



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 23 AUGUST 2026

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Monday - St Bartholomew

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Feria

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Wednesday - Feria

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Mass

Thursday - St Monica

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Augustine

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Passion of St John the Baptist

9.30am - Holy Mass

10am - Confessions

5-5.15pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Prayers: we remember the sick, the housebound, the lapsed and we ask God for a lasting and just peace to the various conflicts in the world.

Registration for Confirmation will take place over this weekend after the Masses. Registration will be held in the Mortuary Chapel so make your way there straight after the final blessing.

Registration for First Holy Communion takes place over next weekend after the Masses in the Mortuary Chapel.

Registration for First Confession takes place over the weekend of 5/6 September after the three Masses.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr George MacDonald RIP of U.P Lane aged 95. He will be received into the church on Wednesday, 2 September at 5pm. The Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul will be offered on Thursday 3 September at 9.30am. Your prayers are also asked for

Mr Francis Hughes RIP of Arden Grove who has died aged 96. He will be received into the church on Sunday 6 September at 1pm. The Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul will be offered on Monday 7 at 9.30am.
✠ *Requiescat in pace* ✠

Youth Group will restart back again this Thursday at 6.30pm. The new primary fives are now able to join as soon as their mums and dads have completed a consent form. These are available from the chapel house.

Stonework: Following all the work last week, the result for our church is stunning. The fixtures are now more in keeping with the original design of the church and the sanctuary has been greatly enhanced, especially with a permanent and immovable plinth structure for the tabernacle. Our Lady's statue too has been given its proper prominence by the installation of the stone corbel in the reredos wall, also allowing the altar to be used for Mass. The work to the foundation stone and the stairs helps to maintain the church properly. Our care of the church building is an expression of our faith in the importance of all the things that have happened and continue to happen here, where God comes to meet His people. We pray for our benefactors and all who are good to us.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you or someone you know wishes to become a Catholic, speak to Fr Deeley as soon as possible to see if you are eligible and then to begin the time of instruction.

Parish Draw It's not too late, if you would like to support the parish draw, please contact the chapel house as the new draw begins on Tuesday. You have to be in it to win it! The draw will take place on Tuesday of this week.

Next Baptismal Course: for parents and godparents is on Wednesday, 2

September, from 7- 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund: the biggest single expense in the Archdiocese is looking after our sick and retired men, of whom there are about twenty-five. We will have our collection for the Aged & Infirm Clergy on the weekend of 5/6 September which will go towards our annual contribution. Please be as generous as you can to the second collection to support these men who have laboured in the Lord's vineyard 'in the heat of the day.' Use Gift Aid envelopes if you have them. Thank you so much.

The Return of Chippy Tea Night & Social on Saturday 29 August after the Vigil Mass. Choice of fish, black pudding, or sausage suppers. Bring your own refreshment: £8. List at the back.

The Next Square Sausage Sunday will be on Sunday 30 August after the 9.30am Mass. Pop in and enjoy a hot roll, good company for only £2.

Save the dates!

August 29 - Chippy tea and (social)
October 10 - Mexican Night (social)
November 21 - Abbatones (social)

Women's Guild will start back on Monday 22 September. New members are welcome, just turn up at the hall at 2pm.

SPUC Glasgow Conference: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) invites people of all ages to its Day Conference in Glasgow on Saturday 19th September. With fantastic speakers lined up, and an opportunity to engage with both the SPUC team and other likeminded supporters, this is an event not to be missed!. Cost is £30 and includes lunch. To find out more and to book <https://spuc.org.uk/spuc-national-conference>

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass.]

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I
cry to you all the day long.

First Reading **Isaiah 22:15, 19-23**

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts,
‘Come, go to this steward, to Shebna,
who is over the household, and say to
him: “I will thrust you from your office,
and you will be pulled down from your
station. In that day I will call my servant
Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will
clothe him with your robe, and will bind
your sash on him, and will commit your
authority to his hand. And he shall be a
father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the house of Judah. And I will
place on his shoulder the key of the
house of David. He shall open, and
none shall shut; and he shall shut, and
none shall open. And I will fasten him
like a peg in a secure place, and he will
become a throne of honour to his
father’s house.”’

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 138**

***R. O LORD, your merciful love is
eternal; discard not the work of your
hands.***

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise
you. I bow down towards your holy
Temple. **R.**

I give thanks to your name for your
merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.
R.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the
lowly, and the haughty he knows from
afar.

O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading **Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgements and
how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has
known the mind of the Lord, or who
has been his counsellor?’ ‘Or who has
given a gift to him that he might be
repaid?’ For from him and through him
and to him are all things. To him be
glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord; you bring forth
bread from the earth and wine to cheer
the heart.

Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

At that time: When Jesus came into the
district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked
his disciples, ‘Who do people say that
the Son of Man is?’ And they said,
‘Some say John the Baptist, others say
Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But
who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter
replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of
the living God.’ And Jesus answered
him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-
Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father who
is in heaven. And I tell you, you are
Peter, and on this rock I will build my
Church, and the gates of hell shall not
prevail against it. I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever
you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on
earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then
he strictly charged the disciples to tell
no one that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord; you bring forth
bread from the earth and wine to cheer
the heart.