



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - Feria

8.30am - Holy Mass

**9.30am - Requiem Mass**

## Tuesday - St Januarius

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Companions

6pm - Exposit & Confessions

7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - St Matthew

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

**5pm - Vigil of Reception**

## Friday - Feria

**9.30am - Requiem Mass**

## Saturday - St Pius of Pietrelcina

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**

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1494** and fabric **£307**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

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

## Parish Events this Week

**Sun** 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall

**Mon** 10.30am - Men's Group

**Tue** 10am - Visitation Group

**Wed** 12 noon - Welcome Group

**Thu** 6.30pm - Youth Group

Please Note there will be **no Monday teas this week due to the parish trip to Llandudno or next week because it is the September weekend.**

The Fabric Meeting will be held tomorrow, **Monday at 7pm.**

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Mrs Joan McLaren RIP formerly of Church Lane, aged 84 years. Her remains will be received into the church at 9.30am tomorrow, Monday, immediately prior to the Requiem Mass;

Mr Francis Gribbin RIP of Archways, who died on 8<sup>th</sup> September, aged 63 years. His remains will be received into the church on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, at 6pm with the Requiem Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am and.

Mr Charles Gribbin RIP of Blenheim Court, who died on 14<sup>th</sup> September. No arrangements have been made yet but his Requiem will take place in Holy Cross, Croy.

*✠Requiescant in pace✠*

Parish Trip to Llandudno since we have a Requiem Mass on Monday, Father Moir will be saying Mass in the Mortuary chapel at 8.30am for those who would like to attend before setting off. The coach will leave at 10.15am. We are delighted that we have 44 travelers. Everyone should bring a packed lunch. Cold refreshments and some treats will be available on the coach! It is going to be five very busy days with a mixture of spiritual, social and tourism. We will have daily Mass in the surrounding areas along with Night Prayer in the Church. The intentions of the parish will be remembered. We will return on Friday around 4pm. We are very sure that Father Moir will have a great time with his new parishioners!

Parish Draw will take place this week. If you would like to join the draw or take out another number, please contact chapel house. It's a great way to win fabulous prizes for only £1 per week and help raise funds for the parish.

October & November Day by Day issues are now available in the porch priced £1.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2024 This year we have 13 children registered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and 28 children registered for First Holy Communion. We accompany them with our prayers, asking God to make them ready to be anointed with His Holy Spirit.

Registration for First Confession children will take place over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October.

Children's Liturgy restarts today at 11.30am Mass. Next week, however, it is the September weekend so it will return on 1<sup>st</sup> October. 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.

Becoming a Catholic If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, speak to Father Deeley or Father Moir. There is a necessary period of instruction before anyone is received into the Church.

Alpha is a series of videos and discussions geared towards starting conversations about life's most important issues, including those about faith and God. It's directed at anyone, Catholic or not, who simply wishes to know more. **Alpha at St Patrick's starts on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the hall and is led by the laity of the parish who are trained to do it.** If you think you know someone who may be interested but who is not a Catholic or who is lapsed, be apostolic and let them know about it! There is nothing more effective than word of mouth. For More information pick up a leaflet or email [alphakilcythstpats@gmail.com](mailto:alphakilcythstpats@gmail.com). God wants us to reach out to all the people of our town. This is a new and important development in our parish life.

## Father Bartholomew Zubeviel CSSp

Father has asked us to pass on a message of thanks to all those who contributed to his presentation and to the lovely tea that we had for him after the 11.30am Mass a couple of weeks ago. We send him our prayerful good wishes for his ministry in Livingston.

Let the Children Live Charity was founded in 1992 by Father Peter Walters, who first became involved with the street-children in 1982 when they helped him after he became temporarily stranded in Colombia. It is a charitable organisation and does not engage in political activity. "We recognise that the phenomenon of

the street-children is the product of complex social problems to which there are no easy answers. Our aim is to support the Colombian people as they take the initiative in caring for the most disadvantaged of their children," says Father Walters. "They are making the most of their limited resources, but they need support from abroad for this work to continue and grow. **Father Walters will be making an appeal at the 3 Masses over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> Sept/1<sup>st</sup> Oct.** Look at his website for more information about this mission and be as generous as possible to help these children. You can use your gift aid envelope if you have one.

**Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust** offer cancer patients and their carers living in this area transport to the treatments they need. They are also looking for volunteers to join their team. If you are interested please see the poster at the back of the church.

**The Beginning Experience** at the Conforti, Coatbridge, **29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October**, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation, or widowhood. For details call Louise on 07926571004 or email [louise398@gmail.com](mailto:louise398@gmail.com).

**Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.** Professor James Edwards, a fascinating speaker, and a leading biblical scholar from the USA, will lead a five-day mini course for those who are searching for Jesus. Using the Gospel of Mark as his base, he will show how Jesus fits into the history of first century Palestine, and using literature and archaeology from the period he will help those who are looking for Jesus to find and encounter him. Each evening will be a standalone event so you do not have to attend the whole week. See poster on the notice board or pick up a leaflet on the table at the back of the church for more information. If enough people want to take part, we might be able to organise the use of the parish minibus.

#### **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

**Entrance Antiphon** give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

#### **First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook the offence.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102**

**R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

**R. The Lord is compassion and love...**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

**R. The Lord is compassion and love...**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

**R. The Lord is compassion and love...**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

**R. The Lord is compassion and love...**

#### **Second Reading Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel**

#### **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

#### **Prayers of the Faithful Response**

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.