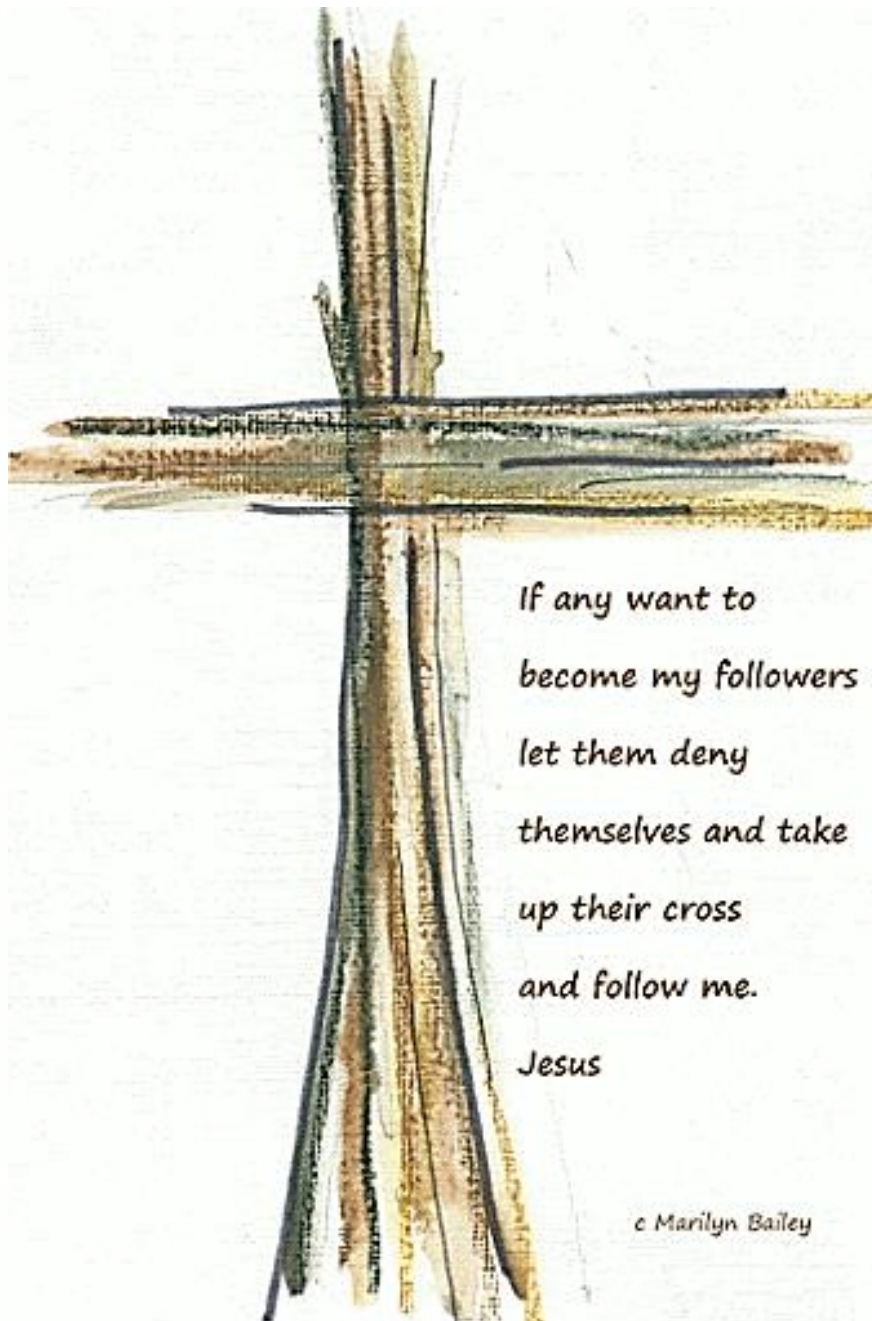


# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

This week's service was led by Rev Dr Andrew Campbell and the preacher was Rev Chris Pierce

## Readings

**Epistle: Romans Chapter 12 verses 9-21**

**Gospel: St Matthew Chapter 16 verses 21-28**

## Address

We have heard those two lessons. Now let us consider the Gospel first. Jesus and the Apostles were making their way towards Jerusalem when he stopped them, and he laid out what would happen to him. He would suffer at the hands of the religious establishment, the Pharisees and Scribes and he would die, but then on the third day he would be raised back to life. This was not what the Apostles expected to hear.

