



Kilgarriffe Parish Church, Clonakilty
St John the Evangelist, Courtmacsherry
Church of the Ascension, Timoleague
All Saints' Church, Kilmalooda

Church of Ireland

**United Dioceses of
Cork, Cloyne & Ross**

Rector: Rev. Kingsley Sutton 087 4526186

E-mail: rev.sutton@gmail.com

Lay pastoral Assistant: Sylvia Helen 086 3230805

Diocesan Reader: Gordon Coombes 086 8736179

Facebook page: Kilgarriffe Union of Parishes

**SERVICE OF
THE WORD**

**Sunday
20th
Sept 2020**
15th after
Trinity



Services in Kilgarriffe are recorded each Sunday.
You can listen to them through our Website.

[Website](#)

Check out our Parish website:
www.clonakiltychurch.ie

Greeting and Welcome

The minister says:

The Lord be with you

***Please reply:* And also with you.**

Hello and welcome to Church on this the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Thank you for adhering to our health and safety protocols. Please remember to fill in the *Contact Tracing Card* on your seat and leave it on your pew. If able, please keep your face coverings on at all times. (Even with them on we are advised against singing.) At any stage of the service if you need to leave, please feel free to do so. However, if returning, please sit at the back of the church to avoid passing by other people. Offerings can be left in the basket at the back, before or after the service. At the end of the service, take this service sheet home with you. Those seated at the back need to file out first. Please keep the 2metre distance at all times, especially before and after the service.

May I remind you that all the words for today's service are available on our website www.clonakiltychurch.ie - just follow the links to the service sheets.

Opening Hymn

1] How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

2] Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

*On last time:
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope*

3] Then came the morning that sealed
the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

The minister says

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God
Our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to
receive God's forgiveness,
To hear God's holy word proclaimed,
To bring before God our needs and the needs of the world,
And to pray that in the power of the Spirit we may serve God and know
the greatness of pure love.

God shows true love for us in this:
While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son,
we confess our sins now to God:

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against You, and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve You
in newness of life
to the glory of Your name. Amen**

Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
And keep you in eternal life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Philippians 1: 21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so

that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Psalms 105

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; **◆**
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises, **◆**
and tell of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; **◆**
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; **◆**
seek his face continually.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, **◆**
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant, **◆**
O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; ◆
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, ◆
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering ◆
and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails; ◆
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out ◆
and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word ◆
and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy, ◆
his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations ◆
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes ◆
and faithfully observe his laws.

Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Matthew 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing

around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And

when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for

the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

The Address:

What about you? Have you ever found yourself being jealous and envious of others?

I remember the television presenter the late Gay Byrne being irritated with the Irish and once described us as a nation of begrudgers. But that’s everyone else, we might say, it’s not in me. Or is it?

Today’s gospel reading is the parable of the *Workers in the Vineyard*. The master hires men to tend his vineyard at various times of the day. Those who were hired last, worked for only a few hours but were rewarded with the same pay as those who had worked the full day. ‘It’s not fair’, the first-hired quibbled. But as the Master pointed out, they had actually agreed to work the full day for that wage. Why should they complain that he was being generous with his own money? Why? Because the first-hired were jealous and envied the good fortune of those hired last.

‘It’s not fair!’ Sounds childish, but perhaps in more subtle ways we still say it as adults. We see a spanking new car our neighbour has bought with its 202 registration plates; we see the latest android or iPhone being pulled out of a person’s pocket- we’d rarely admit to ourselves that we are as low as wanting ‘to keep up with the Jones’’. Advertisers prey on our jealousies. Money lenders delight to give us credit, so- you can have it now! And why shouldn’t I have it? Oh, it’s hard not to be envious!

But we need to be ‘wise up’ to envy. The literal Greek translation of how the Master described those who complained was, they ‘had evil in their eye’.

You see, envy divides people like it did in this parable. It saps the joy out of life and ‘rots the bones’ (Proverbs 14:30). Last week we saw how unforgiveness is like a poison we drink ourselves thinking that those who offended us would be the ones who would suffer. This week we are warned about envy that is like osteoporosis, rotting our bones. But it can be avoided.

It’s back to the ‘Slí na Croise’- the way of the cross. Paul in our epistle reading today says that for him to live, is Christ, and even to die in Christ is gain. (Philippians 1:21) It’s all about Jesus Christ- living and dying like him. Jesus saw the jealousy of the pharisees and religious leaders of his day. He saw the rivalry in his own disciples who jostled for prestige. At one stage Peter looked at John and asked Jesus- ‘What about him?’ (John 21:21). Jesus’ answer can help us too- ‘What is that to you?’ Peter, avoid comparing yourself to others. You walk the walk that God has set out for you. Back to the ‘Slí na Croise’, dying to self and living to God.

