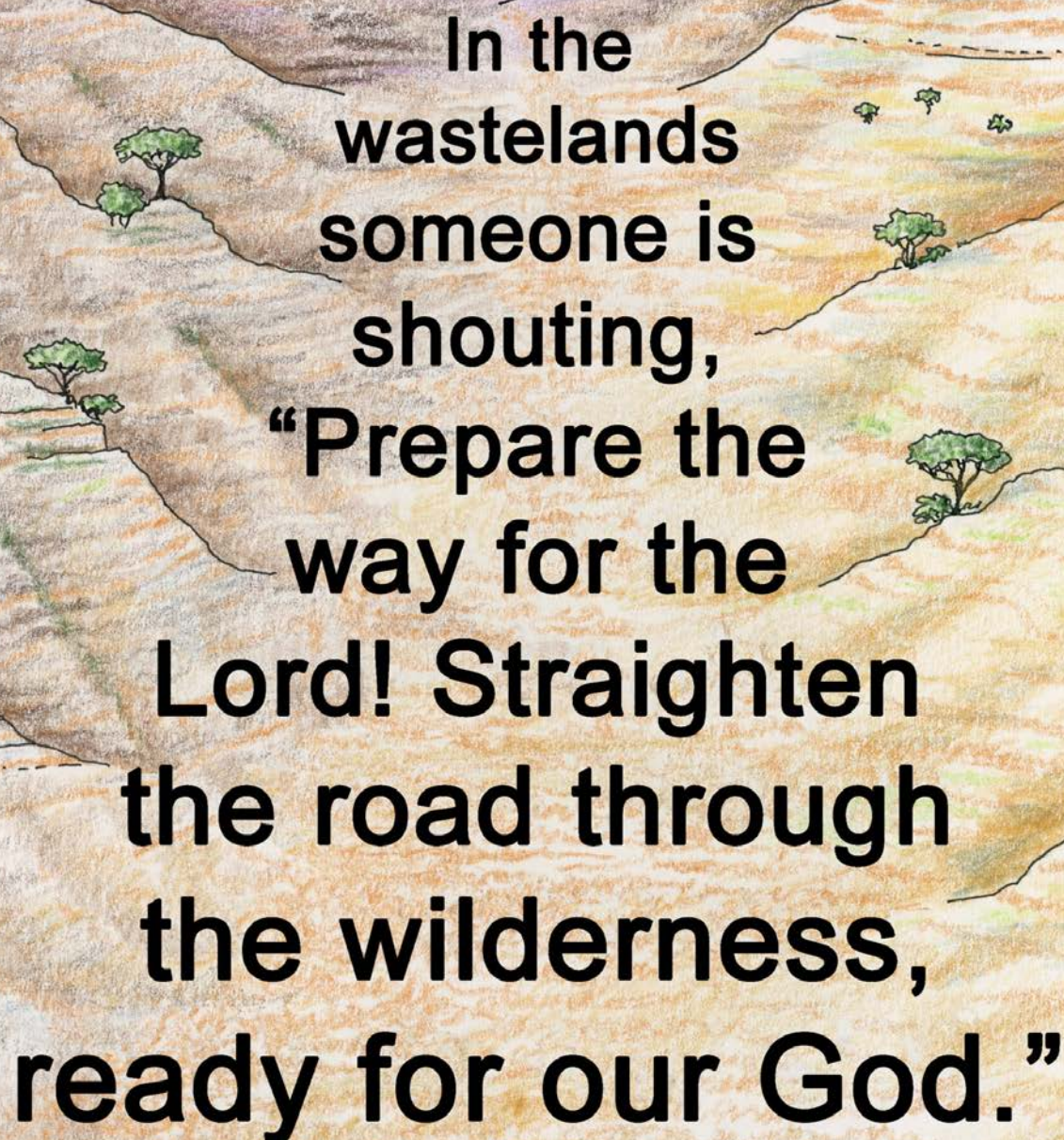


February 2025 Monthly News-sheet
St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's



In the
wastelands
someone is
shouting,
“Prepare the
way for the
Lord! Straighten
the road through
the wilderness,
ready for our God.”

