

**Parish office:
St. Andrew's Church Hazeldene Drive Ballysally
opening hours Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4pm**



028 7034 4213

Please contact us if you know anyone who is ill or needs a clergy visit.

[The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23rd December to Tuesday 10th January there will be a message on answer machine as to the contact for emergencies]



Each week there is an opportunity to donate non perishable items to be given to the Foodbank at Building Ballysally Together.

At present they find the following items in shortest supply and greatest need:- Cereals, Tea, Coffee, Baked Beans, Tinned Fruit and Sugar - We have had several items added to our list of possibilities. These include ketchups, jam, tins of rice pudding or custard.

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St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's Weekly News sheet



Sunday 18th December 2022

This Sunday 18th December 'Christingle' in St. Patrick's 10am & Christmas Family Service in St. Andrew's 11.30am.
Please see list of Services over Christmas.

**Parish Prayers –
No Parish Prayers until Tuesday 3rd January when we will resume
in St. Andrew's Ballysally at 7pm
please join us, everyone welcome.**

Sunday morning prayer!

What better way to settle ourselves before the Sunday morning service than to take 10 minutes in stillness and prayer. You are welcome to join us in the Side Chapel from around 9.40 so please feel free to slip in during that time. We will aim to be in our seats by 9.55.

Thanks

No Wednesday Communion 21st 28th December and 4th January

*Please note: letters from our mission partners
are available at the back of the church*





Christmas 2022 at the Parish of
St. Patrick's & St. Andrew's Coleraine

St. Patrick's

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| Sunday 18 th December | 10.00am | Christingle |
| Sunday 18 th December | 6.30pm | Lessons & Carols |
| Christmas Eve | 11.00pm | Holy Communion |
| Christmas Day | 10.00am | Christmas Celebration |
| Sunday 1 st January | 10.00am | Holy Communion |

St. Andrew's

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| Tuesday 13 th December | 6.30pm | Ballysally Carol Service |
| Sunday 18 th December | 11.30am | Christmas Family Service |
| Christmas Day | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 1 st January | 11.30am | Holy communion |

God Bless
Happy Christmas



December Prayer Points

An Advent Prayer - God of our waiting

(taken from UCB Radio - 2 Mins with...Amie Aitken on 29th November)

In this advent season God we think of how your story points to waiting, to longing, to expectation and to hope. Through Abraham, Moses, David, Israel and the prophets you waited. In the waiting there was mystery, there were promises made and messages given pointing to the day when you would come. In the waiting there was silence, years of perceived abandonment, wondering where you had gone.

God of our waiting – waiting doesn't feel the same to everyone, for some it's joyful anticipation, for others it's a frantic paralysis and yet nonetheless, in one way or another we all must wait for something. God you understand waiting and you wait with us.

God of our waiting – sit with those of us who have joyful anticipation in our lives this advent, those of us who are waiting for good things, for new jobs, for babies, for reunions, for adventures. Give us patience, wisdom and gratitude, walk in our joy with us and lead us to all the good things on the other side of our wait. Help us not to hurry through the waiting but to enjoy everything that can be lived in the in-between spaces and to value the process as much as the promise.

God of our waiting – sit with those of us who have longing and dread in our wait. Sit with those of us who are waiting for test results, treatments, separations, conclusions and fulfilment of dreams that may not come to pass. Give us comfort, wisdom and strength, hold us in our uncertainty and our anticipation. Help us not to lose ourselves in worry, fear or anxiety but lead us through the valleys with our hand in yours knowing that you are with us whatever the outcome.

God of our waiting – may we have your peace and your presence with us in every kind of waiting this advent. Thank you that you sent us a Saviour worth waiting for, minister to us in our waiting, meet us in the liminal places between what is and what is yet to come. Go before us and behind us whatever today may hold. Amen