Not so easy though, is it? How do we avoid envy-osteoporosis? Here’s two practical steps that can help:

If you find yourself envious of others, thank God for their success! Rejoice with those who rejoice. (Romans 12:15) Imagine the first-hired in the parable going over to those hired last and patting them on their backs and celebrating with them their Master’s generosity. Now that’s a much healthier atmosphere I think you’ll agree.

Second, if you are still find yourself envious, ask God to bless them further! Jesus blessed those crucifying him with forgiveness- *‘Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing’*. There are always words of blessing to be found. Free them to live their life, and you live yours. Like Peter and John, you plough your furrow and keep your eyes off others. You are unique. There will never be another you. Live the path set out for you and rejoice in the successes of others.

It’s not easy admitting envy. The words ‘It’s not fair’ can still pop up in our heads from time to time. Following the Slí na Croise we live and die for Jesus. Rejoice with those who do well and bless them. Let’s change the atmosphere. Let’s keep the rot out of our bones. May God deliver us from envy and Ireland from being known as a nation of begrudgers.

Heavenly Father, we know envy and jealousy are no match for your mercy and grace. Forgive us when we grumble over how You bless others. Give us grace to follow the Slí na Croise, the way of the cross, dying to ourselves, but living to you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE CREED

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 again to 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.**

The minister says:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Today:

**God,
who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
Grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel;
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the church. We pray for Paul our Bishop and his wife Susan. Bless the witness of our diocese and help us to draw people to servanthood, loving our neighbours as ourselves. In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Kinsale and the Rev. Peter Rutherford (Director of Ordinands). We pray for all those who are exploring and preparing for ordination. We also pray for the diocese of Down and Dromore and for Bishop David McClay.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes,
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of family love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

We pray for the governments of the world, praying again for the EU and UK governments in the current Brexit negotiations. Deliver our nations from begrudgery and help us to be a blessing to each other. We pray God's blessing on the UK and its government, we pray God's blessing on the Stormont Assembly and for lasting peace in the North. Help us to help each other.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let there be peace shared among us,
let there be peace in our eyes,
may now your peace sweep this nation,
cause us O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of family peace that is real,
Let there be peace shared among us,
let there be peace.

We pray for protection from the COVID19 virus. Please keep everyone wise to the need and practice of good hygiene. Protect and bless our local schools and local communities. Shield the vulnerable. Help us all to suppress the virus again. Bless our local hospital and care homes. Bless all those who feel isolated. And we now name before God any who have particular need at this time... Keep us firm in the joy you have set before us.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let there be joy shared among us,
let there be joy in our eyes,
may now your joy sweep this nation,
cause us O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of family joy that is real,
Let there be joy shared among us,
let there be joy.

We take a few more moments in silence offer any other personal prayers and petitions...

We also lift to God the members of our new Select Vestry team along with all the posts filled at our Easter Vestry last week:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes,
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of family love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

THE BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; And the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Services 27th September:

9am Timoleague Morning Prayer

10am Kilmalooda- Harvest Thanksgiving

11:30am Kilgarriffe Morning Prayer

Harvest Thanksgiving Services:

Sunday 4th October 11:30am Kilgarriffe

Sunday 18th October 10am Timoleague

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Kilgarriffe Union of Parishes 2020 Election Results:

Rector's Glebewarden	Evan Buttimer
People's Glebewarden	Alan Buttimer

Church	Rector's Churchwarden	People's Church Warden
Courtmacsherry	Harold Kingston	Geoff Hanbidge
Timoleague	Darren Platts	Susan Hanbidge
Kilmalooda	Victor Abbott	Gordon Kingston
Kilgarriffe	Linda Coombes	Carmela O'Sullivan

The Select Vestry

Clive Buttimer	Cherry Platts
Jean Buttimer	Gordon Coombes
Sylvia Helen	Betty Helen
Thea Jennings	Shirley Shannon
Helen Kingston	Joyce Buttimer
Ann Bryan	Diane Buttimer

Diocesan Synod Members

Diocesan Synod	Supplemental Members
Jean Buttimer	Joyce Buttimer
Carolyn Buttimer	Victor Abbott
Thea Ryan	Sylvia Helen
Gordon Coombes	Alan Buttimer
Evan Buttimer	Daphne Sutton

Parochial Nominators

Nominators	Supplemental Nominators
Sylvia Helen	Thea Ryan
Victor Abbott	Joyce Buttimer
Clive Buttimer	Linda Coombes
Gordon Coombes	Darren Platts