Is 40:2, Mt 3:3, Mk 1:3 Lk 3:4, Jn 1:23

All February Services on back page!

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



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.

Pick up the latest copy of Word for Today



Christian Burials

Miss Gillian Nevin 10th January - Ratheane Private Nursing Home, late of 14 Newmills Road, Coleraine.



The death has occurred of **Shelagh Terry** Kinsale, Cork January 17th 2025 peacefully in the excellent care of the staff of Haven Bay Care Centre, Kinsale. **Shelagh** (née McGrath) of Coleraine, Northern Ireland, beloved wife of the late Don Terry.

Shelagh was predeceased by her parents Sara and Jim and brothers Craig and Ronnie. Shelagh will be sadly missed by her sister-in-law Cathy, nieces and nephews Sharon, Jimmy, Don, Deborah and Daniel. She is also remembered by her extended family, including her cousins, family of her late husband, and special friend Ciara Ferguson and her family.

Shelagh's faith, hope, sense of humour and determination will inspire us all for a long time to come. Even though she will be deeply missed, we know 'Everything will be okay.'

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired can be made to St. Multose Church, Kinsale or St. Patrick's Church, Coleraine.

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank you for the hope they bring.

In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour you had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs your light and revelation in this new year, 2025.

Lord – as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops – help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of each new day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

FEBRUARY PRAYER POINTS

‘The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.’ (John 1:5)

As we move into February and winter’s challenging weather continues, **we pray for the light of Christ to keep shining...**

...in our own lives, as we read God’s word daily, that we might practice what we sing in the hymn — ‘from the breaking of the dawn, to the setting of the sun, we stand on every promise of your word’ — and find God faithful in what he says.

...in our Parish life, as we would also apply the promises from Isaiah 43:1-7, which Bishop George preached on in a new year encouragement, urging us to depend on God’s loving care for us, his assurance that no disaster will destroy us and God’s clear promise of hope for our future — so relevant to our parish situation. We continue to pray for resolution and for Bishop George himself in all the challenges of his leadership in our diocese.

...in our community, and through us, as winter weather gives many opportunities to serve our neighbours. We remember that Jesus taught us (Matthew 25:40) that anything we do for ‘one of the least of these brothers (and sisters) of mine’, we do for him. What a privilege! Pray also for protection for all working to restore services after the storms, for all struggling without power or internet, for those caring for the sick and injured.

...in our world. Let us turn what we learn of world affairs in the media into prayer — for all troubled areas in the world, for every type of crisis and for world leaders in their efforts to resolve situations — assured that the light will never be extinguished.

...in the lives and work of our mission partners. Adding to last month’s prayer points, which were practical and ongoing, we remember: Claire and Walter on home assignment until the end of August, The Creighton family — and Pastor Michael and his three children, Trevor and Andrea as their move back to Sweden draws ever closer, Andrew and Joanne, refreshed, we trust, by a recent visit from Moira parish, Claire Holmes as she travels about in this weather and continues to recover.

(Fresh news comes onto the Mission Table as it is received)

We encourage you to use these prayer points daily.

Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’ (Matthew 28: 20)



Holy Communion
with Rev. Ian Ballentine



Bridie with all her
handknitted garments
for premature babies

Mother's Union's Next Meeting:

Feb 10 Putting your best foot forward - David Radcliffe
All Welcome!

SAFEGUARDING TRUST TRAINING Coleraine parish, St Patrick's and St Andrew's The next Safeguarding Trust training session will be held in St Andrew's, led by Revd. Canon Amanda Adams, rector of Ballyrashane, on Wednesday, February 12 at 7pm TBC This training is for all new leaders of parish children's and youth organisations, any leaders whose previous training was three years ago, and anyone visiting vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. It is a legal requirement on the parish to ensure that all leaders are trained, so please come if this applies to you.

