St Patrick's Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, 8 MARCH 2026

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Third Sunday of Lent
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday – Third Week of Lent
7.30am - Holy Mass
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday – St John Ogilvie
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday – Third Week of Lent
6–6.45pm - Exposition & Confession
6.45pm - Benediction
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Third Week of Lent
9.30am - Holy Mass
5pm - Vigil of Reception

Friday - Third Week of Lent
7.30am – Holy Mass
9.30am – Requiem Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday – Third Week of Lent
9.30am - Holy Mass
5-15-5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary before Mass exc. Wed. & Sun.

Special Collection Next Weekend: The second collection next weekend will be for Episcopal Charities including SCIAF. 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.

Teas & Coffees are on offer in the hall after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Lent: The Church counsels us to use the three spiritual weapons of **prayer, fasting** and **almsgiving**. Come to Mass every day or more during the week. There are also have Stations of the Cross twice per week on Mondays at 6pm and on Fridays at 3.30pm so that the children can come straight after school. Stations lasts about twenty-five minutes. The church is open all day for prayer and it will remain open until 4pm on the Sundays of Lent.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mr William McCarroll formerly of Jarvie Crescent who has died aged 91 years. His remains will be received on Thursday, at 5pm and his Requiem will be on Friday at 9.30am. ✠ *Requiescat in pace* ✠

The Liturgy and Lent: in the great penitential season we use the much more sombre purple colour, to represent penitence, there is no *Gloria* at Sunday Mass, there are no flowers and the organ is used only very sparingly to accompany singing.

St Alphonsus Liguori Stations of the Cross Booklets are available in the porch. These are the stations we will be using during Lent. Priced £4.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the Mortuary Chapel every Friday of Lent after the 9.30am Mass and again at 3pm before Stations of the Cross.

Faith & Reason Series There will be **no Faith & Reason session this Friday**. It will continue on Friday, 20 March at 6.30pm in the hall. This will be a double session and is entitled 'Christian Life in the World & The Practice of Confession.'

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1440 and fabric £366. May God bless you for your support of His Church.

The Parish Draw takes place this week. Good luck to all who are in it.

Readers: Please sign up for whichever Palm Sunday & Triduum Readings you are available for. Sign-up sheet is in the Mortuary chapel.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance: celebrate our parish feast day on Saturday, 21 March at 7pm until late. £20 a ticket and BYOB. Two course meal plus tea/coffee. Entertainment by Harmony. Make your choice of food on the list at the back. Tickets are available at the end of the Masses this weekend from a member of the social committee.

Women's Guild will not be on this Monday and next Monday it will be from 2pm to 6pm.

Youth Group is on Thursday, 6.30pm to 8pm.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2026

The most important liturgies of the Triduum are in **bold**.

HOLY THURSDAY
7PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Watch at the altar of repose until
10.45PM - THE NIGHT PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY
8.30AM - MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
3PM - SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS
7PM - STATIONS & VENERATION
FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

HOLY SATURDAY
9.00AM - MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

EASTER
8PM - EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
9.30AM - HOLY MASS
11AM - HOLY MASS

What's Happening at Mass: Explore what God is doing with us at Mass. Speakers: The Archbishop, Father McMorrin, Grace Robertson, Father Douglas and Father Garden. Includes Mass and a light lunch. The Gillis Centre,100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, Date: Saturday 14 March 9:30am. Register: bit.ly/archmass. If you would like to attend then add your name to the list at the back of the church; hopefully we can take the minibus.

Feel called to the priesthood? If you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, then you are not alone. If you are considering this call, take that step and get in touch today. Contact Monsignor Burke our archdiocesan Vocations Director and Come and see where the Lord may be leading you:frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk.

Grass cutting: the grass is starting to grow! It would be great to have a group in readiness to cut it. The more we have the fewer times we each have to do it. Kindly sign the list at the back or email the chapel house to volunteer your services.

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 17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the LORD said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 95

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading — Romans 1-8

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

[THE PRIEST MAY READ THE LONGER OR SHORTER VERSION OF TODAY'S GOSPEL. THE SHORTER VERSION IS IN **BOLD**]

Gospel — John 4:5-42

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

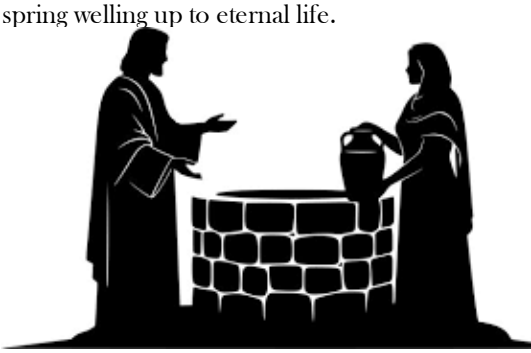
A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him, '**Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'**

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.