



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - St Denis

9.30am - Holy Mass  
6pm - Devotions

## Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - St John XXIII

6pm - Exposit & Conf  
7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - St Kenneth

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Saturday - St Callistus

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: **£1356** and special collection for Let the Children Live **£1880**. 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 cannot make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith.

**Of your charity** pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Danny Differ RIP**, of John Jarvie Square. No arrangements have been made yet.

✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

**Welcome and Prayers** for Rory Edward Begley who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

**Next Baptismal Course** for parents and godparents will be on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, from 7–8pm in the hall**. Email the chapel house to book.

## 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  
6pm - Devotions  
6-9pm - Priest/parent meeting  
**Wed** 12 noon - Welcome Group  
7pm - Baptism Course  
**Thu** 5.30pm - Youth Group  
6-9pm - Priest/parent meeting  
**Fri** 6-9pm - Priest/parent meeting

**October Devotions** October is the month of the Holy Rosary. There will be devotions on **Monday evenings from 6 to 6.30pm** starting tomorrow evening. There will be the Rosary before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, a short reflection and Benediction. During October, there is a plenary indulgence for praying the Rosary in a church, family, or pious association.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on the Mondays of October will be at the evening devotions with Benediction.

**First Holy Communion - Priest/Parent Meetings** will be held this week on **Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 6pm – 9pm**.

**Registration for First Confession** children will take place after the Masses this weekend.

**Mass Intentions** just a polite reminder that Mass intentions should be handed in to the chapel house by lunchtime on Thursdays to guarantee your intention is read out over the weekend Masses.

**Men's Group** would like to invite all old members and new to the Monday morning club. Numbers dropped off during the Covid but now we are hoping the numbers will pick up. If you would like to enjoy good company, play pool, dominoes and/or carpet bowls, then please just pop in after Mass on Monday. The more the merrier.

**Race Night Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 7pm** organised by the Men's Group to raise funds to help with the running costs of the church hall. There is a list at the back of the chapel giving you the opportunity to name and buy a horse for only £2.50. Multiple horses can be bought. Please

make payment at time of naming horse. Entry is free. It will be good fun, and it is BYOB and nibbles. Please support the parish. If you cannot make it to the race night remember you can still buy a horse.

**Synod Prayer** Archbishop Cushley encourages us to pray during October for the success of the Synod in Rome with the following prayer: *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Alpha** The Alpha Course is underway and has got off to a very good start. Alpha is a series of videos and discussions geared towards starting conversations about life's most important issues, including those about faith and God. It's directed at anyone, Catholic or not, who simply wishes to know more. **Alpha at St Patrick's is on Monday, at 7.30pm** in the hall and is led by the laity of the parish who are trained to do it. For more information, pick up a leaflet or email [alphakilsythstpats@gmail.com](mailto:alphakilsythstpats@gmail.com) God wants us to reach out to all the people of our town. This is a new and important development in our parish life.

**Llandudno Reunion - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October** As in previous years if you went on the Parish Trip to Llandudno, can you please send any photos or video clips to [contact.stpatricksg@gmail.com](mailto:contact.stpatricksg@gmail.com) no later than **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Pro-life Torchlight** procession to mark the anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act takes place on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**. There will be Rosary at George Square at 6.30pm, then procession to St Andrew's Cathedral for Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Come and join in for all or some of this vital witness. It would be great to have many families too.

**All Souls' Day** Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. It takes place on All Souls' Day, **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG. All welcome.

**Vocations Retreat** Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations from **3-5<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH91SN. Email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**Vocations Mass** the next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

**Teams of Our Lady** Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church which helps married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes. An open information evening takes place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ. More info from [northern@teams.gb.org.uk](mailto:northern@teams.gb.org.uk)

**Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark** St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins **23<sup>rd</sup> October**. Tickets/details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark)

**Safeguarding Event** the National Safeguarding Conference takes place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. See the poster in the porch for more information. Register at [bit.ly/3Z93und](http://bit.ly/3Z93und).

### **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE**

[Always read the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all

things, the heaven, and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven. you are the Lord of all.

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug, overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 79**

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord ...**

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord ...**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord ...**

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord ...**

#### **Second Reading**

**Philippians 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my **Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel**

**Matthew 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to, see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

#### **Prayers of the Faithful Response**

Lord in Your mercy.

**R. Hear our prayer.**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.