The Choir will perform 'Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday time to be confirmed.



"If you have any old files etc. belonging to St. Patrick's please contact the office for Archive."



GATHERED MONTHLY INPUT

This section is all about **Gathered - A Partnership Ministry**, a new initiative to reach those with **little or no church connection**, with a focus on **young people and young families**, in partnership with St Patrick's Coleraine & St Andrew's Ballysally, The Grouped Parishes of Ballyrashane & Kildollagh, The Grouped Parishes of Ballintoy & Dunseverick with Rathlin Island and Dunluce Parish, Bushmills.

Gathered exists to '**gather**' **young people and young families** to help them **discover the love, joy and life only found in Jesus, by becoming lifelong disciples of Christ**. This new initiative is being led by Pioneer, **Jonny Diamond**. Jonny was brought up in Ballyrashane Parish Church and currently works **2 days a week for Gathered - A Partnership Ministry** and a further **3 days a week for local Youth Ministry Charity Exodus** as their Residential & Schools Development Worker. You might also see Jonny on a rugby pitch coaching the local Coleraine Grammar School Medallions, Ulster U16 North or refereeing around Ulster. Jonny enjoys drinking Hot Chocolate in local coffee shops Bothy and Sea Shed and spends his spare time with his girlfriend Hannah, playing board/card games with his friends or paddleboarding on our local waters.

Gathered came about as a small youth group associated with Ballyrashane & Kildollagh when a need was noticed about **scattered young people** in rural areas. Jonny started this while on placement as their Student Youth & Family Worker during his **BA (Hons) in Applied Theology with Youth and Community Work (JNC)** in 2021-2024. From small beginnings in 2021, Gathered has grown from a **youth group** into a **Partnership Ministry**. We discovered that working **across parish boundaries** in partnership, we could do **more together**, therefore we are **better together**. Gathered - A Partnership Ministry began in September 2024.

Gathered believes there is significance when people *gather* together, especially when followers of Jesus are *gathered* as we read in **Matthew 18:20** when Jesus says "for where two or three *gather* together as my followers, I am there among them."

In the **North Coast** area, approximately **1 in 4** to **1 in 5** people state that they have no faith, which is why we believe Gathered has a role to play in our local community. Gathered will minister in 3 ways - **outreach, discipleship and worship**.

Outreach - Reaching outside the church walls to engage with young people and young families where they are

Regular drop-ins in schools, community spaces and churches will provide an opportunity to reach young people and young families who do not walk through our church doors. Gathered will have a presence in our local secondary schools and also engage with our local communities in the North Coast Area.

Discipleship - Providing opportunities for young people and young families to become lifelong disciples of Christ

Gathered will be more than just connection and fun. We believe in the lifelong journey of discipleship, therefore we walk with Gathered members through Gathered Youth, Gathered Pods, Together Nights, an evening with Sunday School Leaders to share stories and food together, and BELIEVE our confirmation programme.

Worship - Providing a contemporary worship environment to meet the spiritual needs of Gathered members

We recognise Gathered as an 'as well as' rather than 'instead of' for people in our communities. You will see Jonny around the parish at our Sunday Morning Worship but also at Gathered Services which provide contemporary Anglican worship in the North Coast.

We are delighted to have St Patrick's Coleraine & St Andrew's Ballysally as part of Gathered - A Partnership Ministry and there are plenty of ways for members of the parish to get involved at the moment, with more opportunities come September 2025. You can find out more from our Gathered Vision book found at the back of the church.

