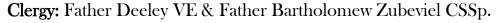


St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th June 2023



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday - Feria

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Tuesday - St Cyril of Alexandria

- Exposition 8.30 - 9.25am 9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Irenaus

6pm - Exposit & Confessions 7pm - SS PETER & PAUL VIGIL

THURSDAY - SS. PETER & PAUL

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition 9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition 9.30am - Holy Mass

11am - Craig-en-Goyne Mass

Saturday - Our Lady - First Saturday

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition 9.30am - Holy Mass 10 -10.30am - Confessions 5 - 15 - 5.45 pm - Confessions 6pm - Vigil Mass

Your Gift to God and His Church which

includes standing orders: £1430 and fabric £298. 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 lapsed from the Faith after the pandemic.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall 3pm - Blessing of the Graves Mon 10am - Tea /coffee in hall 10.30am - Men's Group **Tue** 10am - Visitation Group

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

St Patrick's Schoolchildren will join us for Mass on Tuesday before they start the school holidays. Mums and dads and families are most welcome too.

Annual Blessing of the Graves will take place today, Sunday, at 3pm. All parishioners are invited to this very special and important service, especially those who have been bereaved since July 2022. Gather at the priests' circle beforehand.

Special Collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence. It is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of the apostolic and charitable mission of the universal Church. It contributes to numerous charitable works, directly assisting the most in need. Use your Gift Aid envelope if you have one.

The Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul takes place this Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have the same duty to assist at Mass on this day as on a Sunday. There will be 7pm Vigil Mass and Mass at 9.30am on Thursday morning. It's also a day for having a special treat to celebrate.

Craig-en-Goyne Mass will be on Friday at 11am. Please feel free to attend. It is always good for the residents to see fellow parishioners who can also help with the responses and the singing.

Urgent: Stop UK Government Funding China's Genocidal Regime

SPUC will be holding a Petition Day next weekend. The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the UK Government's funding of China's totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation, and infanticide on its own population, notably the Ughyur minority. According to the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission Aid Impact, the UK Government sent over £60 million to China in 2020-21.

Sign the petition, at the back of the church to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, highlighting this human rights abuse.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Catherine Harvey RIP of Westfield Road who has died aged 86 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Wednesday 5th July at 6pm with the Requiem Mass on Thursday 6th July at 9.30am. **№**Requiescat in pace

The parish Day Trip to Pitlochry last Saturday went very well. We had great weather, food, and company.

The Holy Land 2025? Following the initial meeting on Friday night, we hope to have more information soon. It is sure to be a wonderful once-in-alifetime experience.

Altar servers' training further training for our new altar servers next Saturday at 10.30am. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion is welcome to come along.

Parish Trip to Llandudno 18-22 Sept.

The balance is due by 24th July 2023. The balance for a single room is £335 and for a twin or double it is £300pp.

Sunday Teas Ladies are having a well earned rest and taking the month of July off. Teas will resume on 6th August.

Youth Group has now stopped for the summer and will start back again on Thursday 24th August.

Wednesday Group will have a break for three weeks over the summer holidays, 5th /12th /19th July and resume back on 26th July.

Women's Guild will resume on Monday 2nd October from 2 - 4pm.

Countdown to the Big Draw weeks 45 to 48 will be drawn this week; weeks 49 and 50 will be drawn on 11th July. The Big Draw will take place after the 9.30am Mass on 30th July. It could be you!

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents is on Wednesday, 5th July, from 7.30 – 8.30pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Summer Bulletin will be the last Bulletin until 6th August, the Solemnity of the Transfiguration. The times of Masses will remain the same. Funeral arrangements will be announced at Masses, on the notice boards, on 'Facebook' and on the website.

<u>Congratulations</u> to Francis & Elizabeth Thacker who will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Friday. May God continue to bless them, their marriage and all their family.

School Holidays at both our schools come to the end of another scholastic year! We extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs. Celino at St Patrick's, Mrs Moreland at St Maurice's, and their staffs for all that has been accomplished in this session. Morning Mass during the summer holidays is the best way to begin the day.

A Prayer for the Holidays

Lord, God, help us to remember that you made us for rest and peace in the eternal sunshine of your love. To love one another, as a family, in communion of your deep mystery as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is our eternal destiny. We thank you for this holiday time. May we stay unified in charity, enjoy your creation, and grow closer to you in prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Cause of our Joy, Pray for us!

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

Jeremiah 20:10-13

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68

R. In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers.

an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

R. In your great love...

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. *R. In your great love...*

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the sea and all its living creatures.

R. In your great love...

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-

breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.