

St Canice's News

14 July 2024



Trinity 7

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

KEEP YOUR PROMISES

We don't have to look far to see the difficulty people can get into when ever they fail to keep a promise. Leaders and politicians are often accused, rightly or wrongly, of letting people down in this way. But today's sermon focuses on an instance where keeping a promise leads to even greater problems!

NEXT SUNDAY 21 JULY

11am: Holy Communion

OPEN GARDEN

Not long left to enjoy Eileen's Open Garden! Groups of four to ten by appointment every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until 21st July. Call 07748570573 or 07817941884 to book.

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There are a few left at the back of the church for collection and delivery. Thanks.

8.30AM HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that there will be no 8:30am services in July and August.

PRAYER CHAIN

For confidential prayer for anyone (including yourself), please call/text Ann 07547202649.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Run every Tues between 1.00pm and 1.50pm in St Augustine's church in Londonderry. Admission is free. This coming Tuesday, 16th July, the artist is Aoibhin Stewart.

FESTIVAL OF CLOAKS

The Festival of Cloaks is on display in St Columb's Cathedral. The exhibition, which commemorates St Brigid of Kildare, features around 40 ceremonial garments, with the four cloaks of St Brigid, representing the four provinces of Ireland, as its centrepiece. The cloaks will remain on display until 31st August. If you'd be interested in joining a group to visit, including enjoying lunch together in St Augustine's café afterwards, please let the Wardens know.

THANK YOU

To Betty and Ernest Moore for their fundraising afternoon tea and raffle last week. Thank you also to parishioners and friends who supported it. The money raised will go towards the Building Fund.

THRIFT SHOP

We will have gaps in our shifts to fill over the summer period while volunteers take a break. If you feel you could cover a shift some time in July or August, please let the Wardens know. Thank you.

CINEMA CLUB

We are planning to go to Brunswick Moviebowl this coming Tuesday night, 16th July, at 8.00pm to see Fly Me to the Moon. It's described as "a sharp, stylish comedy-drama set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing". Tickets are £4. Please let the Wardens know if you would like to join us. Lifts can be arranged.

FOOD BANK

Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK where support with food costs for low-income families is not available during the summer holidays. Financial support ended in April 2023. The Trussell Trust, which runs foodbanks, explains that they gave out 49% more food parcels to families in Northern Ireland in July and August 2023, after the grant was axed, than it had the year before. So, if you can, please consider putting some items in the yellow bin at the back of the church. We will ensure all items are delivered promptly to the local Food Bank, so that families can receive the help when they need it. Thank you.



LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS



In St Columb's Cathedral, every Thursday in July between 1.10pm and 1.50pm. 18th July – Jack Wilson, and 25th July – Stephen Hamill. Not many people know that behind the few dozen pipes you can see in the Cathedral, are nearly four thousand pipes ranging in size from less than an inch to around sixteen feet in height. Each pipe contributes its own voice to a stunning ensemble of sounds. Admission is free.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*God didn't remove
the Red Sea, He
parted it.*

*Sometimes God
doesn't remove your
problems, He makes
a way through them.*

OCCASIONS

Happy birthdays to Pamela Harvey, Alan Thompson, and Teddy Kitson. Please let the Rector know of your special occasions.

RECTOR

Canon Paul is now back from holiday (it was good!). Thank you to Canons Stewart and Matt for their help in leading worship while he was away. Canon Paul will be off on Thursday this week.

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The Collect and Readings

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 Sam. 6: 1-5, 12-19

David gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand, and David and all the people set out from Baale-judah, to bring up the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, out of the house of Abinadab. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the cart. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David brought up the ark of God to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being. When David had finished, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, both men and women; to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Mark 6: 14-29

Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came on Herod's birthday. He gave a banquet for his courtiers and the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' He solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' She rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.