



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm - Vigil Mass  
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Tuesday - St Peter Damian

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY

### Fasting and abstinence

9.30am - Holy Mass  
6 - 7pm - Exposit. & Confession  
7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - St Polycarp

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
11am - Mass in Craig-en-Goyne  
10am - Divine Mercy  
3pm - Divine Mercy  
3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

## Our Lady's Saturday

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

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1,475** and Fabric **£352**. With thanks for your support of the Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

a reminder that, as well as during the week, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

## Message from Archbishop Cushley

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday** and it is a day of fasting and abstinence to acknowledge our mortality and begin preparing ourselves spiritually for Easter. Lent is a time of prayer and penance and I encourage you to take the opportunity to

go to Confession if you have not been for a while. It is there that we experience the loving mercy of God, who forgives our sins and offers us His grace as we look with hope to experiencing the joy of Easter when Jesus was resurrected from the dead. The Friday after Ash Wednesday is the Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have experienced abuse. I wish you all a prayerful and peaceful Lent. +Leo Cushley, Archbishop.

Ash Wednesday there will be distribution of ashes at the **9.30am and 7.00pm** Masses.

Fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday the Church prescribes a penance. They are days of fasting & abstinence. Fasting and abstinence means that we abstain completely from meat and cut down on what we eat usually to one meal. This applies to those who are healthy between the ages of 14 and 60 years.

Remembering Service a service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place today **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February**, 5.00pm at St John the Baptist Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be visiting the parish this weekend to make an appeal on behalf of the Missions. They will tell us about their missionary work and they would be grateful for our support. The second collection will be taken up for them.

Lenten talks discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Father McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Register at [bit.ly/lemtalks2023](http://bit.ly/lemtalks2023)

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the souls of Annie (Nan) Trower RIP, formerly of Barr Farm Rd, who died last Saturday aged 94 years, her Requiem Mass being yesterday; and for Margaret McGuire RIP, formerly of Kelvinhead, Banton, whose remains will be received into St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk at 10am on

Monday immediately before Requiem Mass with burial at Kilsyth Cemetery at 11.45am and thereafter to the Coachman. +*Requiescant in pace*

## Parish Events this Week

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

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

10.30am - Men's Group

2pm - Women's Guild

6pm - Choir Practice

7.30pm - Fabric Meeting

**Tue** 10am - Visitation Group

2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

7.30pm - Finance Meeting

**Wed** 12pm - Welcome Group

7.30pm - SVDP

**Thu** 6.30pm - Youth Group

**Fri** 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

First Confession children will have a tour of the church tomorrow evening at 6.15/6.30pm.

Confirmations the Presentation of the Creed will take place at the end of all the Sunday Masses next weekend.

Fabric Committee will meet in the chapel house on **Monday at 7.30pm**

Finance Committee will meet in the chapel house on **Tuesday at 7.30pm**.

Craig-en-Goyne all welcome to attend Mass at **11am on Friday**.

Easter Duties are the following two obligations to be completed between Ash Wednesday and the Second Sunday of Easter: 1. while we are to be regular in confession, 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.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will begin this **Friday at 3.15pm**. If you are picking children up from school encourage them to come along. There will also be Stations of the Cross on **Monday evenings during Lent at 6pm starting on 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Stations of the Cross** by St Alphonsus Liguori are on sale in the Piety Stall. We will be using these classic meditations for our parish Lenten devotions.

**Lectio Divina** **Sundays of Lent at 4pm** in the church. Lectio Divina means "Divine Reading" and refers to an approach to prayer and the scriptures practiced by monastics since the early Church. It is a great way to get to know the Bible but is not the same as a Bible study. Lectio Divina is more personal to you in the moment you are praying. Bible study is more academic. Lectio Divina, on the other hand, asks us intentionally to focus on a short section of Scripture perhaps just one passage, one verse, or even just one word.

**SCIAF 'WEE BOX'** please take a Wee Box pack home and return it by Palm Sunday. After Palm Sunday we will not be able to accept 'wee boxes' and you should take them directly to SCIAF.

**St Patrick's Cards & Mother's Day Cards** are in stock in the Piety Stall along with other lovely items. Have a wander in.

**Thank you** to the organisers of the St Valentine's evening, to those who donated raffle prizes and those who went along and supported the evening. The Wednesday Group has donated half of the **£654** raised for the parish.

**Televised Mass** the **9.30am Mass on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March** will be recorded for Being Catholic TV.

**St Patrick's Night Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March** keep the night free for a super night organized by our Men's Group.

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue** we are blessed to have a beautiful statue which parishioners can take to their homes for a week for their devotions. Come to the sacristy to sign-up and collect it. The world needs the message of Fatima!

**Gift Aid** this is a very valuable source of income for our parish. If you pay tax in the UK, the parish can claim back 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. If you don't yet Gift Aid, kindly consider doing this. Contact the Chapel House for a Gift Aid form. Thanks to all our current Gift Aiders, last year we got **£14,223** back from the Government.

**Archdiocesan Levies** the Archdiocese has increased the amount which each parish must contribute. This is to address short falls in the funds for the support of our retired and sick priests. This would normally be a Special Collection but now every parish contributes 14.5% of the Sunday collection, which for us is £10,297.

**Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley** Join His Grace, the Archbishop for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at **6pm on 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Just turn up to be with the Archbishop and pray.

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

#### **First Reading** **Leviticus 19:1-2**

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

#### **Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 102**

***R. The Lord is compassion and love.***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

and never forget all his blessings.

***R. The Lord is compassion and love.***

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

***R. The Lord is compassion and love.***

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

***R. The Lord is compassion and love.***

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

***R. The Lord is compassion and love.***

#### **Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So, there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

*Alleluia!*

#### **Gospel** **Matthew 5:38-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'