



St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's Weekly Newsheet

Sunday 21st April 2024

This Sunday 21st April: Family Service 10am St. Patrick's & 11.30am St. Andrew's

Next Sunday 28th April: Morning Prayer 10am St. Patrick's & 11.30am St. Andrew's

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 9.40am so please feel free to slip in during that time. We will aim to be in our seats by 9.55pm. - Thanks.

**Parish Prayers continue each Tuesday in St. Andrew's Ballysally at 7pm
please join us, everyone welcome.**

Wednesday Communion continues - 1pm



April Prayer Points

You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16

For ourselves

Lord, thank you so much that you died in my place so I can be forgiven and set free from the consequences that I deserve. Thank you that you call me to a God-centred life. Help me to worship you wholeheartedly, to serve you joyfully and gladly, and to obey and follow you always. *Nicky Gumbel, The Bible in One Year.*

For our Parish

April 18th is the evening for our Annual Easter Vestry Meeting. Give thanks for all who have served in a voluntary capacity over the past year and pray for the election of new vestry members to serve during the next term of office. Pray that there would be willing candidates and that the Lord would help them and ensure the unity of this team. Help us all to be willing to be the hands and feet of God and to respond to His calling.

Give thanks for the retired clergy and all who keep our church services going in difficult circumstances. Pray that the Lord would bring about a resolution to the problems in our parish and that we would find favour with Him.

For our community

Pray for our local authorities and all who serve our community. Remember teachers, carers and health workers, street pastors, planning committees, businesses and youth workers and ask for wisdom and integrity in all that they do. Pray for families and those who are alone that they may know God's presence and peace in their struggles.

For our world

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God Matt 5:9

- For relief of suffering and protection for aid and medical workers
- Softening of heart in leaders committed to war
- Wise and decisive action by the international community
- Successful peace processes

For our mission partners

Please continue to pray for:

Rick & Alana Creighton (Crosslinks Nigeria)

Claire Holmes (SAMS & Prison Fellowship NI)

Walter & Claire McConnell (OMF Singapore)

Andrew and Joanne Quill (CMSI South Sudan)

Trevor & Andrea Watson (Crosslinks Sweden)

← We encourage you to use these prayers daily.

The mission table at the back of the church has up to date information and prayer letters (all prayer letters have been updated)



Prayer Corner

As you know we have a Prayer Corner at the front of the church on your right. This is a place where you can pray on your own or you can leave a request for a loved one or yourself. There is paper to write on and a basket to leave your request. These requests are regularly lifted to the Lord as we ask Him to bless and heal those named. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to pray for yourself and for anyone known to you who is in need. Even if you don't have a request, please pray for those who do. The Lord hears when we call on His name.



Dates for your diary

Sunday 31st April Festival Service in St. Anne's Cathedral 3.30pm

Thursday 25th April Diocesan Spring Council in Carmoney Parish Church 7.30pm

Tuesday 14th May North Connor Area Service in Dunluce Parish 7.30pm

Ladies Night Out

Friday 10th May at 6.30pm in the Lodge Hotel

An informal evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Booking is essential so if you would like to join us fill in the sign up sheet at the back of the church including your menu choice.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Book early to avoid disappointment.



UCB notes available

The church should be a community of encouragement. – Fred Catherwood.

ST PATRICK'S HOSPITALITY ROTA

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH HOLY COMMUNION

NO TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SERVICE

SECOND SUNDAY

ORGANISED BY RENA LINDSAY AND FRIENDS

THIRD SUNDAY

ORGANISED BY JACKIE BENNETT AND FRIENDS

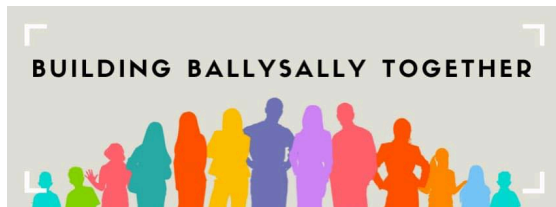
FOURTH SUNDAY

ORGANISED BY DAVID/GILLIAN ANDERSON/ROBIN HOLMES



Churchwatch 👁️

It is always a pleasure to see people visit our church, and those volunteers who are part of our churchwatch rota also enjoy the experience. It has however been more difficult recently to have enough volunteers to allow the church to be open Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We propose therefore to open the church for visits, reflection and prayer on Fridays from May 2024. There must always be 2 volunteers present, and the times are 1-3pm. If you are willing to help with this, at present approximately once a month, please speak to Barry Mitchell, or contact Laverne in the Parish office. Many thanks in anticipation.



Ballysally foodbank donations

We continue to donate towards the Ballysally Building Together project. Items welcomed are tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit and vegetables, soup, creamed rice, Cereals and packets of pasta or noodles which only require the addition of hot water. Monetary donations towards the female hygiene project or foodbank are also welcomed. At present, around 70 families are availing themselves of your donations, helping them survive difficult financial times. The food baskets are delivered on Mondays between 10am- 2pm. If you could help with this on a rota basis, please contact Laverne in the Parish office, or speak to the church wardens.

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Office hours: 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday

If there is a pastoral emergency please contact

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