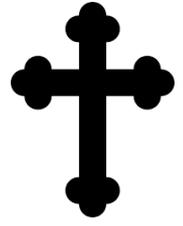


St Patrick's Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 22 FEBRUARY 2026



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First Sunday of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - First Week of Lent

7.30am - Holy Mass
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Stations of the Cross
6.40pm - Tour of the Church

Tuesday - First Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - First Week of Lent

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession
6.45pm - Benediction
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - First Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - First Week of Lent

7.30am - Holy Mass
9.30am - Holy Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - First Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass
5-15-5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary before Mass exc. Wed. & Sun.

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 6pm & Fridays at 3.30pm. On Fridays, if you are picking children up from school, bring them along. Stations lasts about twenty-five minutes.

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.

Tour of the Church for the children who are making their First Confession next month will take place tomorrow after the Stations of the Cross.

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

Lent: The great season of spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter has begun. 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. We 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.

Easter Duties: the following two obligations to be completed between Ash Wednesday and the Second Sunday of Easter: 1. if we are conscious of grave sin, we must approach the Sacrament of Confession; 2. We must receive Holy Communion at least once during this period.

Faith & Reason Series for those who have signed up: continues on Friday at 6.30pm in the hall. This session is entitled 'Baptism & Confirmation.' There will be no Faith & Reason session on Friday, 13 March as Father has to be away.

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1446 and fabric £305. May God bless you for your support of His Church.

SCIAF 'WEE BOX' take a 'Wee Box' pack home and return it by Palm Sunday (29 March). After Palm Sunday funds should be sent directly to SCIAF.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance: celebrate our parish feast day and break your Lent 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.

Congratulations to John & Irene Brown who have recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. *Ad multos annos!*

The Finance Committee Meeting will take place this Tuesday, at 6pm.

The Fabric Committee Meeting will be on Monday, 2 March at 7pm.

Craig en Goyne: to better suit the needs of the residents, the regular monthly Mass will be discontinued. Father Deeley will take Holy Communion to the home once a month.

Father Moir's presentation: your gift to Father was just under £2,000 and we gave him a small hand carved and hand painted statue of St Patrick. As he mentioned in his message to you last week, he was overwhelmed by your generosity.

One priest in the parish: for most of our history we have had more than one priest. However, Father Moir will not be replaced. For the time being we will not change the schedule, and we'll just see how things run. However, as in other parishes, I **may** eventually decide to have one day without a public Mass. The other issue is Mass provision for times when I am away; in the past it was easy to bring priests from abroad for a summer but now, owing to visa restrictions, this is not possible. I will certainly try to get a priest to cover Masses for holidays and retreats but, if this is not possible, it may mean that only Sunday Masses are supplied when I am away. Also, because I have other responsibilities outside the parish, occasionally I **may** have to change the time of a weekday Mass. Your concern and understanding expressed to me over recent weeks is really appreciated.

The Fire Alarm test will be carried out at the end of all the Masses next weekend.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Francis Brown of Elgin Place who has died aged 72 years. His remains will be received into the church just prior to the Requiem Mass on Monday, 2 March at 9.30am ✠ *Requiescat in pace* ✠

Teas & Coffees are offered in the hall today after the 9.30am Mass. Next Sunday hot rolls will be on the menu.

Sundays in Lent: the church will remain open until 4pm for private prayer.

Lenten Masses: we will have extra morning Masses in the mortuary chapel at 7.30am on Mondays & Fridays.

Next Baptismal Course: for parents and godparents: Wednesday, 4 March, 7-8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Remembering Service For those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. This service takes place today at 5pm in St John the Baptist Church, EH12 8AL.

Courageous Heart A Day to Grow in Faith for Girls in s3-S6 are invited to 'Courageous Heart,' a day of faith and friendship next Saturday from 10am-3pm. Consists of prayer, opportunity for Confession, Mass, lunch, a craft, and time with new friends. St Andrew's Catholic Church and Convent, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh (sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma). RSVP and request a parent permission form by emailing edinburgh@almamercy.org (or call 0131 343 3380) by 24 February.

The Calix Society is an association of Catholic Alcoholics, promoting the virtue of daily abstinence and the spiritual development of its members. It meets every first Saturday at 1:30pm, in St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It hosts a talk on Venerable Matt Talbot on Saturday, 7 March at 1:30pm. No registration required.

What's Happening at Mass: Mass is 'the source and summit' of Catholic life. Join the Archdiocese's Catechetics Commission to explore what we are ultimately doing with God at Holy Mass. *What's Happening at Mass* takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday, 14 March, from 9.30am-4pm. Register: bit.ly/archmass

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRED SCRIPTURE [*Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass*]

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him. I will deliver him and give him glory; I will grant him length of days.

First Reading **Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 50**

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me. **R.**

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise. **R.**

Second Reading **Romans 5:12, 17-19**

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.