# 19 November 2023 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

# 10:00 and 12:00 at St. Ignatius' and St. Andrew's.

# Opening Hymn 51 - Awake, my soul

## Awake, my soul, and with the sun

## thy daily stage of duty run;

## shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise,

## to pay thy morning sacrifice.

## Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,

## and live this day as if thy last;

## improve thy talent with due care;

## for the great day thyself prepare.

## Let all thy converse be sincere,

## thy conscience as the noon-day clear;

## think how all-seeing God thy ways

## and all thy secret thoughts surveys.

## Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,

## and with the angels bear thy part,

## who all night long unwearied sing

## high praise to the eternal King.

## O Lord, direct, control, this day;

## all I design, or do, or say;

## that all my powers, with all their might,

## in thy sole glory may unite.

## Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

## praise him, all creatures here below;

## praise him above, ye heavenly host;

## praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# The Greeting - Hello and Welcome

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth will proclaim your praise.  
Let us worship the Lord. All praise to his name.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

# Penitence - saying sorry

#### Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

# Forgiveness - a reminder of God’s gift

# Preparing - to hear God’s word

### The lesson reader says:

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 - please be seated

A reading from 1st Thessalonians chapter 5 beginning at v 1

## 1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

# Children’s Spot - Children of the Light

# Thanks & Praise 153 - This little light of mine

## *This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. X3 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

## 1 The light that shines is the light of love, lights the darkness from above, it shines on me and it shines on you, and shows what the power of love can do. I’m gonna shine my light both far and near, I’m gonna shine my light both bright and clear. Where there’s a dark corner in this land I’m gonna let my little light shine.

## 2 On Monday he gave me the gift of love, Tuesday peace came from above. On Wednesday he told me to have more faith, on Thursday he gave me a little more grace. On Friday he told me just to watch and pray, on Saturday he told me just what to say, on Sunday he gave me the pow’r divine to let my little light shine.

# Sunday Club begins

# Psalm 123 - we stand to say

1  To you I lift up my eyes,      
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

2  As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,       
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3  So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,       
until he have mercy upon us.

4  Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
5  Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, and of the contempt of the proud.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•  
as it was in the beginning is now & shall be for ever Amen.

# Matthew 25:14–30 - please be seated

A reading from Matthew chapter 25 beginning at verse 14

## 14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ 21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ 23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ 26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 “ ‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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# Hymn 363 - O Lord of heaven and earth and sea

## O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, to you all praise and glory be; who loved us from eternity and gave us all.

## 2 The golden sunshine, gentle air, sweet flowers and fruit, your love declare; when harvests ripen, you are there you give us all.

## 3 For peaceful homes and healthful days, for all the blessings earth displays, we owe you thankfulness and praise you give us all.

## 4 Freely you gave your only Son, who on the cross salvation won; and in the life through him begun you give us all.

## 5 You sent your Spirit from above as wind and fire and gentle dove; and in his gifts of power and love you gave us all.

## 6 For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven, for means of grace and hopes of heaven, to you, O Lord, what can be given? You give us all.

## 7 We lose what on ourselves we spend; we have as treasure without end whatever, Lord, to you we lend you give us all.

## 8 Father, from whom we all derive our life, our gifts, our power to give: O may we ever with you live; you give us all.

# The Sermon - with Keith Shaw

# Offering Hymn 597 - Take my life, and let it be

## Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

## 2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

## 3 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

## 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

## 5 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

# Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

#### We believe in God the Father, from whom every familyvin heaven and on earth is named.

#### We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love

#### We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

#### We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Praying Together - Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer  
and finally  
Merciful Father,  
accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Sunday Collect - 2 before Advent

# The Lord’s Prayer - we pray with Jesus

## Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to pray:

#### Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

# Closing Hymn 643 - Be thou my vision

## Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

## 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

## 3 Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armour, and be thou my might; thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower: raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

## 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise: thou mine inheritance through all my days; thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

## 5 High King of heaven, when the battle is done, grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright heaven’s sun, Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

We go into the world  
to walk in God’s light,  
to rejoice in God’s love  
and to reflect God’s glory.

# Notices:

## **Wednesday 22nd** 11:30 am Midweek Service and Lunch

## Friday **Magazine Team** 11:00 time to be confirmed by team

## **Next Sunday**: 8:30 am Early Communion at Carryduff

## 10:00 Celebrate at Ten in Carryduff 12:00 Morning worship in Killaney

## **Christmas Wreath Making**: places available at 11:00 am on **Wednesday 29th** November. Please sign up or phone office.