**Killaney and Carryduff Sunday 25 August 2024**

**Thanks & Praise 27**

Come, sing the praise of Jesus,  
sing his love with hearts aflame,  
sing his wondrous birth of Mary  
when to save the world he came;  
tell the life he lived for others,  
and his mighty deeds proclaim,  
for Jesus Christ is King:

**Praise and glory be to Jesus,  
praise and glory be to Jesus,  
praise and glory be to Jesus,  
for Jesus Christ is King!**

**2** There’s joy for all who serve him,  
more than human tongue can say;  
there is pardon for the sinner,  
and the night is turned to day;  
there is healing for our sorrows,  
there is music all the way,  
for Jesus Christ is King:

**3** To Jesus be the glory,  
the dominion and the praise;  
he is Lord of all creation,  
he is guide of all our ways;  
and the world shall be his empire  
in the fulness of the days,  
for Jesus Christ is King:

**The Greeting**

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

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**

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you;**  
**we have broken your commandments;**  
**we have often been selfish,**  
**and we have not loved you as we should.**  
**For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:**  
**through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Preparing to read Ephesians 6:10-20**

*The lesson reader says:*

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
**So may the light of God's presence shine into our hearts.**

**Battle Armour**

A reading from Ephesians chapter 6 beginning at verse 10

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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

**Truth Spot** **Battle Dress**

**Psalm 119:141-148**

Show me how much you love me, Lord, **and save me according to your promise.**

Then I can answer those who insult me **because I trust in your word**.

Enable me to speak the truth at all times, **because my hope is in your judgements.**

I will always obey your law, for ever and ever. **I will live in perfect freedom, because I try to obey your teachings.**

I will announce your commands to kings **and I will not be ashamed.**

I find pleasure in obeying your commands, because I love them. **I respect and love your commandments; I will meditate on your instructions.**

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

**John 8:31-36**

A Reading from John Chapter 8 beginning to read at verse 31:  
To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?’ Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

**Hymn 125**

Hail to the Lord’s anointed,  
great David’s greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
he comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

**2** He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

**3** He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him, on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

**5** O’er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blessed:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is Love.

**Freedom through Truth** **John 8:31-32**

**Collection Hymn 487**

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies  
through his eternal Son;  
strong in the Lord of hosts,  
and in his mighty power:  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

**2** Stand, then, in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.  
To keep your armour bright  
attend with constant care,  
still walking in your Captain's sight  
and watching unto prayer.

**3** From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle, and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day;  
that, having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,  
and stand complete at last.

**Declaring Faith**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in 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**

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.**

**The Collect of The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Daily Collect For Peace**

**O God,**  
**the author of peace and lover of concord,**  
**to know you is eternal life,**  
**and to serve you is perfect freedom:**  
**Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,**  
**that we, surely trusting in your protection,**  
**may not fear the power of any adversaries;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Notices**

**Magazines** & bundles are ready to collect at door

Wednesday 10:00 am **Midweek Communion** in St Ignatius'.

**Diocesan Bible Week**   
Tuesday to Friday 7:45 pm at St Saviour's, Dollingstown  
with Bishop Stuart Bell

**Next Sunday 1st September**   
Parish Communion Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 in Carryduff 12:00 in Killaney  
*It is Larder/Foodbank Sunday too!*

**A Thanksgiving to God**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 643**

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.

**Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**