



# ROSSORRY

## PARISH CHURCH

**SUNDAY**  
**11th December**  
**2022**

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### SERVICES TODAY

**9.00 am** Holy Communion . P. 201  
**10.30 am** Morning Prayer. P. 101

#### Collect of the Day

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**

#### 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.**

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#### Post Communion Prayer.

Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts.  
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### 10.30am Morning Prayer

#### The Gathering of God's People

Hymn 125 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
great David's greater Son!*

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Lighting of the Advent Candles  
Sonya COALTER & family.  
(see responses & Hymn in booklet)



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#### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

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*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Sermon:

Hymn *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
136 announces that the Lord is nigh;*

#### The Prayers of the People

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Intercessions:

Offertory *O for a thousand tongues to sing  
Hymn my dear Redeemer's praise,  
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#### Going out as God's People

Blessing

Hymn *Your kingdom come, O God;  
509 your rule, O Christ, begin;*

Dismissal

**READINGS for —SUNDAY 11th December 2022****The Lesson:—Isaiah 35: 1-10**

*The first Reading is from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah  
Chapter 35, beginning to read at verse 1.*

The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.  
Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendour of our God.  
<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;  
<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
'Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you.'  
<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.  
Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.  
<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.  
In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow  
<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.  
The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.  
But only the redeemed will walk there,  
<sup>10</sup> and those the LORD has rescued will return.  
They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:- James 5: 7-10**

*The Epistle Reading is from the Book of James,  
Chapter 5, beginning to read at verse 7.*

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading—Matthew 11: 2-11**

*(Sung Acclamation)*

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint Matthew,  
chapter 11, beginning to read at verse 2.*

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

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'

<sup>7</sup> As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Sung Acclamation)*

Christmas  
-COMMUNION-

**ROSSORRY**  
**Christmas**  
**Communion**  
**in the HALL**

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

**This 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**

**Vestry Meeting**

**ROSSORRY**  
**SELECT**  
**VESTRY**  
**will meet**

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



**CLOGHER**  
**DIOCESAN**  
**MAGAZINE**

**Due to increased printing costs –it is necessary to increase the Subscription for 2023 .**

***From the February 2023 edition,***



**Open Day in the Rectory**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**10.00am - 3.00pm**

Jen, Kizzy and I would like to invite you to an open day in the rectory. This will be an opportunity for you to visit us in our new home and to join us for tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies and other light refreshments. This is a busy time of year and a busy weekend for families but do please make time to drop in throughout the day.



**CONFIRMATION**  
**in ROSSORRY**  
**will take place in**  
**2023 on**  
**Sunday 12th**  
**March.**

*Registration for Confirmation will be held in the Parish Hall at 3 pm Sunday 8th January.*

*Classes will be held thereafter in the RECTORY each Sunday at 3pm (apart from 1/2 term on 19th February)*



**Aisling**  
centre  
Hope Healing Growth

**Aisling Centre**  
– 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Hope Healing  
Growth Day of  
Inspiration 7<sup>th</sup>

January 2022. Crest Centre, SW College, Enniskillen. Attend in person or via zoom. Fantastic line up of speakers. Further information and tickets available on Eventbrite

<https://tinyurl.com/28897tmy> or  
<https://theaislingcentre.com/hope-healing-growth/>.

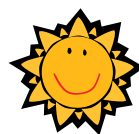
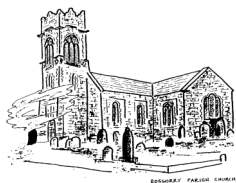
**Aisling Centre 028 66 325811**

Check us out at

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



Rossorry Parish Church



Thought for the week .....



## SERVICES FOR DEC.2022 / JAN 2023

<b>Sunday 11th December</b> (3rd Sunday of Advent)	9.00am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 4-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	3.00pm	<b>Christmas Communion in the Hall for the elderly.</b>	
<b>Sunday 18th December</b> (4th Sunday of Advent)  <b>CAROL SERVICE</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	
	7.00pm	Carol Service	
<b>Wednesday 21st December</b>  <b>'Blue Christmas'</b>	8.00pm	Blue Christmas	A quiet and reflective Service for anyone who, for whatever reason, struggles with the merriment of Christmas.
<b>Saturday 24th December</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</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>Sunday 25th December</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	10.00am	Family Eucharist	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98. Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
<b>Sunday 1st January 2023</b> (The naming and Circumcision of Jesus)	9.00am	Holy Communion	Numbers 6: 22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21
	10.30.am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	
<b>Friday 6th January 2023</b>	8.00pm	Epiphany Lecture in Church,	
<b>Sunday 8th January 2023</b> (1st Sunday after the Epiphany—The Baptism of our Lord)  <b>EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-17
	10.30.am	Morning Prayer	
	7.00pm	Epiphany Carol Service	

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent****Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022****9.00am Holy Communion****10.30am Children's Nativity Carol Service**

This service will be led by the children of our Sunday School, including the presentation of the Nativity. This is a service for everyone, why not invite your extended family and friends to enjoy the festivities with us?

**7.00pm Service of Lessons & Carols**

This is a traditional service of Lessons and Carols with some added seasonal poetry. It is a service in which the wonderful ministry of our choir is highlighted and for which they work very hard. Do please come along and support them in this service which, for many, marks the beginning of this important festival. We like to think of this service as a Community event - all are most welcome. Seasonal refreshments will be served in the Hall following the service.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022****7.00pm Jones Memorial Primary School Carol Service**

A Carol Service hosted by the staff and pupils of Jones Memorial Primary School. This is open to all parents, friends and all who support the school. Rossorry Parish look forward to welcoming you.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022****8.00pm Blue Christmas**

This is a quiet and reflective service for anyone who, for whatever reason, struggles with the merriment of the Christmas season. There will be an opportunity for your own private reflection. No-one will be under any pressure to join in; you are free to simply sit and engage with the season in your own way on this the longest night of the year!

