**Advent Sunday** **27 November 2022** **at St. Ignatius’, Carryduff**

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,  
**for He has visited and redeemed His people.**

**Christingle Service**

After worship, you are all warmly invited to come into the hall for refreshments.

## Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you.**

## Light of the World - Thanks & Praise 86

Light of the world,  
you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you’re my God;  
and you’re altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*\*

King of all days, O so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love’s sake became poor.

**And I’ll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross,  
And I’ll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.**

## Saying Sorry - God knows our secrets

For words spoken in haste which have hurt or upset others:  
**We are sorry, Lord. Please forgive us**

For things we have done which have been cruel, unkind or just thoughtless:  
**We are sorry, Lord. Please forgive us**

For thinking bad thoughts or planning revenge on those who have wronged us:  
**We are sorry, Lord. Please forgive us**

In your mercy, forgive us all,  
and help us to trust you today and always  
because Jesus alone is able to save us from our sins. **Amen.**

## Bible Reading - selections

## The Orange

1 We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from worthless things to the living God, who **made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them**. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without witnesses: he has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.

## The Ribbon

2 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge - but to be its saviour.

## The Sticks

3 People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

## The Fruit/Sweets

4 Then God said, ‘I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

## The Candle

5 Jesus spoke again to the people, and said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

## It's rounded like an orange - Hymn 165

It’s rounded like an orange,  
this earth on which we stand;  
and we praise the God who holds it  
in the hollow of his hand.

**So Father, we would thank you  
for all that you have done,  
and for all that you have given us  
through the coming of your Son.**

A candle, burning brightly,  
can cheer the darkest night,  
and these candles tell how Jesus  
came to bring a dark world light.

The ribbon round the orange  
reminds us of the cost;  
how the Shepherd, strong and gentle,  
gave his life to save the lost.

Four seasons with their harvest  
supply the food we need,  
and the Spirit gives a harvest  
that can make us rich indeed.

We come with our Christingles  
to tell of Jesus’ birth,  
and we praise the God who blessed us  
by his coming to this earth.

## The Advent Wreath - Light the First candle

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

## Candle Song - Thanks & Praise 3 verse 1

Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray;  
longing for the day of glory,  
‘Come, Lord, soon’, we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
changed for gladness on that Day.

## Prayers

# We ask God to help us be ready for when Jesus comes a second time.

# Prepare our hearts to receive him as our Master and Lord: **Maranatha! Lord Jesus, come!**

# Bring your healing to all who are broken or sad: **Maranatha! Lord Jesus, come!**

# Help us to show other people the love of Jesus: **Maranatha! Lord Jesus, come!\***

# **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.**

# **For thine is the kingdom,**

# **the power, and the glory,**

# **for ever and ever. Amen.**

## I’m gonna jump up and down - Thanks & Praise 62

I’m gonna jump up and down, I’m gonna spin right around,  
I’m gonna praise your name forever.

I’m gonna shout out loud, I’m gonna deafen the crowd,  
I’m gonna send my praise to heaven.

I will run this race and I will never stop. I’ll follow Jesus till the day I drop.  
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

When you’ve got such a lot, when you’ve got not a lot, what? Be happy!

## Christmas - without the madness

## In the bleak midwinter - Hymn 162:1,2,5

In the bleak mid-winter  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone:  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

2 Our God, heav’n cannot hold him,  
nor earth sustain;  
heav’n and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak mid-winter  
a stable-place sufficed the Lord God almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

3 What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

## Blessing

# Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

## Carol Services in December at St Ignatius’ Church

# Sunday 11th 6:00 pm Scout Carol Service

# Monday 12th 7:30 pm Christmas with Cadenza: £12, Under twelves: Free

# Sunday 18th 10:00 am Nativity Service and Festive Food

# Saturday 24th 11:00 pm Carols and Communion for Christmas Day

## Carol Services in December at St Andrew’s Church

# Sunday 4th 5:00 pm Lighting the Community Christmas Tree *with the band*

# Sunday 18th 3:00 pm United Carol Service *for both churches in Killaney*

# With refreshments afterwards.

## Wreath Making at Carryduff Hall £25

# Monday 5th at 10:00 am, Please book: sign up or call Vera 07449 629276‬