Peter was confident in his relationship with Jesus and, being upset, rebuked Jesus. To his surprise, he found himself being rebuked in return for his pretentious rebellion. He did not realise that Jesus was revealing divine truth, so he argued. Jesus described Peter's rebuke as Satanic "*...Get thee behind me, Satan...*". This shocked Peter, so Jesus laid out the cost of discipleship to his followers.

First, he explained his purpose, that his way was the way of God not of Man. He told them that self-denial was essential, and it meant 'taking up the cross' daily and following him. This was a very deep point to make. He did mean that they should be prepared to die for Christianity. Just think of how many Christians have literally 'taken up their cross': even today in the Middle East there are some dying on crosses for their faith. Jesus also told them that to lose one's life for Him, for Christ, is to gain true and everlasting life.

However, after his death, the Son of Man, Jesus, would return in glory with his angels. He promised he would sit in judgment and reward everyone according to their effort. Imagine what that will be like. But Jesus spoke with joyful optimism of forgiveness and said that God's plan was not our plan.

Turning to the first lesson, the Epistle, Paul explained to the Romans, and explains to us, the character of the discipleship: what is demanded by allegiance to Christ. 'What does it look like'? The requirements are, perhaps, the opposite of the world's ways. We need to love honestly and to "*...cleave to that which is good...*", old-fashioned words but no less true for that. We need to lead 'God-fashioned' lives and be fervent in spirit. We should rejoice in hope and be patient in tribulation, however difficult that might be. We should give to those who have needs; genuine

hospitality, something deeply Christian. Remember, too, Jesus himself said “...*Bless those that persecute you, for my sake...*” and “...*be not wise in your own conceit...*”, but he also said “...*vengeance is mine...*”. So, we must try to emulate Jesus, the Master, in our daily living and remember that he will come in judgment. We need to think about how this impacts on us: we must not be of this world even whilst we are in it.

Finally, I have three questions for you. Where, like Peter, have we argued with Jesus: haven't we all done that? Are we willing to deny ourselves and follow Jesus, unlike the rich, young man in Bible who could not bring himself to do so? And when Jesus comes again in judgment, will there be enough evidence to 'convict' us as Christians?

**Amen.**

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## Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for in your Son you have come among us and shared in our humanity, that we may come to you and share in your divinity. You have given us a wonderful Saviour and revealed the depth of your love. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord God, we seek to do your will, that your Church may be the instrument of your peace and salvation. We ask your blessing upon all who go out in mission and all who proclaim the Good News and remember especially any who risk their lives and wellbeing for the sake of doing your will. We pray for all who seek to dedicate their lives to you and your glory.

Lord God, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We ask your blessing upon all who strive to bring healing and wholeness to peoples and nations. We pray for peacekeeping forces, and all who endeavour to maintain law and order. We pray for the United Nations and for our queen and government.

Lord God, may we reveal your will in our homes by living together in love and peace. We ask your blessing upon our loved ones and friends. May we encourage one another and build each other up to do your will. We pray for all who suffer from bad housing or live in areas of deprivation. We ask your blessing upon all who seek to relieve the needs of the poor.

Lord God, we pray today for all who are suffering from strained or broken relationships we remember all who are in trouble and those who have been led astray. We pray for all who are caught up in drugs or vice. May they be given the chance of new directions and new beginnings. We pray for friends and loved ones who are ill or in trouble and we remember especially Freda, Jean, Katie, David, Helen, Desi, Kate, Eleanor, Dee and Derek.

