



# St Patrick's Catholic Church



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

8.30am - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - St Romuald

8.30am - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - St Aloysius Gonzaga

6pm - Vigil of Reception  
7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - St John Fisher

9.30am - Requiem Mass

## Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Saturday - Nativity of John the Baptist

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

## Parish Events this Week

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

**Mon** 10am - Tea / coffee in hall

10.30am - Men's Group

7pm - Fabric Committee

**Wed** 12 noon - Welcome Group

**Fri** 2pm - Tea & Biscuits

**Sat** 7pm - Parish BBQ

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage** to Dunfermline. Minibus will leave at 10.30am today, Sunday and returns home at 4.30pm.

**The Fabric Committee** will meet on Monday at 7pm in the chapel house.

**The Holy Land 2025?** If you are interested in going and would like to find out more about the pilgrimage, then you are invited to the information night in the hall this **Friday at 7pm**. Please feel free to BYOB and some nibbles.

**Altar Servers' Training** the training for our new altar servers will begin next Saturday at 10.30am. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion is welcome to come along. Parents should encourage their children to take part in this very special privilege and service at God's altar.

**The Parish BBQ** will take place **next Saturday** after Vigil Mass. Food will be provided and there will be games for all ages. Come along and bring your tipples, for some fun in the sun.

**The Annual Blessing of the Graves** will take place **next Sunday at 3pm**. All parishioners are invited to this very important time of prayer, especially those who have been bereaved since July 2022. Gather at the priests' circle beforehand.

**The Youth Group** has now stopped for the summer and will start back again on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August**. All children from **P5 to S2** are welcome to come along.

**Friday Teas** will stop on **23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Thank you to the organisers for undertaking this service and supporting all those who attend. Well done.

**Wednesday Group** will have a break for three weeks over the summer holidays, **5<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> July and resume back on 26<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Parish Trip to Llandudno 18-22 Sept

Can those who have booked a place and paid the deposit please pay the balance by the **24<sup>th</sup> of July 2023**. For those who paid a £30 deposit, the balance for a single room is £335 and for a twin or double it is £300pp. Thank you.

**Thank you** to all those who travelled to Falkirk for *Corpus Christi* procession last Sunday. It was an impressive and beautiful public witness to our faith, with hundreds in attendance from across the Archdiocese. We were blessed with wonderful weather, a prayerful procession and excellent hospitality from the St Francis Xavier's parishioners in their hall.

**Countdown to the Big Draw** weeks 45 to 48 will be drawn on **27<sup>th</sup> June** then weeks 49 and 50 will be drawn on 11 July. The **Big Draw** will take place after the 9.30am Mass on **30<sup>th</sup> July**. Fingers crossed it's you!

**Liturgical Green** after Lent, Eastertide, Holy Trinity, and *Corpus Christi*, today is the first Green Sunday since 19<sup>th</sup> February. All of the Sundays will now be green until Christ the King on 26<sup>th</sup> November, with the exception of the Transfiguration on 6<sup>th</sup> August. The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the green: it is the colour of growing things. Ordinary Time is symbolised by green: a time when we are neither single mindedly penitent (purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (white) - kind of the Church's version of auld claes and porridge.

**Your Gift to God and His Church** which includes standing orders: **£2,736** and fabric **£380**. 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 lapsed from the Faith after the pandemic.

**Of your charity** pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Peter Healy** of Market Court who has died aged 95 years. His remains will be received in the church on Wednesday at 6pm with the Requiem Mass on Thursday at 9.30am.  
✠Requiescat in pace✠

**Summer Bulletin** will be suspended after **next Sunday until 6<sup>th</sup> August**, the Solemnity of the Transfiguration. The times of Masses will remain the same. Funeral arrangements will be announced at Masses, on the notice boards, on 'Facebook' and on the website.

**Next Baptismal Course** for parents and godparents is on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, from 7.30 – 8.30pm in the hall**. Email the chapel house to book.

## **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### **First Reading**                      **Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### **Responsorial Psalm**                      **Psalm 99**

***R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy.

***R. We are his people...***

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
***R. We are his people...***

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.  
***R. We are his people...***

### **Second Reading**                      **Romans 5:6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.

***Alleluia!***

### **Gospel**                                      **Matthew 9:36-10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.