



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**SUNDAY**  
**4th December**  
**2022**

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SERVICES TODAY

9.00 am Holy Communion .  
10.30 am Holy Communion.

Collect of the Day

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.**

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.**

**Lesson: - Isaiah 11: 1-10 p.697**  
**Psalm- 72: 1-7, 18-19 BCP p. 672**  
**Epistle–Romans 15: 4-13 p.1141**  
**Gospel – Matthew 3: 1-12 p.967**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord,  
here you have nourished us with the food of life. Through our sharing in this holy sacrament teach us to judge wisely earthly things and to yearn for things heavenly.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**10.30am - Holy Communion**

Opening Hymn *Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,*  
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Lighting of the Advent Candles  
The Mc NIECE family.  
(see responses & Hymn in booklet)



The Gathering of God's People

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Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

**The Lesson,**  
**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 BCP p. 743**

**The Epistle,**

**Gradual Hymn 135** *O come, O Come, Emmanuel,*  
(verses 1-4)

**The Gospel,**

**Sermon**

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*The Prayers of the People*

Intercessions  
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Offertory Hymn 161 *I know a rose-tree springing forth from an ancient root,*

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

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Going out as God's People

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**Final Hymn204** *When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,*

**Dismissal**

**READINGS for —SUNDAY 4th December 2022****The Lesson:—Isaiah 11: 1-10**

*The first Reading is from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah,  
Chapter 11, beginning to read at verse 10.*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –

<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:- Romans 15: 4-13**

*The Epistle Reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans,  
Chapter 15, beginning to read at verse 4.*

<sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's

truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed <sup>9</sup> and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

‘Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;

I will sing the praises of your name.’

<sup>10</sup> Again, it says,

‘Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.’

<sup>11</sup> And again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;

let all the peoples extol him.’

<sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says,

‘The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope.’

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading—Matthew 3: 1-12**

*(Sung Acclamation)*

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint Matthew,  
chapter 3, beginning to read at verse 1.*

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

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.”’

<sup>4</sup> John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> ‘I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*(Sung Acclamation)*



**ROSSORRY  
Christmas  
Communion  
in the HALL**

**For the elderly, housebound or those who otherwise are unable to attend regular Sunday Services**

**On Sunday 11th December 2022  
At 3pm in the Parish Hall**

**Tea and refreshments kindly supplied by Mothers' Union afterwards**



**NEW TELEPHONE  
NUMBER  
FOR ROSSORRY  
RECTORY**

**from Thursday 3rd November 2022.  
02866 458024**



**The Admin. Team  
has been  
preparing the  
Christmas delivery & next  
year's Freewill, which will be  
available this Sunday  
4th December for Collection  
by the Visiting Team for  
delivery as soon as possible  
within the next week.**

**Many thanks**



**Week of  
Prayer for  
Christian  
Unity 2023**

**Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from **18th to 25th January** the octave of St Peter and St Paul – and for 2023.

Bishop Michael Burrows remarks: “As Chair of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue, I once again commend appropriate and imaginative use of the resources for the coming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in every locality.

Post-Christmas fatigue and dark winter evenings should never diminish our commitment to the quest for that Unity for which Christ himself prayed.

“Sometimes we feel that ecumenical progress has reached a certain plateau, that earlier passion and energy for the cause has been lost. But in these times no theme has a greater potential to reignite our common energy and shared pursuit of human dignity under God than the promotion of racial justice as a source of hope for our disfigured world. I pray that the rich resources rooted in the instructive American experience may prove an inspiration to all who use them.”

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer, we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

*Shared on behalf of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue*

Check us out at

Website: [www.rossorryparish.com](http://www.rossorryparish.com)

**Rossorry Parish Church**



**Thought for the week .....**

## *The 2nd Week of Advent*

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share His wisdom and become one with Him. Amen.



## **SERVICES FOR DEC. 2022 / JAN. 2023**

<b><u>Sunday 4th December</u></b> (2nd Sunday of Advent)	9.00am 10.30.am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19. Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12
<b><u>Sunday 11th December</u></b> (3rd Sunday of Advent)	9.00am 10.30 am 3.00pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer <b><i>Christmas Communion in the Hall for the elderly.</i></b>	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 4-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11
<b><u>Sunday 18th December</u></b> (4th Sunday of Advent)  <b><u>CAROL SERVICE</u></b>	9.00am 10.30 am 7.00pm	Holy Communion <b>Sunday School Service.</b> Carol Service	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25
<b><u>Saturday 24th December</u></b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u></b>	10.00pm	Christmas Eucharist	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16 Psalm 89: 2, 19-27 Acts 13: 16-26 Luke 1: 67-79
<b><u>Sunday 25th December</u></b> <b><u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u></b>	10.00am	Family Eucharist	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98. Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
<b><u>Sunday 1st January 2023</u></b>	9.00am 10.30.am	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	Numbers 6: 22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21
<b><u>Friday 6th January 2023</u></b>	8.00pm	Epiphany Lecture in Church,	

# Upcoming Events



COUNTY FERMANAGH  
GRAND ORANGE LODGE



## ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE



ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT HALL

Music by Gillian Rutherford  
& Ballyreagh Silver Band

TEA & MINCE PIES SERVED AFTER



Collection in aid of Widows & Welfare Committee

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SUNDAY  
4th Dec  
8pm



# NEWS

## Sunday 4th December –

**Fermanagh and East Tyrone RUC George Cross Association Carol Service**  
at 3.30pm in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. Roughan Silver Band will be leading the carols. Everyone welcome.

## Thursday 8th December –

**SANDS Carol Service**  
in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm organised by Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity.

# Guides

ROSSORRY GUIDES will meet in

Rossorry Parish Hall on Thursday evening—8th December from 6.30pm until 7.45pm.

