

The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

Second Sunday in Lent - 13th March 2022

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Second Sunday of Lent - 13th

- Vigil Mass 6pm 8-9.20am - Exposition - Holy Mass 9.30am 11.30am - Holy Mass - Lectio Divina 4pm

Monday - 14th

8am - Holy Mass 8.30-9.30am - Exposition 9.30am - Holy Mass

- Stations & Holy Communion 6pm

Tuesday - 15th

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

Wednesday - 16th

6-7pm - Expo & Confession 7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St. Patrick - 17th

8.30-9.30am - Exposition 9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem - 18th

8.30-9.30am - Exposition - Holy Mass 9.30am - Divine Mercy 10am - Divine Mercy 3pm 3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - St. Joseph - 19th

8.30-9.30am - Exposition 9.30am - Holy Mass 5.15- 5.45pm - Confessions - Vigil Mass

Rosary 20mins before Mass exc. Sun

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church. Due to Covid we did not count the offertory money. Offertory for 27th and 6th March £1378 and Building £715.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

Children's Liturgy restarts this Sunday at 11.30am Mass. All primary school children welcome.

40 Hours Adoration will take place in St Alexander's Denny, to day Sunday from 11 until 6pm.

Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays

and Holydays of Obligation is now in place. In accordance with the common teaching of the Church this obligation does not bind those in serious ill health from attending Mass or those with responsibilities for people in need of special care.

Parish events this week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall **Mon** 10am - Tea / coffee in hall 10.30am - Men's Group - Women's Guild 2pm 6.30pm - First Aid Course Wed 12pm - Welcome Group 6.30pm - First Aid Course 7.30pm - Finance Committee Mtg Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Sat 10am - First Confessions

7pm

First Aid Course for all who have agreed to take part this will take place this Monday and Wednesday from 6.30pm -9.30pm.

- St. Patrick's Social

First Confessions will take place on Saturday from 10-11.30am. Please keep the children; parents; teachers and catechists in your prayers.

St Patrick's Evening on Saturday Tickets nearly sold out. See Men's Group after Mass for £10 ticket / BYOB.

Meeting for Readers in preparation for Holy Week will take place on Sunday 27th March from 3-4pm in the hall. If anyone would like to be a reader, you are very welcome to come to this meeting.

Baptisms if you would like to arrange for your child's baptism, can you collect a Baptismal Pack from the display unit at the back of the church and return completed registration form to the parish house. The next baptism courses for all parents is Wednesday 6th April at 7.45pm in the hall. Please email parish to register your attendance.

Welcome to Lilly McBride Gillan and Holli Jessica Mitchell who were both baptised yesterday and congratulations to their parents and families.

St. Patrick's Cards & Mother's Day Cards are in stock in the Piety Stall along with other lovely items. Please drop in.

Lent Prayer/Reflection Material Please have a look in the alcove where you will find a great selection of reading/ reflection material including Stations of the Cross. There are also books for children. Please do not remove these books from the chapel.

Prayers for Ukraine - Stations of the **Cross** - on Monday and Friday will be offered up for the people of Ukraine.

SCIAF WEE BOX Update Each of us has a role to play in tackling the climate crisis, but it is only by coming together that we can build God's Kingdom here on earth. Your support of SCIAF's WEE Box appeal not only changes lives today but sets families up to survive the worst impacts of a changing climate tomorrow. How will you help build God's Kingdom here on earth? For more information visit sciaf.org.uk/resources or call 0141 354 5555.

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal As well as your prayers please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine. The second collection this weekend will be for this cause. If you have one, please use your Gift Aid envelopes. Donations can also be made at https://www.sciaf. org.uk/ To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see https://www.caritas.org/

Lectio Divina every Sunday of Lent at 4pm in the church. Lectio Divina means "Divine Reading" and refers to an approach to prayer and scripture reading practiced by monastics since the early Church. Today we will look at Luke 13:1-9 and meditate on it.

A prayer for peace in Ukraine

O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words, and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen

Lent - Stations of the Cross the

Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7:45pm. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children, and all prolife intentions. Register bit.ly/prolife

Lent with St Paul the Archdiocese is hosting Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent. It is a 30-minute talk at 7:30pm on 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrews Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

New Hall/Social Committee As a parish we are very blessed to have so many committed parishioners who not only attend and support the different groups, but also take leadership/ organising roles. The hall/social committee also have a very important role of organising parish events, which bring together parishioners and the local community for a range of different social activities and events. The following events are organised for the months of March to June:

Mar 19^{th -} St. Patrick's Night Mar 27th - SCIAF Coffee Morning Apr 16th - Post Easter Cheese & Wine

Apr 30th - Post Vigil Supper May 13th - Family Quiz Night

Jun 5th - Queen's Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Jun 11th - Family BBQ, Bingo & Games

Jun 18th - Parish Day Out

Safeguarding update, it is essential that all volunteers keep from Marie Brady, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator. Following on from the annual Safeguarding Statement, I would like to highlight the forthcoming dates for the Archdiocese Safeguarding training via Zoom. Induction Part 1: This Saturday at 10.00am. Booking can be arranged by contacting:

Margaret.andow@outlook.com their Safeguarding training up to date. There are several parishioners who require a PVG update so it is important that they contact me in the coming weeks at marie.brady@ staned.org.uk Scottish Catholic the new magazine launched late last year is available at the back of the church. Please try and support this new lay initiative as it attempts to bring good news stories of what is happening around the different diocese in Scotland and beyond.

Lourdes Pilgrimage the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back! Demand is expected to be high for this popular and life-enhancing trip so booking now is recommended. It takes place from 8-15 July and will be led by Archbishop Cushley. All the details you need are at edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22

Pilgrimage The inaugural Brecbannoch Pilgrimage will take place 11-13 June 2022. The Brecbannoch is a 50-mile pilgrimage undertaken on foot from Oban to Iona, with the special purpose of praying for the renewal of the faith in Scotland. Along the way, the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret will be carried, invoking their protection over the Church in these isles. Sign up at: www.brecbannoch.org/sign-up

March update The Archdiocese's March update outlines events happening in Lent to help us in our prayer, penance and fasting. View it at https://bit.ly/archmarch22 To receive updates, subscribe at the news-events section of the Archdiocesan website: archedinburgh.org/

Catholics in health and social care

A training day about the ethical challenges of work in the health and care sector takes place at The Gillis Centre Edinburgh, this Saturday at 9:30am. Speakers will lead discussions on assisted suicide, accompaniment of the dying and conscientious objection. This event is targeted at health/care workers, and anyone motivated by their faith to care for others. Register

at https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/20 22/03/catholics-in-health-and-social-care

Second Sunday of Lent Sacred Scripture

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all

these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcases, but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god, and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so, let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had