



# The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

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| 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday                  |                    |
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| 6pm                                      | Vigil Mass         |
| 8:30am                                   | Exposition         |
| 9.30am                                   | Holy Mass          |
| 10:45am                                  | Holy Mass          |
| 12noon                                   | Holy Mass          |
| Monday - St. Rose of Lima                |                    |
| 8.30am                                   | Exposition         |
| 9.30am                                   | Holy Mass          |
| Tuesday - St. Bartholomew                |                    |
| 8.30am                                   | Exposition         |
| 9.30am                                   | Holy Mass          |
| Wednesday - St. Louis                    |                    |
| 6pm                                      | Expo & Confessions |
| 7pm                                      | Mass               |
| Thursday                                 |                    |
| 8.30am                                   | Exposition         |
| 9.30am                                   | Holy Mass          |
| Friday - St. Monica                      |                    |
| 8.30am                                   | Exposition         |
| 9.30am                                   | Holy Mass          |
| Saturday - St. Augustine                 |                    |
| 8.30am                                   | Exposition         |
| 9.30am                                   | Holy Mass          |
| 10-10.30am                               | Confessions        |
| 5.15pm                                   | Confessions        |
| 6pm                                      | Vigil Mass         |
| Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses. |                    |

**Booking for Weekend Masses** due to the relaxation of social distancing down to one metre we no longer have to book a place for Mass, but we must continue with track and trace. If your name is not on the list for a Mass, then please give name and contact details to the steward.

**New Mass Times** thank you to all who voted for the new Mass time on a Sunday, if you did not get the chance to vote please email parish house with preference. The new Mass time will commence next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Prayers** are requested for all our sick, elderly and housebound.

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last weekend's cash offertory donations £954 and Mission and Holy Places £481

**Parish Youth Group** restarts this Thursday from 6.30 to 8pm in the parish hall. This is opened to all young people who are in Primary 5 to Primary 7 and S1 in high school. Details have been issued through the school and for those who do not attend St Patrick's School, there are letters and forms at the front door of the parish house. This group was started five years ago and was very popular with many of our young in, so please encourage your children to come along.

**Please note** there will be no 8am Mass this week.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

26<sup>th</sup> Aug - Youth Group restarts  
28<sup>th</sup> Aug - Post Vigil Supper  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug Men's Group restarts  
11<sup>th</sup> Sept - Parish Day out to Largs  
20-24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Parish Trip to Ireland

**Next Sunday Teas and Coffee** it's been a long time coming and I'm sure you are all keen to get together, catch up for a blether over a tea or coffee! So, let's get together on 29th August. We do need some volunteers to help after the 9.30am Mass. If you are able and can help, please consider this as we want to start rebuilding community spirit after the past 20 months that we have just been through!

**Monday Morning Teas** after 9.30am Mass starts next Monday. Please come along and cat up with friends. All welcome.

**Parish Draw** will take place this Thursday. All monies due need to be handed in this week. If you would like to join, contact a promoter or the chapel house. Please note that all proceeds from the Draw for the next five years will finance the replacement of the church internal lights.

**Parish Day Out** will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Largs. Transport will depart from outside chapel house at 10.15am; arrive Largs at 11.30am. High Tea at the Willowbank Hotel at 4.30pm and returning to Kilcuth about 7pm. In the past these days out have been very well supported and enjoyable. Please consider coming along by signing the sheet at the back of the church and choosing your meal from the selection listed. Please note one name per line. Cost: adults £15; children £10.

#### **LAST CHANCE to book a space at the Post Vigil Supper this Saturday 28**

**August** the very popular Post Vigil Supper returns! Due to the one metre social distancing, we can only accommodate 60 in the hall. If you would like to come, please complete the sheet at the back of the church. Also please specify your food choice. Please note only one name per line. Music will be provided and feel free to bring your own bottle for refreshments!

**St Patrick's Men's Club** are pleased to announce the group will officially recommence on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am in the Church Hall. We are delighted to welcome back all of our existing members and, at the same time, would welcome new members to join us from that date onwards. For obvious reasons, there will be restrictions put in place, which you will be made fully aware of beforehand, this to ensure members continued safety and wellbeing. We are sure that everyone has missed the games, activities and outings and now look forward to a new start.

**We pray for the repose of the souls** of John McKenna who will be received into church on Monday at 6pm and Requiem on Tuesday at 9.30am.

We also remember Henry Casey who will be received into church on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug at 6pm and Requiem on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> at 9.30am.

**Courses at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh**

Applications are now open for variety of courses run by St Mary's University, Twickenham, at our Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the faith with an MA in Theology? Visit [stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

**Safeguarding webinar,** The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](http://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

**Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?** Maybe you were baptized but did not celebrate any of the other Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Communion or you would like to be baptized? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, can you please contact Fr Daniel to discuss meeting to consider preparations to be received into the Church.

**First reading**                      **Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Second reading**                      **Ephesians 5:25-32**

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies: for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel**    **John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'