

## All Together Service

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday Before Advent



**W**elcome to you today if your heart is singing and welcome if your heart is breaking. Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if your conscience is troubling you and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness. Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning and welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome if this is your first visit, and welcome if you have barely missed a single Sunday since the turn of the century. Whether you are here as a visitor or a pilgrim, a seeker or a doubter, a saint or a sinner, a friend or a stranger: **you are welcome!** Our service is all on this sheet today. Hymns in the Red Hymn Book. If you need further assistance please feel free to ask one of our 'regulars' and they will be only too happy to help you. Toilets and Baby Changing Facilities are beside the church. We hope you enjoy worshipping here with us this morning.

## THEME: CHRIST THE KING

### Call to Worship

Today is the feast of Christ the King. But Jesus didn't live in a palace or wear a gold crown. **So what kind of king is he? Let's find out today...**

### Opening Prayer

**God of all, you sent your Son to show us how to live. Help us to listen to the truth and follow Jesus's example in our lives. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn 366: Praise My Soul (Henry Lyte)

### We Say Sorry to God

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt us, power to control us - only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

**The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life. Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Saviour. Amen.**

## **We Hear God Forgives Us**

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

**God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.**

### **Song (Verses 2-4 Craig McCauley)**

1. He made the stars to shine; He made the rolling sea;  
He made the mountains high, and He made me.  
And this is why I love Him, for me He bled and died,  
the Lord of all creation became the crucified.

2. He made the birds to sing; He made every tree;  
He made the sky so blue and He made me.  
And this is why I love Him, for me He bled and died,  
the Lord of all creation became the crucified.

3. He made the dogs to bark; He made the buzzing bee;  
He made the cows that moo and He made me.  
And this is why I love Him, for me He bled and died,  
the Lord of all creation became the crucified.

4. He made my ears to hear, He made my bendy knee;  
He made my smiling mouth and He made me.  
And this is why I love Him, for me He bled and died,  
the Lord of all creation became the crucified.

**Bible Reading: John 18:33-37**

**Hymn: CH276 Majesty (Jack W. Hayford)**

**Talk – Who's The King?**

**Hymn: Who's The King Of The Jungle?**

Who's the **KING** of the **JUNGLE**?

Who's the **KING** of the **SEA**?

Who's the **KING** of the **UNIVERSE**?

And Who's the **KING** of **ME**?

I tell you **J. E. S. U. S. Y E S!!!**

He is the **KING** of **ME**

He is the **KING** of the **UNIVERSE** The **JUNGLE** and the **SEA**.

**Prayers**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Offertory Hymn CH219: The Servant King (Graham Kendrick)

## Closing Prayer & Blessing

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from. Amen.

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# Virginia Group - Weekly Announcements

### Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is in hospital and you would like a visit please let the Rector know.

### Announcements: Diocesan/Community

**Hazel Rod Dance Therapy:** Virginia Hall on Thursdays. Cost is €10 per week. Booking Essential to ballyhughart@gmail.com

### December/Christmas Dates

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018:** Seniors Christmas Dinner 12.30pm-3pm in Lisgrey House

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018:** Blue Christmas Carol Service 7.30pm in Virginia Church

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018:** 9 Lessons and Carols 7.30pm in Virginia Church (No Morning Services)

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018:** Holy Communion Munterconnaught 3pm and Billis 7pm

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018:** Holy Communion Killinkere 9.30am and Virginia 10.45am

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018:** All-4-1 Service 10.45am in Virginia

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019:** Normal Services - All Holy Communion

### Announcements: Parish General

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you know someone who might like a shawl (e.g. ill or bereaved) contact Ivy Stewart (049) 8545036 or Vida McCauley (049) 8548465.

**Bowling Club:** Monday's in Billis Hall at 8pm.

**Gigglers & Wrighlers (Baby & Toddler Group):** Tuesdays in Virginia Hall from 10am to 12pm.

**Youth: Grazers** (Secondary School 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year): November 23<sup>rd</sup> in Billis Hall from 8.30pm to 10pm.

**Whist Drives:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018: Christmas Whist Drive from 8.30pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**Confirmation 2018:** Date of Confirmation Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at 10.30am in Bailieborough. Please pray for Odhran Hanley, Sarah Magovern and Lucy Kennedy (All Lurgan Parish).

**Mothers' Union Christmas Party:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 8pm in Virginia Hall. Also collection for Women's Refuge.

**Car Boot Sales:** December 15<sup>th</sup> in Virginia Church Grounds. Gates open at 8am. Cars €10 and Vans €15.

**JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our next monthly Joy Club meeting takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Virginia Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

**Church Monies/dues/contributions:** Just a reminder from the parish treasurers that any monies for the year 2018 should be with them by mid-December. Any monies given after the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (financial year end) cannot be included in this year's accounts.

**Weekly Collection** - The weekly offering is an important part of our Christian life and enables ministry to happen across the Virginia Group of Parishes, we are grateful for the generosity of many and for the volunteer work of our treasurers, however as banks become more particular and fussy about lodgements can we ask (even if it means combining a number of weeks collection) that weekly envelopes contain notes only rather than coins (which the banks don't want to take!). If you need envelopes do let the Rector know and the treasurer will provide you with them. Alternatively you can sign up to direct debit, ask the Rector for details. Thank You.

## November Prayer Focus

**Worldwide Church:** The Church in: Indian, Japan, Jerusalem & The Middle East. **Church of Ireland Diocese: Connor:** Bishop Alan Abernathy. **Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese:** Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill and Damian Shorten. **Killeshandra Group:** Revd Canon Ali Calvin (**Killeshandra, Killegar and Derrylane**), **South Leitrim:** Rev Linda Frost (**Mohill, Kiltogher, Farnaught, Aughavas, Oughteragh, Kiltrubrid, Drumreilly, Fenagh, Drumshambo, Annaduff**). **Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Coranach, Cornashesk, Cornaslieve, Corradoo, Corraneden, Corratinner, Correagh Glebe, Corronagh, Crannadillon.

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This Weekly Sheet and the Sunday Sermon can be downloaded from the Parish Website.



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*If you want anything included on this sheet please let Craig know by **Thursday** at the latest.*