**Christmas Eve - The Nativity of our Lord****Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Night)****10.00pm The First Holy Communion of Christmas**

A special service for so many and at a manageable time. Here we draw away from the merrymaking of the world to celebrate and remember the true meaning and joy of the birth of the Christ-child. We draw round the Lord's table as his family. This is a traditional service of Holy Communion with music lead by our choir and organist.

**Upcoming Events****Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022****Christmas Day****10.00am Family Holy Communion**

This is the main act of worship over this Christmas season. It is a time for us to gather together as an entire parish family and we look forward to welcoming everyone on this Christmas Day. While this is a traditional parish Holy Communion it is shorter than our usual service. I would like to wish everyone God's richest blessings as you enjoy this Holy Day!

**Please note the Service time - 10.00am****The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus****Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January****9.00am Holy Communion****10.30am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism****Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.00pm****Rossorry Epiphany Lecture**

Epiphany is the time of year that we traditionally follow the Journey of the Magi, the Three Kings or the Wise Men as they follow the great star to find and worship the infant Jesus. In the spirit of listening and learning Rossorry Parish will be starting a series of Epiphany Lectures which will draw such wisdom from the fields of Science, History, Art, Culture & Society and Politics. Our first speaker will be Mr Clive Scoular - Historian, Lecturer and Author. For tickets to this event please contact the Parish Office.

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany****Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023****7.00pm Epiphany Carol Service**

As we continue our celebrations so we observe the Journey of the Three Kings as they both begin and complete their journey of following the star to visit the infant Jesus; Christ's first encounter with the Gentiles. For many Epiphany is celebrated as the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas or 'Little Christmas' Do please come along and join us in this service of readings and Carols.

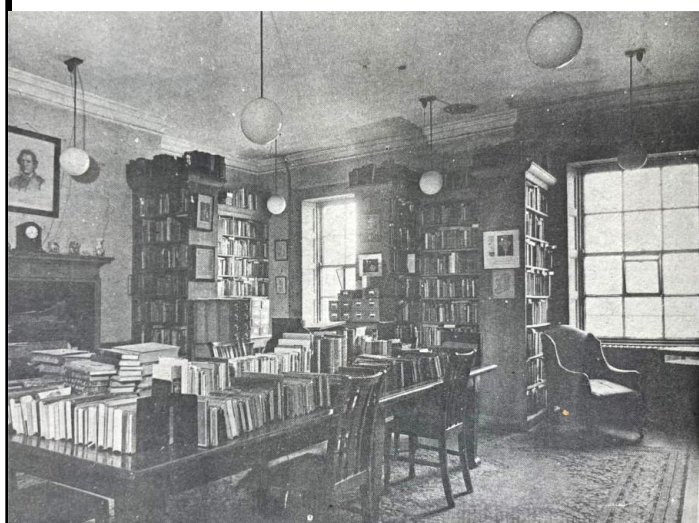
## Nine decades at the Representative Church Body Library

Just before Christmas 1931, Rosamond Stephen (1868–1952) founder and original librarian of the Irish Guild of Witness library, captured the moment in her diary when she witnessed some 5,000 volumes housed within her home on Upper Mount Street, Dublin being dispatched to the headquarters of the Representative Church Body – the Church of Ireland’s central trustee body – at no. 52 St Stephen’s Green thus:

*‘On Monday afternoon December 21, 1931, the books were taken to Stephen’s Green, on what was, we hope, their last journey. They went properly through the streets drawn by a fine pair of cart horses. R. S. watched them vanish into the mist’.*

From the spring of 1932, dedicated rooms within the headquarters of the RCB at 52 St Stephen’s Green, together with a small basement strong room, would continue to function as the Library until October 1969, when it moved again to its present location at Braemor Park, Rathgar (Churchtown today), when a corner of the campus of the then Divinity Hostel (which has evolved into the Theological Institute) was made available along with classrooms for the developing hostel establishment.

Here both institutions have evolved, where the Library continues to support the reading and research needs of staff and ordinands in training for ministry, as well as providing a repository for the Church’s records. It is less well known that prior to its time in Dublin and eventual association with the RCB, the original content of Rosamond’s library was actually in existence from 1903 operating on the Crumlin Road in Belfast.



The Guild of Witness (later Irish Guild of Witness) which she had helped to found in that year with the Revd Raymond Orpen (1837–1930), then rector of Tralee and Archdeacon of Ardfert, can be seen as a genuine form of ecumenical outreach to Roman Catholics that was ahead of its time in some respects, trying to find common ground between ‘Roman Catholics and Protestant Catholics’. The small lending library for the use of its members included ‘a good many books on the history and doctrine of the Irish Church’, as revealed by an article published in the *Church of Ireland Gazette* in October 1903.

The online presentation tracks the journey from Belfast to Dublin, and explores how the new Library acquired oversight of archives and record-keeping on behalf of the RCB following the loss of many records that had been in the Public Records Office of Ireland in 1922 when over 500 collections of parish records, together with the medieval and early modern diocesan archives, all of which had been deposited there in accordance with the requirements of the Public Records Act since the late 19th century, were destroyed.

An important early remit for the fledgling library was to focus on collecting copies of manuscripts concerning the Church of Ireland that had been lost. This far-sighted approach has reaped many rewards for the Church at large, and today in addition to its printed collection of over 60,000 volumes, it holds vast archives. These include some 1,132 collections of parish records together with the archives of the Church’s dioceses, cathedrals, architectural drawings, the administrative records of the Representative Church Body and its multiple committees, and thousands of manuscripts relating to the Church’s people, buildings and activities, spanning from medieval times to the present.

**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.