What's Coming Up:

Sunday Club (4-11) - Every Sunday Morning @ Partnership Churches

Gathered Youth (12-18) - Every Sunday Evening 7pm-9pm @ Ballyrashane Glebe Hall

Gathered Service (All) - Sunday 23rd February 7pm @ Kildollagh Parish Church

Check out what has been happening:



**Gathered Youth on a
in Sunday Evening**

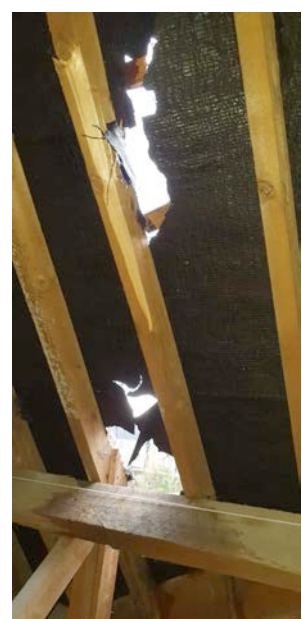
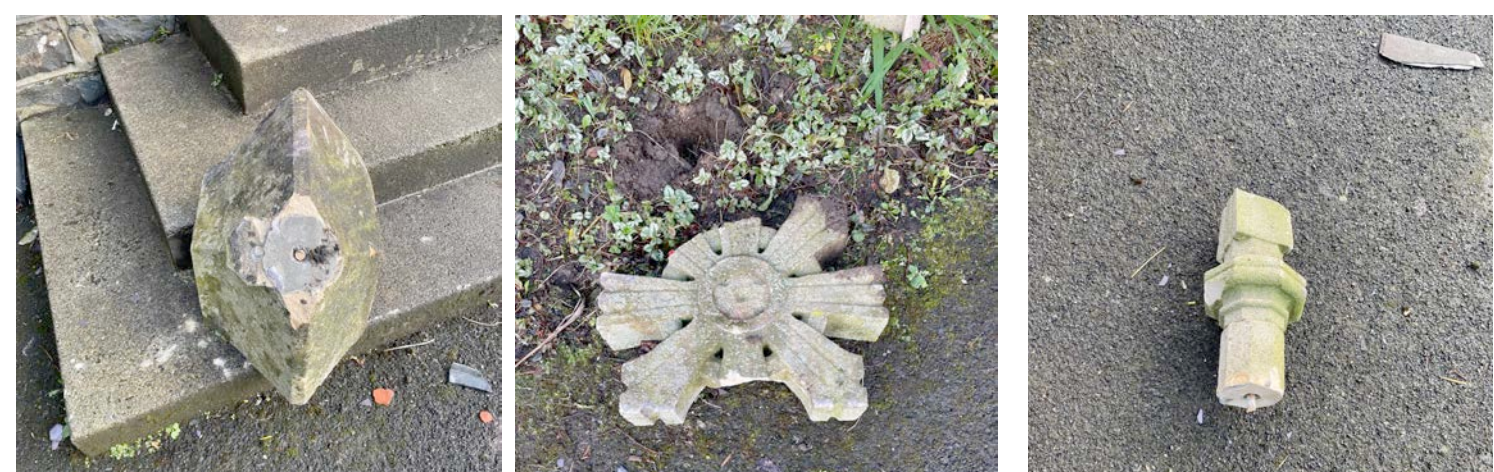


**Gathered Youth - Bowling & McDonalds
January**

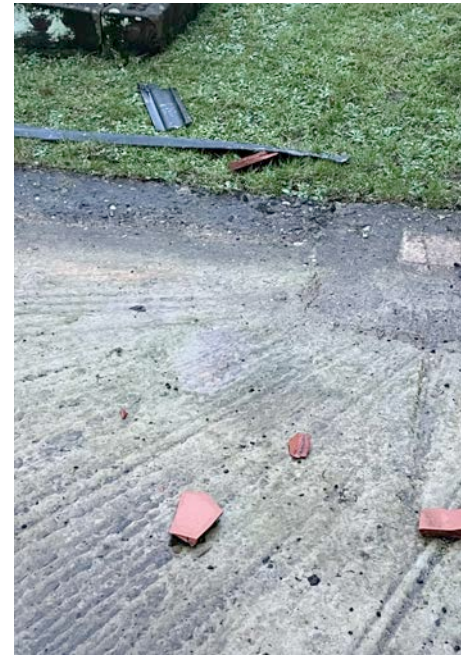


Storm Éowyn was an extremely powerful and record-breaking extratropical cyclone which hit Ireland, the Isle of Man and the United Kingdom on 24 January 2025 ...