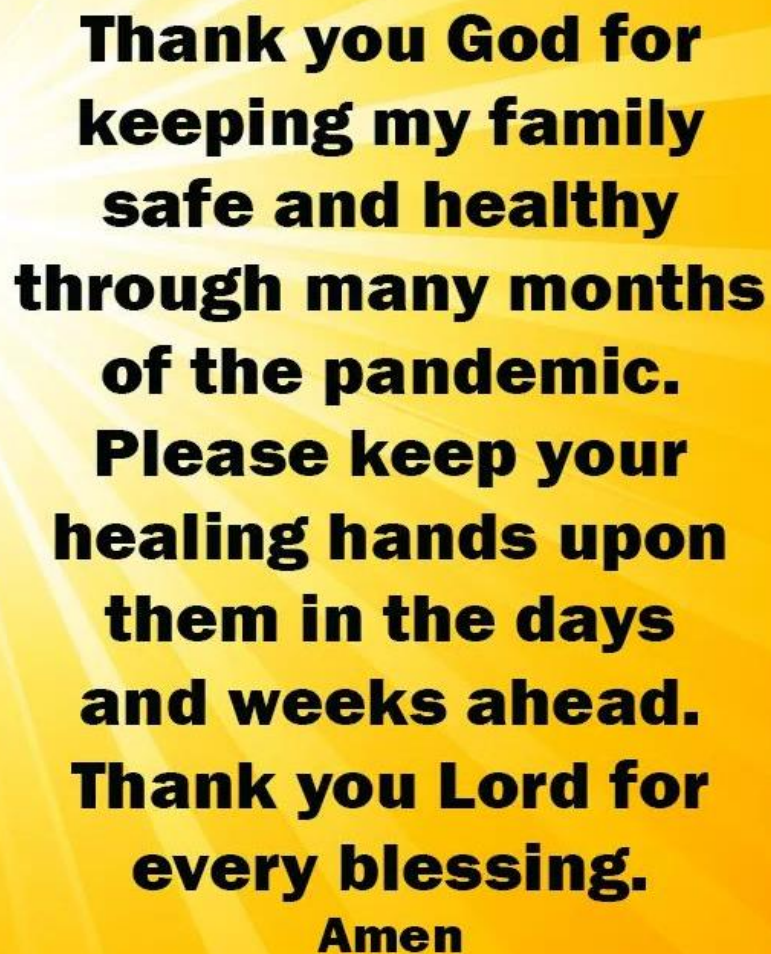
Lord God, we give you thanks for our salvation through Jesus Christ our Saviour and we thank you for the joy of your presence and the fullness of life eternal.

