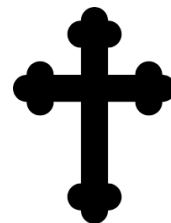


St Patrick's Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday of Lent – 26th March 2023

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Fifth Sunday

6pm - Vigil Mass
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass
4pm - Lectio Divina

Monday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
12.30pm - Holy Mass (St Maurice's)
6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - feria

6pm - Vigil of Reception
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass
5pm - Vigil of Reception

Friday - feria

8.30am - Holy Mass (school)
9.30am - Requiem Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
11am - Mass at Craig-en-Goyne
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.15pm - Stations of the Cross
6pm - Vigil of Reception

Saturday - feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Wednesday and Saturday when it will be open until after Mass.

Veiling the sacred images why is the crucifix covered? Today is the start of 'Passiontide.' The readings now focus on the mounting tension between Jesus and those who will put Him to death. There is also an intensification of our fasting. Fasting is not simply fasting from food. Fasting is also fasting from things that we take for granted. For this reason, there is an ancient tradition that the cross and sacred images are covered to deprive our senses of the beauty and consolation of seeing them. We miss seeing the crucifix just as we might miss something that we gave up for Lent and look forward to it at Easter. At this time, what makes a church beautiful is taken away gradually: the crucifix and other symbols, until what is the most precious in a church and gives the most consolation, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, is removed on Holy Thursday; the Lord is removed from His Temple. Veiling sacred objects or people draws more attention to their presence and holiness. For example: the veil over the Holy of Holies in the Temple during the time of the Old Testament, Moses covering his face with a veil after he had conversed with God and things such as chalice veils, ciborium veils, tabernacle veils, nuns' veils and bridal veils. The covering of an object makes one long to see it as we shall again on Good Friday.

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Edward Savage RIP, his remains will be received on Wednesday at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Thursday at 9.30am; Thomasina Waters RIP, her remains will be received on Thursday at 5pm with the Requiem Mass offered on Friday, at 9.30am and; Jennifer Smith RIP, her remains will be received on Friday at 6pm with the Requiem on Saturday at 9.30am. +Requiescant in pace+

Altar Servers' Sign-up The altar servers will receive a letter this weekend encouraging them to sign up to the different liturgies over the Triduum and Easter. Their help at these important ceremonies is valued. It would be good to

have as many servers as possible at the 11.30am Mass next weekend.

Craig-en-Goyne all welcome to attend Mass at 11am on Friday.

School Holidays begin on Friday. A holy and happy Easter to all pupils and staff.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next Sunday the Vigil and 9.30am Mass will begin in the church. The 11.30am Mass will, weather permitting, begin in the garden in front of the hall and we will process into the church with our palms as remember that Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will have Mass booklets so that everyone can follow the ritual and the reading of the Passion.

WEE BOXES if you've taken one, kindly return it not after next Sunday.

St Patrick's Night thank you to the Men's Group for organizing a very successful evening last Saturday.

Congratulations to Scott Cook & Julianna Taggart who got married last Saturday. We pray that they have a long and blessed marriage.

Welcome to Mrs. Celino, the new headmistress at the school, who took up her post on Monday, 13th March. We wish her all the best and keep her and all the staff and pupils in our prayers as usual. We are very grateful to Mr Higney for holding the fort so well in the meantime.

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
6.30pm - Choir Practice
7pm - Fabric Meeting
Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group
6.30pm - Youth Group
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Youth Group Outing the bus will depart for Flipout from the Chapel House next Sunday at 4.15pm and return 8.15pm.

NLC Warm Places comes to an end on Friday. We thank those who gave of their time, organized, cooked and welcomed those who attended.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: £1,513 and £683 to Papal and Episcopal charities (including the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund). May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions will be available during all the Sunday Masses this weekend and next. Confession is a part of our spiritual preparations to help us celebrate the Triduum and Easter properly.

Church Opening Times the church will close at 6pm instead of 4pm, except for

2023/24 Gift Aid Envelopes only a few envelopes still to be picked up. Please check to see if one has your name on it.

Energy Costs because the Archdiocese has had negotiated rate for all our parishes, until now we have been paying 14p per unit of electricity. However, this contract ends on 31st March. A new contract has been negotiated and the price will increase by almost four times to 53p per unit. Last year our total expenditure on electricity was £3,088 and so we can expect that to increase to £11,690. If it's a while since you've increased your offering, kindly consider doing this. Also, if you're a taxpayer and you don't yet Gift Aid, please sign up!

Fabric Committee the next meeting will be on Monday, 24th April at 7.00pm in the chapel house.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue, me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 129

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

R. With the Lord...

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

R. With the Lord...

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

R. With the Lord...

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

R. With the Lord...

Second Reading

Romans 8: 8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in

the unspiritual, but in the spiritual since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. **Praise to you, O Christ...**

Gospel

John 11: 1 - 45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary, and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now,

whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So, they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me, will not die for ever, says the Lord.