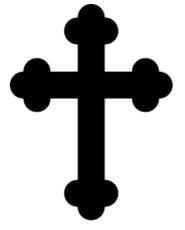


St Patrick's Catholic Church



Laetare Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023

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Laetare Sunday

6pm - Vigil Mass
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass
4pm - Lectio Divina

Monday - Solemnity of St Joseph

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
12.30pm - Holy Mass (St Maurice's)
6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - feria

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

Thursday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
8.30am - Holy Mass (school)
9.30am - Holy Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - Solemnity of the Annunciation

8.30 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Special Collection The second collection will be for both the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund and the Episcopal Charities. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes. There is a letter from the Bishop of Argyll: copies at the back and it is also available online.

Solemnity of St Joseph Because the Solemnity of St Joseph (19th March) falls on a Sunday this year, it is transferred to the following Monday. Dear St Joseph, when the death shades round us gather, teach, o teach us how to die.

Solemnity of the Annunciation this is a major and beautiful feast in the Church's year. Consider assisting at the sacrifice of the Mass....and it's only 9 months until Christmas!

Thomasina Waters RIP of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Thomasina Waters RIP who has died. No arrangements have been made at this time. +*Requiescat in pace*

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

6.30pm - Choir Practice

7pm - Fabric Meeting

Tue 10am - Visitation Group

2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Wed 12pm - Welcome Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Sat 10.15am - First Confessions

First Confessions will take place on Saturday from 10.15am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation As we have done in previous years, confessions will be available at the usual times and during all the Sunday Masses next weekend. Confession is a part of our spiritual preparations to help us celebrate Easter properly. We should be mindful of making our Easter duties too.

Father Bartholomew is assisting with the Masses in Bishopbriggs this weekend since Father Monaghan is away.

Save the Date! The parish summer outing is on **Saturday, 17th June**. Details to follow.

SPUC please take the time to complete the postcard at the back of the church to condemn abortion coercion. These will be sent to SPUC office this week.

Energy Costs because the Archdiocese has had negotiated rates for all our parishes, until now we have been paying 14p per unit of electricity. However, this contract ends on 31st March. A new contract has been negotiated and it will mean that the price will increase by almost four times to 53p per unit, reducing to 45p per unit on 1 April 2024. Last year our total expenditure on electricity was £3,088 and so we can expect that to increase to £11,690. If it is a while since you've increased your offering, kindly consider doing this. Also, if you're a tax payer and you don't yet Gift Aid, please sign up! Our gas prices are still protected until September 2024.

2023/24 Gift Aid Envelopes For those who gift aid and use envelopes for offertory; building or special collections please pick up new envelopes from back of church. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up for gift aid, contact the chapel house. Last year we claimed back **£14,222** through the gift aid scheme with no extra cost to parishioners.

Altar Servers' Sign-up The altar servers will receive a letter this weekend encouraging them to sign up to the different liturgies over the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Their help at these important ceremonies is valued.

Welcome and Prayers for Grace Rose Marie Rafferty; Ruby-Mae & Omagh-Louise Crainey who were all baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Chrisn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday 4th April**. Minibus will leave at **5.15pm**. Please add your name to list at back of the church if you would like to go. At this Mass, all the priests of the Archdiocese gather with the Archbishop to renew their priestly promises. It's also the occasion when the Archbishop blesses the oils (Chrism, Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens) for distribution to the parishes.

Youth Group Outing to *Flipout*, **2nd April** Tickets £10.

Laetare Sunday this Sunday marks the day when we have passed the midpoint of Lent. In celebration of this, the theme of the liturgy is more joyful, and the vestments are lightened from the usual sombre purple to the lighter rose colour.

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.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1,541** and SPUC **£765**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

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**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 22**

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, to revive my drooping spirit. **R. The Lord is...**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil, would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R. The Lord is my shepherd...**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R. The Lord is my shepherd...**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R. The Lord is my shepherd...**

Second Reading **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants

of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. *Praise to you, O Christ...*

Gospel **John 9: 1 - 41**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts, I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So, the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So, they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered, 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so, I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So, they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his

parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said, 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him, he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since 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.