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

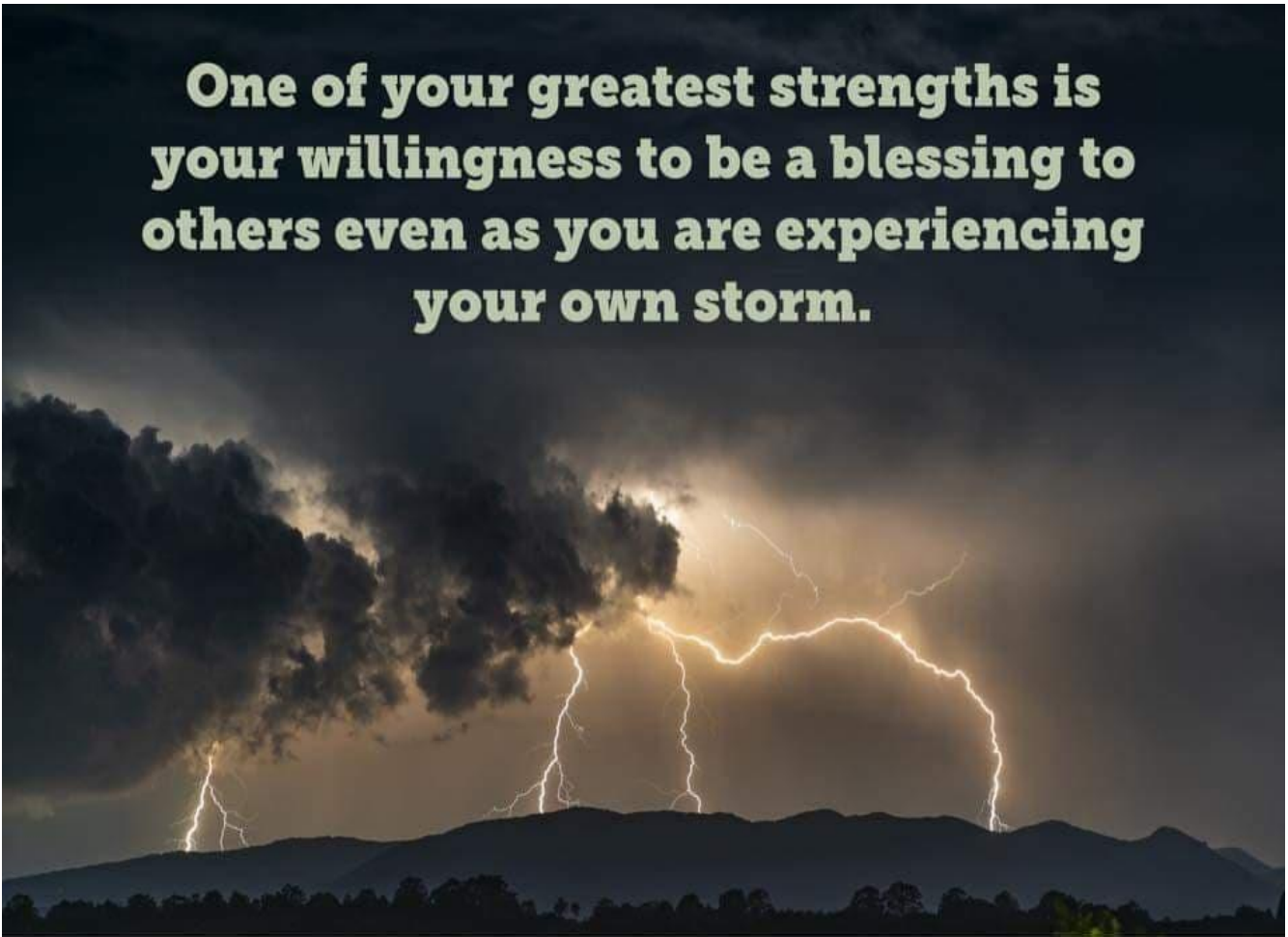
**Amen**

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**Thank you God for  
keeping my family  
safe and healthy  
through many months  
of the pandemic.  
Please keep your  
healing hands upon  
them in the days  
and weeks ahead.  
Thank you Lord for  
every blessing.  
Amen**



**One of your greatest strengths is  
your willingness to be a blessing to  
others even as you are experiencing  
your own storm.**



## **Return to In-Church Worship**

Dear Friends

Since 22<sup>nd</sup> March our church buildings have been closed, and though we have continued to meet via various media, we look forward to physical regathering. I want to pay tribute to the many members of our Church family who have kept us together via online services, the Parish Bulletin and telephone calls. As we move towards regathering, we hope to open the buildings on 6<sup>th</sup> September. Initially, this will only be for worship, funerals and weddings. I should add that anyone displaying COVID related symptoms should not attend Church gatherings but continue to worship online.

Our time together will, however, be different as we align ourselves with 'The Church of Ireland Return to In-Church Worship' protocols and government guidelines. These will mean changes for our worship together. Social distancing will significantly limit the capacity of buildings, and you will be shown to your seats by the churchwardens and welcome team. Additionally, there will be no singing, and for the safety of your fellow worshippers, we ask that you wear a mask. Finally, you will notice that there will be an absence of prayer books, Bibles and hymnals in the pews and porch. To facilitate these required changes the Select Vestry has implemented a strategy offering safe substitutes that allow our Church to reopen. These include a second service in the church hall at 10:30am to maximise the number of people who can gather physically for worship. There will be set doors for entrance (The Buckna door in the church building and main door in the hall). Initially, we ask people to bring their own prayer books or download & print the Order of Service from the Church website or Facebook page. We are also in the process of updating our audiovisual equipment, which will allow live streaming, and for the Order of Service and substitute videos to be displayed on screens.

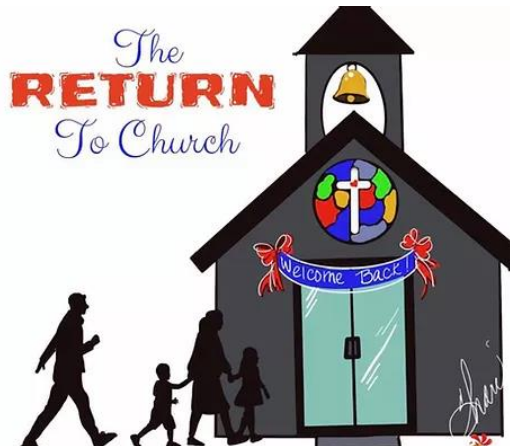
These are some of the steps we have taken to enable reopening on 6th September. A list of guidelines is now available on the Church website and Facebook page. Please take time to read them in preparation for physical gathering together.

I want to thank the Select Vestry for its hard work preparing for this important step in the life of our Church family, and ask you to continue to pray to for the members and myself at this unprecedented time.

Your Friend and Rector

Andrew





We aim to reopen the buildings on 6th September 2020 with Morning Call in the Hall at 10:30am and Morning Service in the Church at 11:30am.

You will be guided to your seats by the Welcome Teams. Further guidance can be found on the website at

[www.stpatricksbroughshane.com](http://www.stpatricksbroughshane.com) - Noticeboard

We are on YouTube at 11.30am at

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC6tcPjZbMe0muLYrskLvbbQ/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6tcPjZbMe0muLYrskLvbbQ/videos)

or via the website [www.stpatricksbroughshane.com](http://www.stpatricksbroughshane.com). – Noticeboard then click on the Service you require or 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*)

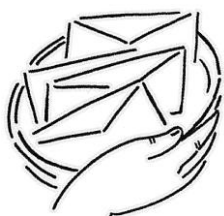


## Weekly Collections - Standing Order, Cheque or Envelopes?

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

Desi at [darmstrong56@outlook.com](mailto:darmstrong56@outlook.com) or

the Rector at [revdrapcampbell@gmail.com](mailto: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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Be bold enough to use your voice,  
brave enough to listen  
to your heart and  
strong enough to live  
the life you've always  
imagined.



