

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



7th Sunday after Trinity
26th July 2020

Reading – 1 Chronicles Chapter 29 verses 10-19

Address: *For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.*

These are words that end the Lord's Prayer, but they do not appear as Jesus' words in Luke's or Matthew's accounts. This does not make them any less biblical, and by the second generation of Christianity, the Lord's Prayer ended with these words. They sum up what Jesus had already taught us to pray. So far, he has taught us to say "...*Heavenly Father...*", reminding us that God is God. What follows is a call to worship in words "...*hallowed be thy name...*" and a call to trust with the words "...*give us this day our daily bread...*". Then comes a prayer for forgiveness, as we acknowledge our failure to worship and say "...*forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...*". Finally, Jesus concludes with a prayer for a new life with the words "...*lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...*". The words bring Jesus' teaching to a head. They may not be his exact words, but they encapsulate what he has taught us to pray. Ultimately the words remind us that God is God and we are not.

The words "...*for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever...*" come from the Old Testament, from 1 Chronicles. They are part of a prayer of King David: before dying he made provision for the temple that his son, Solomon, was destined to build. David's prayer, like the Lord's Prayer, was a message that God is God and we are not. David opened this prayer with praise for who God is: Lord, head and ruler of all things. David repeatedly acknowledged the rule and authority of God and he praised him for that rule, which is authoritative and limitless. God is ruler over everything in Heaven and Earth; the physical and metaphysical are under his authority: he is the ruler of all things, and his rule extends to everything and not just what the light touches "...*for everything in heaven and earth is his...*". God's rule is not only unlimited in terms of space, but also of time "...*from everlasting to everlasting...*", from infinity to infinity. This is the prayer of a disciple, someone who acknowledged the rule and authority of God. In response, David worshipped with integrity and faithfulness: his prayer is the Old Testament equivalent of the words "...*Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom Come thy will be done, on Earth as it is Heaven...*". The words remind us that God is God, and the truth is at the heart of the words that we pray "...*for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever...*".

Not only does David praise God for who he is, but he also acknowledges human shortcomings in the light of the Holy God. This great King, who extended the borders and wealth of his nation, asked "...*but who am I...?*" Who am I, before this great God, words of humility, words that David had

already sung earlier in his life: in Psalm 8 he wrote *"...what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them...?"*

David reminded us that everything we have comes from God. He referred to himself and his people as foreigners and strangers. In the ancient world, foreigners and strangers were helpless, and had no proper rights or security and were dependent on the provision of others. We cannot provide for ourselves or make something out of nothing. All things come from God: from the food we eat, to the clothes we wear, from the oil that heats our homes, to the water that quenches our thirst. All things have a source, we created none of them: everything comes from God. This is David's version of *"...give us this day our daily bread..."*: words which remind us that God is God, and we are not. This truth is at the heart of the words we pray *"...for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever..."*.

David's worship leads to a new way of life as he takes God's provision and uses it for His glory. He not only thanks God in this prayer, but pledges to use God's generosity. The same idea appears in 1 Corinthians, where Paul reminded us that it is God who provides for us, for His glory in service to one another. There we read *"...Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God..."*.

As we pray the words *"...give us this day our daily bread..."* we do so, not only with a spirit of humility and thankfulness, but also with generosity, using God's gifts to bring Him glory, reaching out in mission to love those around us. In St Patrick's Church we have committed ourselves to our 'mission statement' - "to welcome those who come through our door and serve those outside it". As a Church, we need to keep doing that, using the gifts that God has given us to bring His glory.

David prayed for his people to be faithful *"...keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever and keep their hearts loyal to you..."*: a prayer for a new way of life, of the true and living God which is manifested in love and generosity towards others in his service. This is a prayer for a new life *"...lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil..."*: words that remind us that God is God. The truth is at the heart of the words we pray *"...for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever..."*. The words with which we conclude the Lord's Prayer may not have come from the mouth of Jesus, but they are biblical - from the Old Testament - and are words that sum up what Jesus has taught us to pray. The words acknowledge God is God and we are not and challenge us to live and worship in the light of that truth.

Amen

Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have given us of your Kingdom. You invited us to share in your godly rule and in the riches of life which are eternal. Lord, teach us to seek you until we know and love you, and are aware of your transforming power in all the world.

We ask your blessing upon all who seek to proclaim the Good News of your Kingdom. We bring before you George, our Bishop Designate. Equip and inspire him for the task to which you called him. We pray for Andrea as she prepares for ordination to the diaconate, inspire and strengthen her for the role for which she has been called. Lord, fill your ministers with your spirit so that they may draw people to you and grow to be more like your son, Jesus Christ.

Lord we ask for the gift of discernment in those who influence the lives of others. We pray for all involved in shaping our world through governance, asking that you would give them wisdom for the tasks ahead, particularly in dealing with the COVID crisis.

We give thanks for the great riches you have given us through our home and loved ones. May we always appreciate the care and attention that have been shown to us. As we have richly received, so may we share. As we are loved, so may we love.

