



**Next Sunday's Propers**

**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Celebrant and Preacher - Rev. Damon Plimmer*

**Sentence:** 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. *Isaiah 55: 9*

**Collect:** Holy God, merciful and patient over all creation, your Son confronts our casual and fruitless ways; fire our hearts with your compassion: quicken our minds against deceit and shallowness; strengthen our wills to resist evil and follow Christ. AMEN.

**Readings:** Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

**Liturgy:** 456

**Christ is the world's Light, he and no other;**  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Peace, he and no other;  
no man can serve him and despise his brother  
who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Life, he and no other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our Brother -  
he who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and no other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother:  
glory to God on high.

*Fred Pratt Green*

*Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.  
After the service please join us for light refreshments.*

**Sabbatical Leave**

Our vicar, Damon, arrives back in the Parish this week. Thank you to everyone who has helped during his absence.

**Parish AGM**

The Parish AGM is on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 12 midday at the Tarras Church. There will be a service beforehand at 11am and the Parish picnic will follow in the church grounds. All are welcome.

*AGM papers will be available next week.*

**Patrick, Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland**

**March 17**

As a boy Patrick was taken captive by Irish raiders. After escaping, he trained as a priest, but felt a deep longing to preach the gospel in the country of his former captors. He returned as a bishop and, although faced with opposition and danger, he brought the love of Christ to the people and established the church in Ireland. His monastic foundations in particular were to have far-reaching effects. He died about 461.

*For All The Saints*

**A little bit of Irish humour...**

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father.

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go on a trip right now."

**Please pray for...**

- Rev. Damon Plimmer, on sabbatical leave;
- Community groups and social service agencies;
- Bishop Steve and the Diocesan Office;
- Those who work for peace.