



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

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## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm - Vigil Mass  
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
6.00pm - Vigil of Reception

## Tuesday - St Francis de Sales

9.30am - Requiem Mass

## Wednesday - Conversion of St Paul

6.00pm - Exposit. & Confession  
7.00pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - Ss Timothy & Titus

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Friday - St Angela Merici

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9:30am - Holy Mass

## Saturday - St Thomas Aquinas

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

## First Holy Communion Enrolment

**Ceremony** will take place at the end of all the Sunday Masses this weekend. There will be a parents' Meeting in the hall on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm for those parents who have children making their First Holy Communion in May. The children do not attend this meeting. The Presentation of the Our Father will take place at the end of all the Sunday Masses over the weekend 4/5 February.

**First Confessions** the Rite of Signing of the Cross will take place at the end of all the Sunday Masses next weekend. There will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm for those who have children making their First Confession in March.

**Holy Communion** I have discussed with Father Bartholomew the possibility of changing the way that Holy Communion is distributed at Holy Mass. The new idea would be for the people to come forward and line up along the altar step and the priest would move along the line with the Host. This has a number of advantages: 1. It will give communicants a few moments to pause and pray as they wait on the priest coming to them; 2. Those who may not be as mobile wouldn't have to 'get out of the way' quickly as they do with the current system so that the person behind them can get to the front of the queue; 3. It is a more prayerful and less hurried way of receiving the Host without increasing the time needed for Holy Communion; 4. It makes it easier for families who are coming to Holy Communion with young children. I haven't finally decided but I am minded to do this at some point. If you can see any major difficulties or drawbacks, kindly let me know your thoughts.

**Confirmations** There will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm for those who have children being confirmed in April.

## 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  
Tue 10am - Visitation Meeting  
2pm - Soup & Sandwiches  
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group  
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group  
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

**Mary Richmond RIP** of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Richmond RIP who has died aged 75 years. Mary is well known across the generations as one of our teachers at St Patrick's Primary School Her remains will be received into the church at 6.00pm on Monday and the Requiem Mass will be offered for the happy repose of her soul on Tuesday at 9.30am. *+Requiescat in pace+*

**Fabric Committee** will have a meeting on Monday at 7.30pm in the chapel house.

**Finance Committee Meeting** kindly note that this has been rescheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm.

**The Youth Group** have organised a trip to the Ten Pin Bowling in Kirkintilloch on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Departing at 6pm from the chapel house and returning at 8.30pm. Please see Youth Group leaders if you are interested in going.

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will be visiting the parish on 18/19<sup>th</sup> February to make an appeal for their work in the missions. They will ask for our prayerful and financial support. The second collection will be taken up for them that weekend.

**Minibus Update** unfortunately we no longer have volunteers to drive the minibus for Sunday Mass. If any volunteers are willing to drive it, then we would be delighted to start up this service again.

**Father Bartholomew** will be away from Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January until 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Prayers** are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound. **Remember that the church is open every day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

## Your Gift to God and His Church

Christmas Day offertory donations, which include standing orders £1,311 and Fabric £341.

With thanks for your support of the Church's important work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

**Bible Alive** February Edition is available at the back of the church.

**Children's Liturgy** following a meeting with those who kindly do the children's liturgy we have changed how the children's liturgy begins: the primary school children who are at Mass should gather quietly below the statue of St Patrick a few moments before Mass begins. The leaders will be there holding the big red children's liturgy book. As soon as the priest makes the Sign of the Cross they will go to the hall, returning at the Offertory.

**Used Stamps** many thanks for donating your stamps over the course of last year, especially during Advent. St Patrick's Missionary Society, Stirling & Kiltegan, Ireland very much appreciates them. The box for used stamps will remain at the back of the chapel.

**Food in the Community** for those who are struggling. If you are able to make a contribution for the less fortunate in our community, please consider donating this week by placing food in the baskets in the narthexes of the church.

**Are you planning to marry?** give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Couples are advised not to book anything until their freedom to marry and the availability of clergy and the church is confirmed.

**Family Planning - God's & Nature's Way**  
The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with no side effects. This method is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving. For more details contact Fertility Care Scotland at email:  
[info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk)  
or [www.fertilitycare.org.uk](http://www.fertilitycare.org.uk)

**Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley**  
Join His Grace, the Archbishop for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on 12<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> March. Just turn up to be with the Archbishop and pray.

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

### **First Reading**      **Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

### **Responsorial Psalm**      **Psalm 126**

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall, I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.'

Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

*Alleluia!*

### **Gospel**      **Matthew 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death.

a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.