



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Times - 5th November 2023

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 - 9:25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Vigil of Reception

Tuesday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Wednesday - Blessed John Duns

Scotus

6 - 6.50pm - Exposit & Confession
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Leo the Great

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - St Martin de Tours

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10:30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1579** and Fabric **£376**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith. **Remember that the church is open every day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

The Annual Mass Census will be taken this weekend at all the Masses. This is the attendance figure that is forwarded to the Archdiocese.

Church Opening Hours during the winter months the church will be open every day from 8.30am and close at the earlier time of 4pm, except on Wednesday's and Saturdays when there is an evening Mass.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Francis Crainie RIP** of the Manse Road. His remains will be received into the church on Monday at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 9:30am. Pray also for **Mr Simon Matthews** of High Barrwood who died last week. There are no arrangements yet for Mr Matthew's funeral. ✽*Requiescant in pace*✽

First Confession there will be a meeting in the hall on Monday at 7pm for the parents of those children who will be due to make their First Confession next spring. The children themselves do not attend this meeting.

November Lists blank lists are available on the table at the back of the church. Complete them and put them in the little pillar box. These are placed in a black burse on the altar throughout the month of November ✽*Requiescant in pace*✽

Archdiocesan Youth Day is a day of faith and fun for p4 to p7. The event is free and is being held at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. We hope to take a group from the parish. We will leave around 9.30am and return at about 4.00pm. It would be especially important for children who are making any sacraments to come along. For consent forms and more information contact the chapel house or speak to Father Moir.

Cemetery Visit from All Souls' Day to 8th November, there is a plenary indulgence is granted to the souls in Purgatory for visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead there. The indulgence is granted together with the usual conditions of prayer for the Pope, detachment from sin, confession, and Holy Communion around the time of the visit. There will be prayers at the cemetery after the 11.30am Mass today. Gather at the priests' circle.

Holy Cross, Croy will be holding the Blessing of the Graves at Eastfield Cemetery today at 3pm.

The Piety Stall has candles and lamps to place at graves. There are many more items too, including hand-knitted baby wear, religious items, Mass cards for

different occasions, statues, and Christmas cards.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall
12.30pm - Prayers at Cemetery
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
7pm - Parents Meeting - P4
Tue 7.30pm - Alpha
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group
Fri 12 noon - Welcome Group

Wednesday Group will meet this week on Friday at 12 noon instead of Wednesday.

Alpha will be on Tuesday at 7.30pm this week, instead of Monday.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, 14th November at 6pm.

The Readers' Meeting will take place in the chapel hall on Saturday, 18th November at 10.30am.

SSVP the Society of St Vincent de Paul will meet on Wednesday, 15th Nov at 7.30pm after Mass in the meeting room under the sacristy.

Dates for the Diary

November

22nd - 7pm Bereavement Mass
25th - Youth day p4 to p7, Gillis Centre

December

3rd - 1pm Christmas Panto in hall
5pm Advent Reflections in Mortuary
6th - 7pm First Candlelit *Rorate* Mass
10th - 5pm Advent Reflections in Mortuary
13th - 1pm Wed Group Christmas Lunch
- 7pm Second Candlelit *Rorate* Mass
17th - 1pm Snr Citizens' Christmas Lunch
- 3pm Christmas Raffle Draw
- 5pm Advent Reflection in Mortuary
20th - 7pm Final Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

Sundays in Advent - Dec 3/10/17 Father Moir will host a series of Advent reflections in the Mortuary Chapel on the mystery of the Incarnation and the Nativity of Christ, providing a quiet time set apart from the commercialisation of the Advent season and to help the parish prepare itself spiritually for the great Solemnity of Christmas. Beginning

at 5pm, each reflection will last about half an hour before concluding with Benediction. Consider making this a part of your own Christmas preparations. Keep Santa in his place!

Sanctuary Furniture as mentioned, some months ago in the newsletter, the altar railings that have been stored in the garage since the 1990s have been refurbished and were delivered this week. For Communion, just come forward as you usually do. There is no necessity to kneel if you are unable or would prefer not to.

A Big Thank You to the groups who are supporting us with the running costs of the hall which have greatly increased. The Wednesday Group are now donating £100 monthly, the Women's Guild donated £200, and the Men's Group ran a Race Night and raised £518 (despite the weather on the night!) Thank you and it is much appreciated. Every little helps!

St Patrick's Primary School Enrolment 2024 The enrolment for our primary school will be 16th-20th January. Children should be baptised before enrolment. Baptised children are given preferment for acceptance at Catholic schools when places are in demand.

The Baptismal Course for parents and godparents is held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 7-8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

The Annual Christmas Raffle takes place on 17th December. We are looking for the following donations as prizes: Red & White Wine; Spirits: Whisky / Vodka / Gin; Tins of biscuits/chocolates. Please hand in any donations to the Parish House or the Donations Box at the back of the church. Thank you for all your support.

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available at all Masses on 12th, 19th, and 26th November only £1 a ticket!

Prison Through - Care the Reverend Deacon Kenny McGeachie will be speaking on this topic on Monday at 7pm in Holy Cross Croy, Parish Hall. All welcome.

Armistice Day two stewards are still needed from our parish to assist at the Remembrance Day Parade next Sunday. This voluntary help is St Patrick's contribution to the organisation of the day.

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday, 18th November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SACRED SCRIPTURE
[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon
Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading **Malachi 1:14**
I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so, I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 130**
R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.
R. Keep my soul in peace...

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.
R. Keep my soul in peace...

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever.
R. Keep my soul in peace...

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-13
Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the

Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 23:1-12**
Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response
Lord, in Your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.