**WHEN SOMEONE IS GOING  
THROUGH A ROUGH TIME, JUST  
SIT WITH THEM, NO PREACHING,  
NO JUDGEMENT, JUST BE THERE  
FOR THEM.**

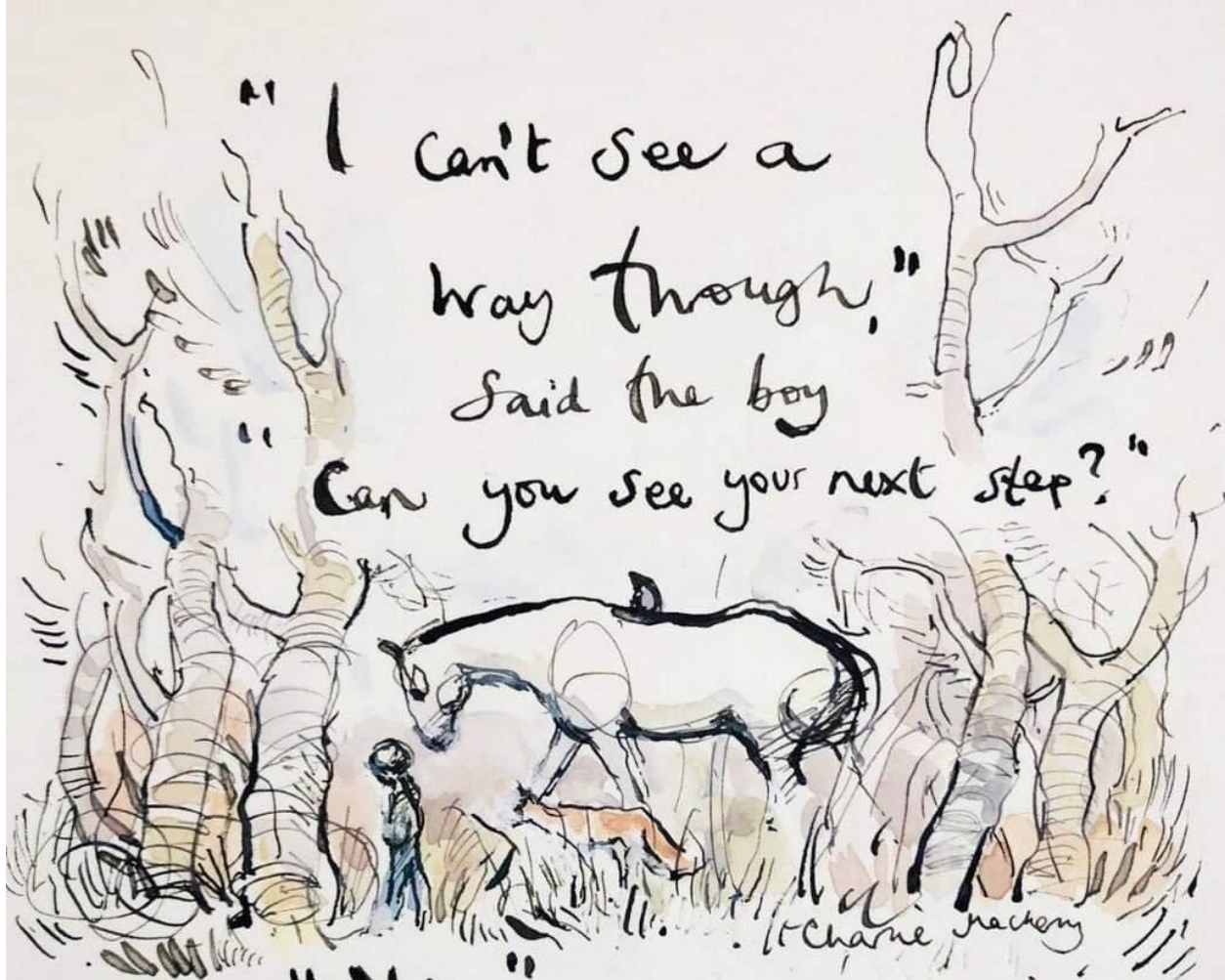


The Stewardship Committee's latest budget raising idea:  
4-Channel headsets.





"I can't see a  
way through,"  
said the boy  
"Can you see your next step?"



"Yes"  
"Just take that," said  
the horse