May we not lose sight of the things eternal among all that happens in our lives. We ask your blessing upon all who are sick in body and mind and remember particularly Freda, Jean, Kate, Desi, Walter, Helen, Kate, David, Dani, Eleanor and Derek. We also bring before you all who mourn the loss of a loved one and particularly at this time, the McKillop, Nevin & Black, Ramsey, Foster and Thompson & Lucas families.

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Parish Magazine – Autumn 2020

Articles for the Autumn 2020 edition of the Parish Magazine should be with the editor by Wednesday 19th August 2020 please.

They can be emailed to the editor at

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From next week 2nd August, we will be on YouTube at 11.30am at www.youtube.com/channel/UC6tcPjZbMe0muLYrskLvbbQ/videos or via the website

www.stpatricksbroughshane.com. – Noticeboard then click on the Service you require and on **Facebook** through our Facebook page

You can also listen to the Service on the **telephone** after 1pm on Sunday on **028 2517 0014** (*calls are charged at local rate*)



And every **Monday** at 12 noon on **Facebook** for readings and prayers.

Heroes of Incredible Faith concludes this Wednesday 29th July at 12noon looking at **P.T. Forsyth**. Join us on Facebook as we look back at another great figure of the Christian faith.



A Question of Faith
5th August - Faith and Reason
Prof. Stephen Williams
12th August - Faith and Science
Rev Dr Ron Elsdon
19th August - Faith and the Bible
Rev Dr Peter Sanlon

and **26th August - Faith and Suffering** - Gareth Black
Join us at 12noon on Wednesday via the links above.

Weekly Collections - Standing Order, Cheque or Envelopes?



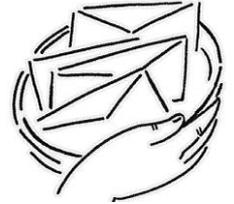
Would you consider setting up a Standing Order instead of envelopes? If so, please contact

Desi at darmstrong56@outlook.com or
the Rector at revdrapcampbell@gmail.com



You could send your usual offerings by cheque.

Of course, you can continue to put your offerings in the Church envelopes and hand them in later.



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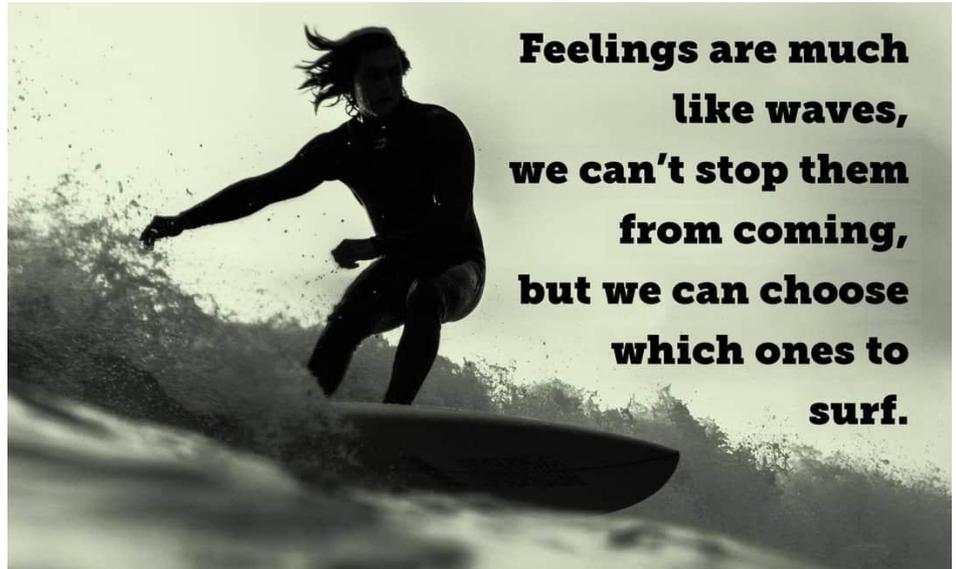
**Connor Diocese Holiday Bible Club
'Cabin Fever' 3rd – 7th August**
on YouTube and via the Ripple & Diocesan websites and the Ripple Facebook page.

There are two parts to the club each day which will premiere at 10am and 11:30am with a short break in between. There will be activities to do at home during the break.

Science experiments, warm-ups, games, puppets, crafts, memory verses, prayer activities and drama! We will compare the story of Noah's whilst on the ark for over a year with our experiences of lockdown.

Make 'Cabin Fever' part of your August!!

Congratulations, Helen



Feelings are much like waves, we can't stop them from coming, but we can choose which ones to surf.

"Sad Thing About This Joe... Is In 70 Years We'll Be Doing The Same Thing and Still Be Bald and No Teeth and Wearing Diapers":)



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The secret, Alice, is to surround yourself with people who make your heart smile. It's then, only then, that you'll find Wonderland.

The Lord's Prayer

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**For Thine is the
kindom and the power
and the glory
forever, Amen.**

Matt 6:13b