

St Patrick's Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11th FEBRUARY 2024

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY

Fasting and abstinence

9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Exposit & Confessions
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

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

Saturday - Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order

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

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who are now lapsing from the Faith.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1626** and Fabric **£419**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

On Ash Wednesday there will be distribution of ashes at the 9.30am and 7.00pm Masses.

Finance Meeting this **Tuesday** in the chapel house at 6pm.

Fasting and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday the Church prescribes a penance. They are days of fasting & abstinence. Fasting and abstinence means that we abstain completely from meat and cut down substantially on what we eat usually to one meal. This applies to those who are healthy between the ages of 14 and 60 years.

Easter Duties are the following two obligations to be completed between Ash Wednesday and the Second Sunday of Easter: 1. while we are to be regular in confession, if we are conscious of grave sin, we must approach the Sacrament of Confession; 2. We must receive Holy Communion at least once during this period.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will begin this **Friday at 3.15pm**. If you are picking children up from school encourage them to come along. There will also be Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings during Lent at 6pm starting on **19th February**.

Lenten Reflections after Stations of the Cross from 6.30pm to 7.15pm on the writings from the Diary of St Faustina. This will take place in the hall and refreshments will be available. All are very welcome.

The Divine Mercy Devotion what is it all about? What is Jesus offering us? If you are interested, we have a guest speaker coming on **Monday, 19th February** to delve more deeply into the Divine Mercy. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm, just after Stations of the Cross, until 7.30pm ending with Benediction. Refreshments available in the hall afterwards.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Thomas Crainey RIP** who has died aged 83 years. His remains will be received into the church on Monday 26th February at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 9.30am
✠Requiescat in pace✠

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea & Coffee in the hall
Mon 10am - Tea & Coffee in the hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

6pm - Finance Meeting

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Congratulations to Draw Winners

Week 25 **Week 26**

£300 C Sherlock 1085 J Livingstone 1351

£100 A Wilson 1708 T Milne 1240

£50 C Thacker 1883 M Campbell 1324

Week 27 **Week 28**

£300 L Johnston 1225 R Reynolds 1414

£100 MA McBride 2216 P Cannon 1222

£50 A Crainie 1501 E Muldoon 2163

Criminalisation of Prayer in Scotland

A radical new law proposes criminalising prayer around abortion centres in Scotland. The law, which would be the most extreme of its kind in the world, proposes criminalising people for 'praying audibly' and engaging in 'silent vigils'. Please help us to stop this unnecessary and disproportionate attack on fundamental rights, including the right to pray, by writing to your MSPs today. You can find more information here: rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones/

SCIAF 'WEE BOX' please take a Wee Box pack home and return it by Palm Sunday. After Palm Sunday we will not be able to accept 'wee boxes' and you should take them directly to SCIAF.

Gift Aid this is a very valuable source of income for our parish. If you pay tax in the UK, the parish can claim back 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. If you don't yet Gift Aid, kindly consider doing this. Contact the Chapel House for a Gift Aid form. Thanks to all our current Gift Aiders, last year we got £13,100 back from the Government.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance organised by the Men's Group will be on **Saturday, 16th March** at 7pm until late. £15 a ticket and BYOB. Please add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the church along with food choice. Entry by ticket only.

Today is World Day of the Sick and it was introduced by Pope St John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for the sick of

our parish and their family, friends and the professionals who help them.

Day for Catechists if you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation, or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan *Day for Catechists* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 9th March** from 10.30am-3.00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be on **Wednesday 6th March** from 7-8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Free Places at SPUC Youth Conference and is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs **23-25 February** at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: bit.ly/youthconference 24 email prolife@staned.org.uk

Remembering Service a service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. **Sunday, 3rd March**, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist's Church, Edinburgh.

Message for Lent from Archbishop Leo
my dear friends, Ash Wednesday is this week and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence as we head into six weeks of spiritual preparation for Easter Sunday. I want to offer three things we can do in Lent.
1. **Receive your Ashes.** Make every effort to get your ashes on Ash Wednesday and embrace this day of prayer and fasting. The ashes signify repentance and death. When the priest places the ashes on your forehead, he says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Or he will say: "Repent and believe the Gospel". So, it is a chance to come before God in humility and to say sorry for our sins.
2. **Take time out for private prayer.** Pope Francis has suspended his busy schedule for the first week of Lent to dedicate himself to private, prayerful spiritual

exercises. He is putting prayer first, and we can follow that example. Whether that means getting up a little earlier to spend time with God, or switching off the TV or radio, let us prioritise prayer each day in Lent.

3. **Make sacrifices.** Often, we resolve to 'give up' something in Lent, such as chocolate, alcohol, caffeine. Done in the right spirit, with an intention to get closer to God, this is a good thing. Let us also make small sacrifices for others, to help them, especially when it may be inconvenient to ourselves. That way we can imitate Jesus who sacrificed his life for us all. Please also read the Holy Father's message for Lent 2024 at <https://bit.ly/popelent24>. God bless you!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First reading Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also, with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle, and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so, the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness ...

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of
your goodness, O Lord.

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness ...

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness ...

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt, but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God.