**This Week:  
Christmas Crafts & Games.**

*New members most welcome.*

## Vestry Meeting

**ROSSORRY  
SELECT  
VESTRY**

will meet on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Enniskillen Sands invite you to join us for



# Lights of Love

On the 15th of December at 7pm in St. Macartins Cathedral

As the end of the year approaches, we are offering a space to remember precious babies gone too soon. We hope the service of readings and music will offer a sense of peace, comfort and hope to those joining. Parents will have the opportunity to place their baby/babies name upon our Christmas tree during the evening. We also ask parents if they wish to buy a present for the age that their baby would be this Christmas and there will be an opportunity to place this under the tree during the evening also. Afterwards these will be donated to a local charity within Fermanagh.

For more information visit [sands.org.uk/lightsoflove](http://sands.org.uk/lightsoflove)  
Sands NI Facebook page or contact your local befriender in Enniskillen Michelle on 07845521848

Saving babies' lives. Supporting bereaved families.



*The Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Primates of All Ireland, Archbishops John McDowell and Eamon Martin, have written the following piece on legislation relating to the Troubles which is to be considered this week by the House of Lords. The article was published this morning (Tuesday, 22nd November 2022) in the Financial Times.*

A good deal of the Church's pastoral ministry in any society involves being with people who have suffered. In Northern Ireland, too often that has meant supporting those who have suffered the violent death or serious injury of a loved one. Our predecessors through the worst years of the Troubles walked in front of thousands of coffins. Our generation of clergy has comforted and prayed with individuals and families for whom the heartbreak has, in some cases, seeped through generations. The legacy of the Troubles remains an open wound and the frailest of seams in our political and social life.

There is no universal remedy for this great pain, but there can be honesty, integrity and compassion in trying to find the best way forward. Most people in Northern Ireland felt that such a way had been found in 2014, with the provisions on legacy contained in the Stormont House Agreement which was negotiated by local political parties and the British and Irish governments. Although the provisions were not acted upon, they surfaced again in a later agreement involving the same parties in 2020. On both occasions, most victims' groups welcomed the decisions made. The promoters of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill, which begins its journey through the Lords this week, have effectively set aside the toil and goodwill of those who have been journeying with victims for decades. They may say that they are "listening" but the fact that they have produced a bill so heavily weighted in favour of the perpetrators of violence suggests otherwise.

The bill contains provisions that set the bar for immunity from prosecution pitifully low (effectively granting an amnesty), and will not, in all likelihood, provide relatives with the quality of information for which they have yearned for so long. There are other issues, too. Virtually all independent legal opinion that we have seen casts serious doubt on whether the case "review" provisions of the bill will comply with the provisions of Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights which require access to a proper investigation of loss of life. Moreover, anyone with a basic understanding of paramilitary culture in Northern Ireland could not expect many perpetrators to risk offering their accounts for the record.

From an ethical point of view (and not just a Christian one), the inclusion of the word "reconciliation" in the title of the bill – and its liberal scattering like fairy dust throughout the provisions – remains a mystery. Reconciliation in both the religious and civil senses involves the restoration of relationships; it requires patience, the slow building of trust leading to courageous truth telling, and immense forbearance. Nothing in this bill goes anywhere near providing the environment for that to take place. Perhaps the very opposite.

The individual at the heart of this bill is not "the victim" – rather, they are a strange hybrid of "the perpetrator" and "the secretary of state for Northern Ireland for the time being". The latter is given powers to appoint personnel, make regulations regarding its work, issue "guidance" on the immunity process, initiate reviews, direct a response to historical findings, appoint those responsible for the historiographic work and control the overall budget. In other words, it grants the secretary of state the powers of a commissar rather than a minister of the Crown.

Addressing the legacy of the past has been perhaps the greatest failing of both politicians and civil society in Northern Ireland since the signing of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement in 1998. This bill will not achieve any of its purposes. On the contrary, it will deepen division and further demoralise all but a tiny minority of those it purports to help. It seems almost as though it has been designed to fail.

# PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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**BAPTISMS:-** Please contact the Rector well in advance so that arrangements can be made.

**THE SICK:-** If you are aware of anyone who is ill, unwell or for any reason would like a visit - please contact the Rector or the Parish Office.

**HOSPITAL:-** If you have a member of your family circle or a friend in hospital , please let the Rector or the Parish Office know if a visit or follow-up is required.

**VISITING:-** Two Diocesan Pastoral Assistants , Mrs Sue Hogg and Mrs Joan Nelson are assisting with the Pastoral Visits .

## PARISH OFFICE

**Parish Administrator:**

**Gerry O' Callaghan.**

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## ROSSORRY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a family, Rossorry Parish seeks to

- **ENRICH** and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ;
- **ENLIVEN** our fellowship and care for each other;
- **ENGAGE** with everyone, of every age and background, in ways that are meaningful and relevant.

# PARISH CONTACTS

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	Ven. C.T. Pringle.
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Hon Treasurer	George Elliott
Hon Secretary	Dorothy Wilson 66346805
Booking of Halls:	Ring Parish Office 6632 9889
Sunday School	Carol Livingstone 6632 3041
Freewill Envelope enquiries:	Contact Parish Office (or ask Churchwardens) 66 329889
Wednesday Club: (Wednesday 10.30am - 12noon)	Ethel Oldcroft 6632 6339
Beavers (Tues. 6.30-7.30pm)	Alan Wilkinson
Cubs (Wed 6:45 - 7:45pm)	Keith Rutledge 07812214176
Scouts: (Tues 7:30-9:00pm)	Roger Clarke 07714 232 645
Guides: (Thurs 6.30—7.45pm)	Avril Armstrong 6632 9589
Mothers Union (3rd Thurs. in the month)	Lorraine Simpson 66 329 469
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