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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF	<u>10.30am Morning Prayer</u>	
EASTER	The Gathering of God's People	
SERVICES TODAY9.00 am Holy Communion.P.18010.30 am Morning Prayerp. 101Collect of the DayAlmighty Father, who in your great mercygladdened the disciples with the sight of therisen Lord:Give us such knowledge of his presence withus, that we may be strengthened andsustained by his risen life and serve youcontinually in righteousness and truth;through Jesus Christ our Lord.	Hymn 81Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,p.101Greeting & Welcomep.102Confession & Absolution Proclaiming and Receiving the Wordp.103Lesser Litany Lesser Litany Canticle:Canticle:Jubilatep.961Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17p.728The Epistle :(read by Ellie Kennedy)Canticle:- Hymn 695God of mercy, God of grace,The Gospel :NIVNIVp.967	
Amen.	Canticle: - Hymn 525 (sung twice) <i>Let there be love shared among us,</i> SERMON:	
Lesson: - Malachi 3: 6-12 p. 961 Psalm 116:1-3,10-17 <i>(BCP)</i> p.728	Hymn 424 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives,	
Epistle – Romans 12: 1-2 p. 1139 Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11 p.967	The Creedp.112The Prayers of the Peoplep. 113Versicles & responsesp. 113	
Post Communion Prayer.		
Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	92 in a believer's ear! Going out as God's People Blessing Recessional Hymn Go forth and tell ! 478 O Church of God awake ! Dismissal	

READINGS for —SUNDAY 23rd April 2023

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The Lesson

The first reading is written in the book of the Prophet, Malachi in the third chapter beginning at the 6th verse.

"I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?"

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

"In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

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

The Epistle Reading

The New Testament reading is written in the letter of St Paul to the Romans in the 12th chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

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

(Sung Acclamation)

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The Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St Matthew, chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you , Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

(Sung Acclamation)

PRAYING for HEALING

The Communion Services on Wednesday Mornings until June at 10.30am will include a prayer for Healing.

If you would like a name included (just the Christian name) in the prayers—please advise the Rector or Churchwardens in advance.

DEATH NOTICES

Please be advised that a Death Notice of a Parishioner will not appear in the Weekly News unless specifically requested by the family by notifying the Office or the Rector.

Thank you.



BOTTLE TOPS CAN <u>YOU</u> HELP ?

Jones Memorial PS is collecting bottle tops for recycling —they will be able to redeem them for points which will allow them to obtain items of re-cycled furniture for the School.

Please place your collected tops in the box in the front

porch in Church.





A big thanks from the Foodbank for your

continuing donations.

Please keep up the donations—the need has not gone away !

Place items-dry goods, tinned

goods, tea and coffee, pot noodles, pot rice etc in the boxes at the Church doors.





COULD YOU READ in CHURCH ? We are currently

putting together a list of Readers to read a Lesson at Services.

Can you help ? The burden will be small—approx. one reading every couple of months—if we get enough volunteers.



Don't worry about the big words—an age appropriate Bible will be used—so young and older can participate.

Let Gerry know in the Office on 02866 329889 or rossoryoffice@btinternet.com

<u>Please indicate if you can do 9am or</u> <u>10.30am or any Service.</u>







Rossorry Parish Church





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SERVICES FOR APRIL / MAY 2023

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<u>Sunday 23rd April</u> <u>(3rd Sunday of Easter)</u>	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Malachi 3: 6-12 Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 Romans 12; 1-2 Matthew 4: 1-11
Wednesday 26th April	10.30am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer	Acts 8: 1-8 Psalm 66: 1-6 John 6: 35-40
<u>Sunday 30th April</u> <u>(4th Sunday of Easter)</u>	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10
<u>Wednesday 3rd May</u>	10.30am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer	Acts 12: 24—13:5 Psalm 67 John 12: 44-50
<u>Sunday 7th May</u> <u>(5th Sunday of Easter)</u>	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion With Holy Baptism	Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16. 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14
<u>Wednesday 10th May</u>	10.30am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer	Acts 15: 1-6 Psalm 122: 1-5 John 15: 1-8
<u>Sunday 14th May</u> <u>(6th Sunday of Easter)</u> <u>ROGATION SUNDAY</u>	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66: 7-18 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21
<u>Wednesday 17th May</u>	10.30am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer	Acts 17: 15, 22-18:8 Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-14 John 16: 12-15
<u>Sunday 21st May</u> <u>(7th Sunday of Easter)</u>	9.00am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11 John17: 1-11



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Statement of the Irish Inter–Church Committee on the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Belfast/ Good Friday Agreement



This Monday 10th of April will mark the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday/Belfast agreement. This is a moment of huge significance, as the Agreement represented a transformation in the relationships between the different communities in our society. The Agreement established principles which formed a scaffolding for peace: parity of esteem. mutual

The Agreement established principles which formed a scaffolding for peace: parity of esteem, mutual recognition of identity, a commitment to partnership and consent. These principles were affirmed in referenda in both jurisdictions, to be worked out through its three strands.

While the Agreement provided the scaffolding for peace, it did not develop the peace itself. Although violence has not been completely eradicated from our societies, our expectations now are that differences will be resolved through dialogue. Nevertheless, the work of peace remains unfinished – the Agreement was a critical milestone on the journey to peace, not the destination.

Looking back at those events of 25 years ago, we give thanks for the spirit and commitment that underpinned those discussions, and the willingness of people on all sides to take risks for

peace. However, along with this thanksgiving, we also recognise that for many in our societies, whose loved ones were killed or injured in the violence of the previous 30 years, the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement brought mixed emotions. In particular, the early release of prisoners was, and continues to be, a source of great pain. For others, the anticipated peace dividend has never materialised, leading to a sense of abandonment.

Given all that was sacrificed to bring about the transformation of this conflict, today we all have a great responsibility to protect our fragile peace and to build on the work of our predecessors, as this work of peace is as yet unfinished. There is much yet to be done in reconciling our communities.

In recent years, Brexit has felt like a threat to nationalist identity, as has the Protocol for many unionists. If we are to honour the Agreement principle of mutual recognition of identity, we need to value and affirm those identities in one another, and have concern for each other when they are challenged.

As Churches in Ireland we remain committed to this reconciling vision of peace. We offer support to all who are working for a future in which relationships are restored, and all can flourish and continue to build their lives in security and peace.

Dear JMPS Family

We wish to draw your attention to drop off and pick up time at Jones Memorial Primary School. We are asking that you drive and park responsibly. Adhere to slow driving, follow arrows, do not park on double yellow lines and do not enter the Staff Car Park UNLESS this has been agreed with the Principal.

We are very concerned that our children are moving about and that unless we have rules, someone may come to harm.

Thank you for ONLY parking in the spaces provided and for taking the time to hold your child by the hand. \clubsuit

Please share this important message with Granny, Granda, Childminders and anyone else who collects your child. We want everyone to be very safe

Thank you The Board of Governors Join Us!



JUNIOR CHURCH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

For more information email: naomi .armstrong@irishmethodist.org



Year 12 and below, 5 a side football competition. Open to all church denominations in Fermanagh. There are two competitions (1) boys (2) girls Scan the QR above to for information and registering your team.

Thursday 4TH May 2023 Fisher Park, Ballinamallard