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Sunday 1st December 2024The First Sunday of Advent

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Masses Monday – Friday 10.00am Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

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'Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen.'

Luke 21:36









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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

All: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

All:

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and

the Lord Jesus Christ. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to

the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of

the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us

into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,

the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ

with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand,

they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R v.1

(R) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. (R)

2. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the

Thessalonians 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Priest: A reading from the holy

Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near as hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

> I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar. The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received

the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the

chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine

may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received

the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart

may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day

be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, Priest:

gathered from among your gifts to us,

and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal

redemp tion.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All:

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. All:

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just. All:

PREFACE (Advent I)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Priest: Therefore, as we celebrate

the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,

we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:
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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit. All:

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our

Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who

receive it.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

world, grant us peace.

Congregation kneels The celebrant says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation,

but through your loving mercy

be for me protection in mind and body

and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes Priest:

away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called

to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: May the Body of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

May the Blood of Christ Priest:

keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated,

profit us, we pray,

for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven

and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All:

May the almighty and merciful God, Priest:

by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son

and yearn for his coming again

sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent

and enrich you with his blessing.

All: **Amen**

As you run the race of this present life, Priest:

may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

All: Amen

So that, rejoicing now with devotion Priest:

at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,

you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal

life when he comes again in majesty.

All: **Amen**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen**

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

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THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR COMMENCES TODAY WITH THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH



Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Saviour of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. We ask this in His Holy Name. Amen

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made up of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of our soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The Christ Candle (white) is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier **Friday 6th December** – St Nicholas **Saturday 7th December** – St Ambrose

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE - SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER AT 3.00PM

Confession without fear – a celebration of Christ's forgiveness. It's not the sin that matters...it's the joy of being welcomed back home. Everyone young and old, those regularly at Church and those not, is cordially invited. We look forward to seeing you there.



MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER - THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

It is a holy day of obligation.

MASS AT 11.00AM.

N.B. No 10.00am Mass on Monday.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS ARRANGEMENTS COUNTRY CHURCHES

3rd Sunday of Advent – 15th December, Magheragall Church, 10.00am 4th Sunday of Advent – 22nd December, Reilly's Trench, 10.00am Feast of the Holy Family – 29th December, Magheramesk, 10.00am

GOD OF HOPE

We enter your holy season of Advent giving thanks to you for the love you have for all of us.

We begin to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, your Son, Jesus.

With the promise of your Son, we live with great hope and anticipation.

Hope in the knowledge of the love you continue to give us.

Hope in the knowledge that Jesus is coming into our lives and our hearts to heal us and love us.

We are a people of hope, and no matter how difficult times sometimes are, we know that Your Son is coming and that you continue to shower us with your love. Amen.

FR. DERMOT & FR EAMON WILL ATTEND THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

INDIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite in St Patrick's Church at 3.00pm this afternoon.



We remember our faithful departed:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Conleth Daly: Rita Smyth: Sylvester Donnelly: Patrick (Paddy) Rice

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Leo Mulholland: Francie McClure: Matthew Irwin

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Fegan Armstrong: Samuel & Arthur Lundy: Michael Callaghan:

Sheila Stewart: Mary Fanning: Andrew Irvine: Annie & Robbie McGrogan: Louis Bradley: Eileen Irvine: Fr Archie Kelly: Canon Joseph Cunningham: Justyn Zalewski: Dan McCrudden: Margaret Mulholland.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Meeting Monday 9th December at 8.00pm in Pastoral Centre.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY APPEAL

Again, this year we are supporting our Christmas Missionary Projects. Donations received will be forwarded to Medical Missionaries of Mary working throughout Africa and Dominican Sisters, Zambia in support of their work with orphans, vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Envelopes are available in church porch. Thank you.

ST ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary One Open Day. Saturday 7 December at 10.00am.
Principal's Address at 10.15am.
7 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TB. 028 9266 2293.



ST ALOYSIUS NURSERY UNIT

Please come to our Nursery Unit Open Day. Monday 9 December from 10.30am - 11.30am or 1.30pm - 2.30pm. 7 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TB. 028 9266 2293

HOLY TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL

4, Trinity Terrace, Lisburn. Contact No. 028 9267 2080 Open Day, Tuesday 10th December, 10am – 12 pm.

ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMY - OPEN NIGHT

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Night on Thursday 12th December 2024, 6.30.pm – 8.30pm. Principal's address at 6.30pm. www.stpatsni.co.uk Ballinderry Road, Lisburn BT28 1TD. Telephone: 028 92664877





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Carol Service around Christmas Tree, this evening (Sunday) at 7.15pm.

All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year we are seeking your financial help or donation of toiletries. You can donate in several ways;

- Via the red box at church doors after weekend masses

- Using online banking. SVP Lisburn account with Danske 95 06 79 0014 9373

- donate gift vouchers or toiletries - you can leave in the Pastoral Centre during the week

If you should require our help, please contact us by going online (www.svp.ie) or by phoning us: 028 9035 1561.

Thank you for your continued support for our important work.

ALTAR SERVERS: The Christmas Eve 9.00pm vigil rehearsal, will be in St Patrick's Church on Monday 23 December, from 3.00-4.00pm. Only the servers who attend this meeting, will be allowed to serve this Mass.

ST ALOYSIUS P.S.: All parishioners are most welcome to join the P4-7 Carol Service on Monday 16 December, at 1.30pm in St Patrick's Church.

PARISH OF BLARIS (LISBURN)

Copies of Financial Report for Year ended 31 December 2024 are available in church porch.

BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin notices should be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Monday to be included in weekend bulletin.

Eucharistic Adoration: 10.30am - 12noon Thursdays



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