



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th January 2023

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm - Vigil Mass
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - St John Bosco

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6.00pm - Expo. & Confession
7.00pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Presentation of the Lord

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Blaise First Friday

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Our Lady First Saturday

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders **£1,485** and Fabric **£345**. With thanks for your support of the Church's important work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all the Masses except the Vigil Mass.

Father Bartholomew returns on **9th February**.

Televised Mass the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, **5th March** will be recorded for Being Catholic TV.

First Confessions the Rite of Signing of the Cross will take place at the end of all the Sunday Masses this weekend. There will be a Parents' meeting in the hall tomorrow, **Monday at 6.30pm** for those who have children making their First Confession in March. The children do not attend this meeting.

First Holy Communion there will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall tomorrow, **Monday at 7.15pm** for those parents who have children making their First Holy Communion in May. The children do not attend this meeting. The Presentation of the Our Father will take place at the end of all the Sunday Masses next weekend.

Confirmations there will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall on **Monday, 6th February at 6.30pm** for those parents who have registered their children to be confirmed in April.

The Presentation or 'Candlemas' falls on Thursday. We bless the candles on this day, and we pray in a particular way for those men and women who have entered the consecrated life.

Blessing of throats Friday is St Blaise's day. The blessing of throats will take place after the morning Mass. Just come forward in the usual way as you would for Holy Communion after the final blessing.

Blessed Palms you may place used blessed palms in the box at the back of the chapel next weekend. These will be burned and used for the ashes on **Ash Wednesday - 22nd February** - not long until Lent begins - keep smiling!

Congratulations to those parishioners who completed the diploma on Catechetics run by the Archdiocese. Their graduation took place last weekend at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Well done to all.

Church Lighting last week we had some remedial work done on our new church lighting system. Thanks to the fabric committee for overseeing this.

Annual Safeguarding Statement This will be read out before the Masses by Marie Brady, our safeguarding coordinator, on the weekend **11/12th February**.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Readers' Meeting will take place on **Saturday, 11th February** in the hall at 10.15am after the morning Mass.

Parish Trip to Llandudno in September

there will be an information meeting on **Friday, 10th February at 7pm** in the hall. Please try and come along to find out more about the trip details. If you are still thinking about whether to go or not on the trip, then feel free to attend the evening with no obligations. Wine and soft drinks along with nibbles will be provided.

St Valentine's Evening on Saturday, **11th February starting 6.45pm**. A buffet will be on offer along with music and dancing. Bring your own bottle. **Tickets only £10**. Money raised will go towards the Wednesday Group and the Parish Funds. If you are interested, put your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church.

St Patrick's Night - Saturday, 18th March keep the night free for a super night organized by our Men's Group. More details to follow soon.

The Vatican Astronomer Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Vatican Astronomer, will give a talk on **6th February at 7.00pm** in the James Watt Centre at Heriot Watt University. Brother Guy is an excellent speaker and very interesting. Register online for this free event. Refreshments served from 6.15pm.

The Youth Group outing to go to the Ten Pin Bowling, Kirkintilloch will leave from the chapel house on **Thursday, 9th February at 6pm** from the chapel house and will returning at 8.30pm.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be visiting the parish on **18/19th February** to make an appeal on behalf of the Missions. They will tell us about their missionary work and they would be grateful for our support. The second collection will be taken up for them that weekend.

A White Flower Appeal will be held in the parish on **11/12th March** for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. The second collection will be taken up for them that weekend.

Used Stamps many thanks for donating your stamps for St Patrick's Missionary Society, Stirling & Kiltegan, Ireland. These will be taken to the Stirling next week.

Family Planning - God's & Nature's Way the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with **no side effects**. This method is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving. For more details contact Fertility Care Scotland at email: info@fertilitycare.org.uk or www.fertilitycare.org.uk

Are you planning to marry? give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Couples are advised not to book anything until their freedom to marry and the availability of clergy and the church is confirmed.

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley join His Grace, the Archbishop for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on 12 February and 12 March. Just turn up to be with the Archbishop and pray.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145

R. How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R. How happy are the poor in spirit...

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

R. How happy are the poor in spirit...

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R. How happy are the poor in spirit...

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'