



St Patrick's Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 3rd MARCH 2024

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Third Sunday of Lent

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

7.30am - Holy Mass

8am - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

5pm - Vigil of Reception

6pm - Stations of the Cross

6.30pm - Reflection in hall

Tuesday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Wednesday - Feria

12.30pm - Mass in St Maurice's

6pm - Vigil of Reception

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Friday - St John of God

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

8.30am - Holy Mass (school)

9.30am - Holy Mass

10am - Divine Mercy

3pm - Divine Mercy

3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - St Frances of Rome

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.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1557** and Fabric **£333**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Daniel McGuigan RIP** of Anderson Crescent, Queenzieburn who has died, aged 78 years. His remains will be received into the church on Monday at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 9.30am and For **Mr. Hugh O'Donnell RIP** who has died aged 81

years. His remains will be received into church on Wednesday at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Thursday at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Early Mass during Lent there will be Mass on Mondays at 7.30am in the Mortuary Chapel.

Mass in St Maurice's High School on Wednesdays of Lent at 12.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Mass in St Patrick's Primary School on the Fridays of Lent at 8.30am. Parishioners are very welcome to join the school children.

Lent the Church counsels us to use the three spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to come to **Mass every day or at least more** during the week if you can. We **have Stations of the Cross twice per week** on Mondays at 6pm and on Fridays at 3.15pm so that the children can come straight after school. There is an earlier Mass at 7.30am on Mondays in the Mortuary Chapel and on Fridays at 8.30am in the school.

Lenten Reflections in the hall from 6.30pm to 7.15pm on the writings from the Diary of St Faustina who is closely associated with the Divine Mercy Devotion.

Parish Draw takes place next week. It could be you!

Guest Confessor Next Saturday Father Sullivan from Holy Cross, Croy, will hear Confessions from 10am next Saturday after the morning Mass. This is a good opportunity to make our confession and fulfil our Easter duties.

A Rota for Readers for Palm Sunday and the Triduum is available in the Mortuary chapel. Please sign up to read at one of the Masses over this period.

Special Collection the second collection next weekend will be for Papal & Episcopal Charities. The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world and nearer home. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you have them.

The Turin Shroud: Holy Relic or Wholly Fake? on 22nd March at 7.00pm in the hall, Father Deeley hopes to give a talk on the Shroud of Turin. Is it a mediaeval forgery or the burial cloth of Jesus?

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

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

St Patrick's Dinner Dance Evening a representative from the Men's Group will be at the back after all the Masses next weekend to collect the monies from those who have still to pay. Please bring the exact money (£15pp) and you will receive your ticket. Last chance to purchase a ticket for the evening on 16th March. Entry by ticket only.

New Stock for Piety Stall we have a lovely new selection of cards for Mothers' Day, St Patrick's Day, Easter. Cards and keepsakes for children making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Pop in and have a browse.

SCIAF 'WEE BOX' please remember to return 'Wee Box' by Palm Sunday (24th March). After Palm Sunday we will not be able to accept them, and you should just take them directly to SCIAF.

Fire Training Event on Thursday, 14th March 10.30 - 12.30pm in St Machan's Hall, Lennoxton. This is open to group leaders, clergy, and administrators. Please contact the chapel house if you would like to attend.

Catholic Families for Life

The latest issue of newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded from www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Called to be Saints - Youth Day a day of inspiration, friendship, and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question, *what does it take to be a saint in the modern world?* On Saturday, 23rd March 12 - 4pm at The Gillis Centre, Register at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading **Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men, or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 18**

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

R. You, Lord, have the message...

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

R. You, Lord, have the message...

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

R. You, Lord, have the message...

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

R. You, Lord, have the message...

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-25**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple, he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the moneychangers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle, and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him. As they came down from the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord, in Your mercy

R. Hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.