Damage to St. Patrick's....



David trying to minimize the damage to Choir Vestry

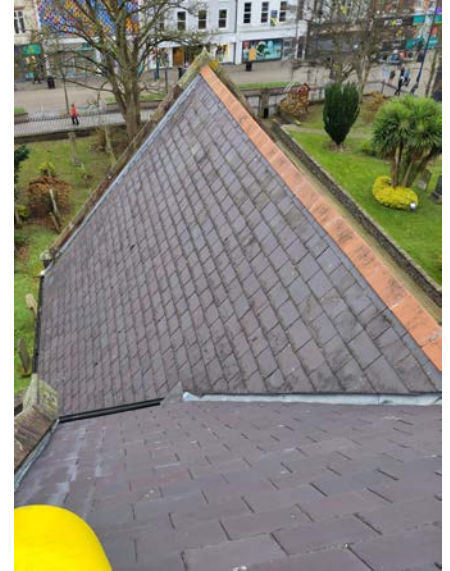
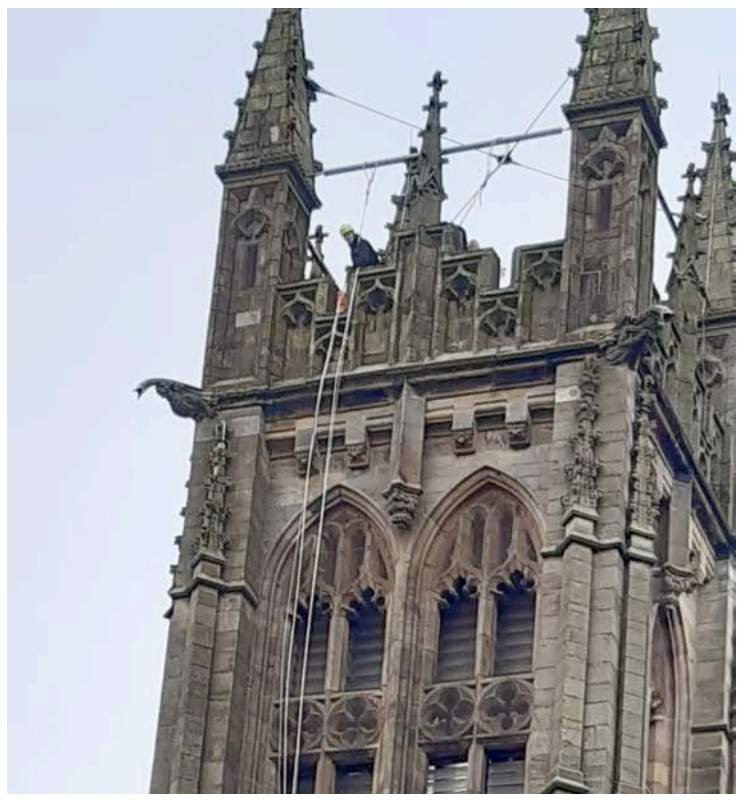


Your Parish Administrator and Glebe Warden braved the storm to let a plumber into St. Andrew's which thankfully was a lot safer than St. Patrick's!

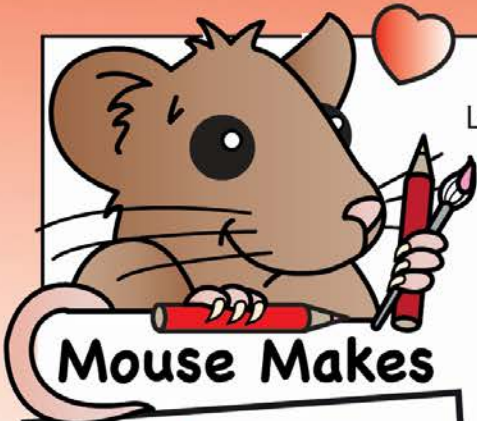
and... after the storm I noticed these popping their heads up...

