

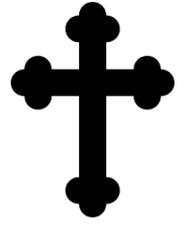
St Patrick's Catholic Church

LÆTARE SUNDAY, 15 MARCH 2026

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Lætare Sunday

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Fourth Week of Lent

7.30am - Holy Mass

9.30am - Holy Mass

6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - Feast of St Patrick

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Fourth Week of Lent

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Solemnity of St Joseph

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Fourth Week of Lent

7.30am - Holy Mass

8.30am - Holy Mass (school)

9.30am - Holy Mass

10am - Divine Mercy

3pm - Divine Mercy

3.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - Fourth Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass

5-15-5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary before Mass exc. Wed. & Sun.

Special Collection This Weekend the second collection this weekend will be for Episcopal Charities including SCIAF. The money you donate is used to support people in need across the world and nearer home. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you have them.

Lætare Sunday today marks the point when are more than halfway through Lent. It is observed in the more joyful Mass prayers, and the lighter rose coloured vestments and veils used in the liturgy.

Happy Mother's Day prayerful good wishes and blessings on all the mothers and grandmothers and may those who have gone to God rest in peace.

Grass cutting the grass is starting to grow! It would be great to have a group in readiness to cut it. The more we have the fewer times we each have to do it. Kindly sign the list at the back or email the chapel house to volunteer your services.

No Sunday Teas this morning

Parish Patronal Feast Tuesday is our parish and school feast day. St Patrick (365 - 461) was kidnapped, very possibly from what we now call Scotland, to become a slave in Ireland. He was a priest, a bishop, and a fierce opponent of the pagan rulers of his time. He is the protector of our parish and school. We should relax our Lent in his honour. It is also the anniversary of the consecration of the church: we light the candles that mark the places where the walls were anointed by the Archbishop in 1987. A blessed feast day to all!

St Patrick's Day Posters have a look at all the posters done by the different classes of our primary school for St Patrick's Day. What a talented, clever bunch!

Solemnity of St Joseph is on Thursday of this week. This is another special day to relax our Lent a little. 'Dear St Joseph, pure and gentle, guardian of the Saviour Child. When the death shades round us gather, teach, o teach us how to die.'

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the Mortuary Chapel every Friday of Lent after the 9.30am Mass and again at 3pm before Stations of the Cross.

Faith & Reason Series will continue on Friday, 20 March at 6.30pm in the hall. This will be a double session and is entitled 'Christian Life in the World & 'The Practice of Confession.'

Crib Offerings the total raised for the crib and from Father Deeley's half marathon in November was £537. This goes to Aid to the Church in Need's projects in the Holy Land.

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1672 and fabric £432. May God bless you for your support of His Church.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance last chance to buy a ticket for our parish feast day on Saturday, 21 March at 7pm until late. £20 a ticket and BYOB.

Passiontide Begins Next Weekend all the images in the church will be covered.

Readers: Please sign up for Palm Sunday & Triduum Readings. The sign-up sheet is in the Mortuary chapel.

Women's Guild will be on Monday from 2pm to 6pm.

Youth Group is on Thursday, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Parish Draw Winners

Week 29

£300 E Weldon 1668 D Hughes 1295

£100 G Reynolds 1185 T Milne 1240

£50 I Friel 1929 H Forbes 2022

Week 30

Week 31

£300 G Ashmall 1241 B Cadberry 1164

£100 M Morrison 1557 P McFarlane 1041

£50 J McCabe 2155 D Black 1601

Week 32

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2026

The most important liturgies are in **bold**.

HOLY THURSDAY

7PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Watch at the altar of repose until

10.45PM - THE NIGHT PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY

8.30AM - MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

3PM - SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE

LORD'S PASSION

FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

7PM - STATIONS & VENERATION

FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

HOLY SATURDAY

9.00AM - MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

EASTER

8PM - EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

FOLLOWED BY A 'CHAMPAGNE' RECEPTION

9.30AM - HOLY MASS

11AM - HOLY MASS

Feel called to the priesthood? if you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, then you are not alone. Get in touch with Monsignor Burke our Vocations Director. 'Come and see!' you: frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk.

Assisted Suicide legislation the final vote may happen on Tuesday at Holyrood. Jamie Hepburn MSP has written to me to say that, as yet, he is still undecided. Offer up your prayers and Lenten fasts with the intention that it does not come into law. As we see in every other country that has adopted it, eventually the parameters are always widened and 'safeguards' loosened.

Catholic Conversations for Women all women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy on Saturday 28 March, 3:45pm-4:45pm, St Andrew's

Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS, for a faith-focused discussion, Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at edinburgh@almamercv.org or call 0131 343 3380.

LÆTARE SUNDAY

SACRED SCRIPTURE [*Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass*]

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. **R.**

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. ***Glory and praise to you, O Christ.***

Gospel John 9:1-41

[THE PRIEST MAY READ THE LONGER OR SHORTER VERSION OF TODAY'S GOSPEL. THE SHORTER VERSION IS IN BOLD]

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, **he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.**

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' **He kept saying, 'I am the man.'** So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But

others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.