

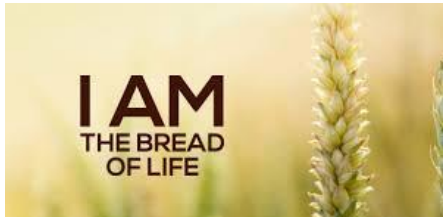
St Canice's News

27 April 2025



Easter 1

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



The Sunday after Easter is often referred to as "low" Sunday, after the "high" celebration of Easter the previous week. There is nothing "low" however about the story featured in today's gospel reading as Jesus leaves two disciples on a high as they encounter his living presence in the breaking of bread. Many thanks to parishioner Rev John White, who is our preacher this morning. .

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am: Holy Communion in the Parish Room

11am: A Service of the Word

JAM: Please note that our JAM children's activity restarts next Sunday, 4th May.

MUSIC IN MAY CONCERT POSTPONED

Regretfully, the musical evening planned for 14th May has had to be postponed. Please watch this space for details of a new date.

CONFIRMATION

takes place on Sunday 11 May at our 11am service, and the first Communion of those recently confirmed will be the following Sunday, 18th May. There will be a rehearsal and final session on Sunday 4th May at 6pm. Please pray for the candidates: Anna, Catherine, Chloe, Isa-Mae, Maggie, Olivia, Rosa, Jack, and Jensen, that they will be given strength to keep the promises they make and find ways to play their part in the life of the church.

EILEEN'S OPEN GARDEN

Treat yourself and your friends to a visit to Eileen Hepburn's wonderful garden. The garden will be open from 2 May until 29th June on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 1 and 5pm. Suggested donation £5, or £10 to include tea and cake. By appointment only with William (07817 941884) or Eileen (07748 570573). Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Following the devastating earthquake in South East Asia, the Bishops' Appeal sent emergency assistance of €10,000 to Christian Aid's appeal for Myanmar. Parishes and individuals are encouraged to donate directly to Christian Aid to ensure that what we can give reaches those affected as swiftly as possible. See

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate>

RECTOR'S RETIREMENT

We are organising a lunch on Sunday 18th May, immediately after church, to thank Canon Paul for his almost ten years as our Rector. This will be his last Sunday leading our worship as Rector. The lunch will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall. Tickets are £20 (adult) and £10 (children). The cost will cover a main course (turkey and ham or roast beef), pudding, and tea and coffee. We need to know numbers attending for catering purposes, so please book your place(s) with the Wardens as soon as possible. Some parishioners have said they would like to contribute to a leaving gift. You may do so through the Wardens or the Treasurer, Ernest Moore.

SELECT VESTRY

Will meet on Monday 28th April at 7.30pm in the mobile. Please pray for this new Vestry as they continue with their work of finishing the Canice Centre.

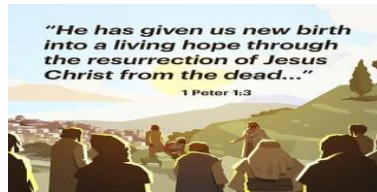
ADMINISTRATION



We encourage you to complete the GDPR and gift aid forms you were sent in December please. If you've mislaid them, please let the

Wardens know and we can provide new forms, which are at the back of the church. The Rector is keen to ensure that the new incumbent has as complete and up-to-date list of parishioners as possible. Many thanks.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



BRITANNIA WIND CONSORT

Will play a lunchtime recital on Wednesday 7th May in Christ Church, Infirmary Road, Londonderry, starting at 1.10pm. Music ranges from Baroque to Modern. Admission is free, although a voluntary contribution can be offered.

VE DAY SERVICE

A civic service will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th May to mark the 80th anniversary of 'Victory in Europe Day'.

OCCASIONS

Happy birthday this week to Sam McKnight (4), Charlie Donnell, and Rev John White. Please let us know of your special occasions.

RECTOR

Canon Paul plans to be off on Thursday this week.

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The Collect and Readings

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acts 5: 27-32

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Luke 24: 13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.