A sign of a New Season...





I'm sure you'll agree there's a lot of work involved in the upkeep of an old Church! Even Joey the dog had a wee work experience day!



Mouse Makes

"Love is

love is _____
 It does not, _____
 it does not _____
 it is not _____
 it does not _____
 others, it is not self- _____

 it is not easily _____

 it keeps no record of _____
Love delights in _____

 it always _____

 from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The steadfast **love** of the Lord never _____;
 His _____ never come to an end;
 they are new every _____.
Lamentations 3:20-23

I pray... you will understand...
 the greatness of Christ's **love**,
 how _____
 and how _____
 and how _____
 that **love** is.
Ephesians 3:18-19

God is **love**.
 whoever _____
 in **love** _____
 in God, and God _____
 _____ in them.
1 John 4:16

Give _____
 to the Lord, for He is _____
 his steadfast **love**
 endures _____
Psalms 136:1

HOW DOES GOD LOVE ME?
God sent me a saviour:
 He sent His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.
1 John 4:9
God gave me His spirit:
 He has given you the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His **love**.
Romans 5:5
God called me His child:
 See what great **love** the Father has for us that He would call us His children.
1 John 1:3

DID YOU KNOW?
 Jesus told us to:
LOVE the Lord your God with all your **heart**, all your **soul** and with all your **mind**.
Matthew 22:37
LOVE your neighbour the same as you **love** yourself.
Matthew 22:39

P T Y D E B P O P T E L T
 E R D L N M A Y R F D G R A
 A U G O D J T H O P E F U L
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GOD • **LOVE**
 PATIENT • KIND
 GRACIOUS • PEACE
 JUST • TRUTHFUL
 TRUSTING • LOYAL
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 PROTECTS • DEFENDS



February 2025

ST PATRICK'S & ST ANDREW'S

SUNDAY – 2nd February

SEASON: Presentation of Christ in the Temple

ST PATRICK'S 10.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Canon Stuart Lloyd

LITURGICAL COLOUR WHITE

ST ANDREW'S, Ballysally 11.30am

HOLY COMMUNION

Canon Stuart Lloyd

WEDNESDAY – 5th February ST PATRICK'S 1.00pm HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Ian Ballentine

SUNDAY – 9th February

SEASON: 4th Sunday before Lent

ST PATRICK'S 10.00pm

MORNING PRAYER

Revd. Ian Ballentine

LITURGICAL COLOUR GREEN

ST ANDREW'S, Ballysally 11.30am

MORNING PRAYER

Revd. Ian Ballentine

WEDNESDAY – 12th February ST PATRICK'S 1.00pm HOLY COMMUNION Canon George Graham

SUNDAY – 16th February

SEASON: 3rd Sunday before Lent

ST PATRICK'S 10.00pm

FAMILY SERVICE

Revd. Robert Simpson

LITURGICAL COLOUR GREEN

ST ANDREW'S, Ballysally 11.30am

FAMILY SERVICE

Revd. Robert Simpson

WEDNESDAY – 19th February ST PATRICK'S 1.00pm HOLY COMMUNION Canon George Graham

SUNDAY – 23rd February

SEASON: 2nd Sunday before Lent

ST PATRICK'S 10.00pm

MORNING PRAYER

Canon J McCammon /Walter McConnell

LITURGICAL COLOUR GREEN

ST ANDREW'S, Ballysally 11.30am

MORNING PRAYER

Canon J McCammon/Walter McConnell

WEDNESDAY – 26th February ST PATRICK'S 1.00pm HOLY COMMUNION Revd. Robert Simpson