

Where's Your Chair?

St Patrick's Day



The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
Psalm 145:19-20

Praising:

Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
never to part.

Reading:

2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Shining in our hearts

Having made his first boyhood journey to Ireland against his will, it's amazing that Patrick ever voluntarily returned to our shores as an adult. What a stranger he must have felt coming first time round to this unknown and largely pagan land. When God shines in our hearts, an inner power may be released that takes us completely by surprise. Not to

mention a holy strength that may even send us back to places we thought we would never want to return to. Patrick's faith as a lad saw him through loneliness, fear and danger. His faith as a man continues to draw people to the light of Christ to this day. Is God calling us to go back to some place or some people we thought we had left well behind and were well shot of?

Listening:

Praying:

We pray for the legacy of St Patrick

- for those all over the world who look to Ireland as the land of their fathers and their faith
- for those north and south who keep the light of Christ burning for each new generation
- for the witness of Christians in this land, sorrow for the past and purpose for the future

Father: shine your light in my heart. Looking back grant me healing for painful memories, looking forwards grant me faith to cope with whatever I must face a second time around. Amen

Doing:

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