

We pray for all amongst whom we live and work: for our neighbours and friends. We give thanks for times of joy and celebration when we mark birthdays, anniversaries and other significant milestones. Though we may celebrate without the physical presence of family and friends, we know of their love, support and joy. We give thanks for all who serve the community at this time of huge challenge. Make us more aware of each other's situation, and more eager to offer help.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill, remembering all who are in hospital. We pray for energy, resilience and support for all doctors, nurses, carers and frontline staff in all hospitals, nursing homes and centres of care, as well as all home carers. Grant healing through the skills of the medical professionals and through the care of family and friends.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving the faithful departed who by following Christ have passed with him through death to life. We remember all who have died in recent weeks... God, grant that we, with all who have lived and died in the faith of Christ, may share in his eternal Kingdom. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**HYMN 605** *Will you come and follow me (verses 4,5)*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, redeemer, friend and brother: **may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*(St Richard of Chichester)*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth joyfully. God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God's eternal love shine through you always. **Amen.**

## The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Douglas Union with Frankfield

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*The 'Epiphany season' began on 6 January when we celebrated that Christ was revealed to the Wise Men as the King of all nations. During the following four weeks, the Sunday readings remind us of the different ways Christ's glory was revealed to the people of his time. This week we focus again on the call and response of the first disciples as well as those who supported them in this calling.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord: be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27:1, 13-14)**

### **PRAYER**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PENITENCE**

During the season of Epiphany, let us seek the renewal of our lives in the light of God's love for us, revealed by Jesus Christ:

God be merciful to us and bless us, and make his face to shine on us.

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known upon earth, your saving power to all nations.

Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN 568** *Father we adore you*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray...

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We affirm our faith in God.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to again judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN 605** *Will you come and follow me (verses 1-3)*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

For the renewal of the Church and for the hope of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who share in the fellowship of Christ's Church, for all who have answered the call to leadership particularly Paul our bishop, for all who work in this diocese...for all who stay faithful to rooted ministry which liberates others for different service. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for Christians of other denominations, and in particular the churches in this part of Cork that we may continue learn from each other. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may grow strong in faith, hope and love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country: for our President and government in the difficult decisions they have to take at this time of pandemic. We pray for the business community as the challenge of Brexit begins to be felt. We pray for those who work in education that the needs of all pupils and staff are balanced and that the most vulnerable would always be prioritised in the proper way. We pray for other nations and their leaders. We remember people suffering from injustice, violence or natural disaster. Give wisdom and integrity to all who lead that they may promote justice, peace and the well-being of all.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**