfounded accusations.**

The Panel does this by

- *Overseeing Applications and Appointments.
- *Ensuring Access NI clearance.
- *A process of Annual Appraisal.

Should you have a concern, suspicion or allegation regarding child welfare or vulnerable adult safety in the parish please contact a member of the parish Safeguarding panel.

Names and Telephone Nos of Panel Members are displayed in every Church property