



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday**

### **St Patrick's Day**

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.

An audio loop system is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

**Today: Sunday 17th March 2024**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**

**10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist for St Patrick's Day**

**6:30p.m. Stainer's Crucifixion**

**The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004**

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Office Setting	Davison / Ives

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**Collects**

Almighty God,  
in your providence you chose your servant Patrick  
to be the apostle of the Irish people,  
to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error  
to the true light and knowledge of your Word:  
Grant that walking in that light  
we may come at last to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

## **Lenten Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading **Deuteronomy 32:1-9**

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;  
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.  
May my teaching drop like the rain,  
my speech condense like the dew;  
like gentle rain on grass,  
like showers on new growth.  
For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;  
ascribe greatness to our God!

The Rock, his work is perfect,  
and all his ways are just.  
A faithful God, without deceit,  
just and upright is he;  
yet his degenerate children have dealt falsely with him,  
a perverse and crooked generation.  
Do you thus repay the Lord,  
O foolish and senseless people?  
Is not he your father, who created you,  
who made you and established you?  
Remember the days of old,  
consider the years long past;  
ask your father, and he will inform you;

your elders, and they will tell you.  
When the Most High apportioned the nations,  
when he divided humankind,  
he fixed the boundaries of the peoples  
according to the number of the gods;  
the Lord's own portion was his people,  
Jacob his allotted share.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm -**

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4:1-12**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John chapter four beginning at verse thirty one. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**John 4:31-38**

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**Post Communion Prayer**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Services this week**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Lenten Compline with address 7:30pm.** 5/5 livestreamed YouTube  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Eucharist** with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side chapel.

*A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.*

**Next Sunday: Palm Sunday 24.03.24 Holy Week begins**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Palm Procession.** Coffee/tea will follow this service and all are welcome.

**Service in Holy Week & at Easter**

Monday – Wednesday in Holy Week Holy Communion 10:30am

Spy Wednesday 7:30pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday 10:30am Eucharist with prayer for those in need; 7:30pm Choral

Eucharist with stripping of the altar and The Watch for one hour after the service

Good Friday 12-3pm The Three Hours. Speaker: Rev. Canon Raymond Fox will give four addresses. This will be followed by tea and hot cross buns in the L'Estrange Hall.

Holy Saturday 10:30am Preparing the church for Easter Day. All help is welcome.

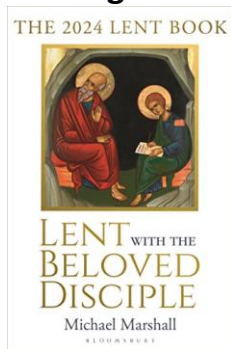
Easter Day 9.00am Eucharist for Easter Morning; 10:30am Festal Eucharist



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**Lent Book**

**This year the following book by Bishop Michael Marshall is suggested for devotional reading. It is also the book on which the short addresses at Lenten Compline will be based.**



**The book is available in the vestibule for a discounted price of £10 before and during Lent and is also available to order from The Bookwell.**

**Lenten Compline Wednesdays 7:30pm with short addresses based on 'Lent with the Beloved Disciple'**

**'Lent with the Beloved Disciple': meditations on John's Gospel at Lenten Compline**

*1. 21st February - 'The Pilgrimage of Faith', John 1:35-42*

Based on the Marshall's Prologue, with the title taken from one of the sub-sections of this, reflecting on Jesus' question to the disciples of the Baptist - 'What are you looking for?' - and his subsequent invitation to them, 'Come and see'.

*2. 28th February - 'A Different Perspective', John 13:3-15*

Based on Chapter 1, which addresses the foot-washing, the disciples' dispute, and Judas.

*3. 6th March - 'A Night to Remember', John 18:1-27*

Based on Chapter 2, addressing Christ before Annas and Caiaphas, and Peter's denials.

*4. 13th March - 'The Power Game', John 18:28-19:16 (or part thereof)*

Based on Chapter 3, addressing Christ before Pilate, and the roles of the crowd and the religious leadership.

*5. 20th March - 'Transforming Power', John 19:17-30*

**Based on Chapter 4, addressing the Crucifixion and the Atonement.**

**Giving and Stewardship** in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or [secstjohns@btconnect.com](mailto:secstjohns@btconnect.com). Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

**The select vestry will shortly be launching a Stewardship Appeal in the parish. An Appeal leaflet explaining this will soon be distributed to all homes. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated as we seek to address the shortfall in meeting our day to day costs and plan for the future.**

**Organising your wedding in St John's**

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.



If you are considering donating any items to the foodbank then we would really appreciate any of the following...

Tinned meat Tinned potatoes/ Smash Long life juice Tinned soup Toiletries Toilet roll Washing up liquid Washing powder You can either pop the items directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the foodbank.

We are open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.

Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR

Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on

[info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk)

ITEMS REQUIRED AT PRESENT: *Please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.*

Long life juice; Tinned fish; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Jars of jam; Tinned rice pudding;

Tinned potatoes or Smash; Toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste etc.

### **This year our inter-church meetings for Lent 2024 are as follows.**

The series will be over four weeks: Each session will begin at 7.30pm. On each evening there will a presentation, and discussion.

This Lent many of us will be giving something up, but it would be meaningful if we could relate this to reducing our carbon emissions.

The theme of the series is: **The Gospel of Creation - caring for our common home.**

- 20th Feb: *The state of Our Common Home*
- 27th Feb: *Eco-Spirituality*
- 12th March: *Integral Ecology*
- 19th March: ***Action and Spirituality: Where to, now, for our communities in Belfast?***

**The venue:** The Conference Centre, Newforge Sports Complex, 18b Newforge Lane, Belfast BT9 5NW. All are welcome including non parishioners.

At this we hope to learn more about how to connect our respective faith traditions with actions on the climate crisis and go green or at least a greener shade of violet this Lent!

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