



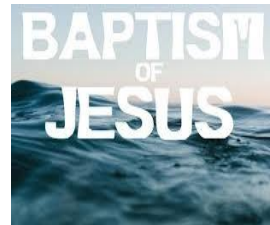
The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

The Baptism - 9th January 2022 Year 'C'

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Sunday - 9th Jan

6pm - Vigil Mass
8-9.20am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - 10th Jan

8.30-9.30am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - 11th Jan

8.30-9.30am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - 12th Jan

6-7pm - Exposition
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - 13th Jan (St. Kentigern)

8.30-9.30am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass

Friday - 14th Jan

8.30-9.30am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - 15th Jan

8.30-9.30am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass
10-10.30am - Confessions
5.15- 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 20mins before Mass exc. Sun

Your Gift to God & His Church is greatly appreciated. Cash collections were:

Christmas Day offertory: **£735**

Holy Family offertory: **£387**

Epiphany offertory: **£640**

Building Fund: **£121**

Justice & Peace: **£367**. Many thanks.

Thank you to all who donated a Poinsettia for Christmas in memory of loved ones, they look beautiful.

Winter has arrived and the reality of the season is that we need volunteers to access our grounds during heavy snow and frost. If you can help, please contact the parish either by email or phone. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas tree messages many thanks to everyone who wrote a card and donated to the Christmas tree appeal.

This year the magnificent total of **£500** was raised and will be sent to the Legion of Mary's Wayside Club who will provide hot meals over Christmas for people who are homeless. Thank you.

Donations received during Advent.

What has been and remains challenging times you excelled in your generosity, as a parish. The following were received:

Christmas Tree Message: £500 donated.

CHAS gifts: 100 were donated.

Raffle: over **70** items were donated and **£1500** raised.

65 Poinsettias were donated for the altar in memory of loved ones. Once again, many thanks.

A word of thanks to George and Anne

Kerr who have been caretakers of the hall for several years. We thank them for taking the bookings and managing the day-to-day affairs of the hall. In the very near future we will be looking for new caretakers.

New Hall/Social Committee As we begin a new year, **would you consider becoming a member of a new hall/social committee?** There will be a meeting for all those interested at the end of this month. Further details to follow.

Post Vigil Supper Evening has been **postponed** until **Saturday 29th January**. More details to follow.

POST CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

from Fr Daniel

As the season of Christmas comes to a close, and most of you have already returned to your 'normal' duties/life, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation in our many liturgies during Advent and Christmas, especially those who attended the Candlelit Masses, Carol Service and the wonderful numbers who went to Confession and not forgetting all those who attended the Forty Hours Adoration. I was very impressed by your great commitment and enthusiasm for the faith. I appreciate that we did ask a lot of you, and so many of you responded very generously. We would also like to thank all those who offered and gave support during this joyful and holy time: especially the many parishioners who worked so hard to prepare the chapel, our cleaners, welcomers, wipers, sacristans, florists & piety shop. Those who participated and led the liturgies: music ministry, readers, and altar servers. Finally, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the many cards and generous and thoughtful gifts that you showered me at Christmas. Your overwhelming thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly and truly appreciated. May God reward the givers! Let's pray that 2022 will be a much better year than 2021, and we can return to some form of normality very soon. May God bless and look after you and yours, in this new calendar year.

Welcome to Fr. Bartholomew Zubeviel

who arrived on Wednesday. This is a short-term appointment. Please give Father your usual warm welcome.

The Parish Hall has been closed since just before Christmas and it is felt that it should remain closed until the current number of Covid cases decrease. Parish groups and meetings are on hold for the time being, hopefully we can reopen later this month.

Booking the Hall: please call **07538 260 848**.

Congratulations to New Draw Winners

Week 17

£300 A. Currie 1243 C. Sherlock 1140

£100 M. Morrison 1551 S. Gray 1749

£50 M. Kerr 2035 S. McCaffrey 1289

Week 18

Week 19

£300 G. Reynolds 1185 A. Bowe 2140

£100 J. Lee 1786 A. Collins 1188

£50 D. Mellon 1765 W. Drain 1001

Week 20

Save the date Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love.

There will be three talks explaining this important document, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, beginning tomorrow, Monday and led by Sr Anna Marie, the Archdiocese's Catechetics Advisor, and Fr Nick Welsh, vice rector of the Scots College in Rome.

You can register for that here, and, as always, if you cannot make the live session, they will be recorded and sent out after the fact for you to watch.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dQyuXxvoSAuHqLmfV9y_A

Update from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Due to the ongoing uncertainty with regards Covid, it has been decided that the restoration of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be postponed until a more favourable time.

Mary's Meals: Double the Love until **31st January 2022**, all donations up to a total of £1.6 million will be matched by a group of private donors, so please consider supporting this campaign and praying for its success. There are many ways to donate, including choosing Mary's Meals gift cards as a meaningful gift this Christmas or setting a virtual place at your Christmas table. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on **Tuesday 18th January until 25th** - Conversion of St Paul.

Save the Date - Music Day This takes place on **Saturday 22nd January** at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, **10am-3.30pm**. The theme is *Liturgical Music Making in a Post-Pandemic World*. The day is open to everyone, especially those involved in leading and playing music, as well as singers. Details to follow soon

St Columba's Parish, Edinburgh presents Oberammergau Passion Play and Lake Garda, Venice and Verona Departing **23rd September**. Eight Days from £1699. For further details please contact Agatha Kai-Kai 07711796916 or email: agathakaikai@gmail.com

Weddings Are you planning to marry this year? You should give you parish priest at least six months' notice before the date of your wedding. Marriage preparation course dates are now available for the Archdiocese. Find them at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families> or email irene.furlong@staned.org.uk

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 Fertility Care Scotland at email info@fertilitycare.org.uk or www.fertilitycare.org.uk

This Sunday's Sacred Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Second reading Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions, we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'