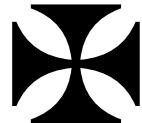


St Patrick's Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 15 FEBRUARY 2026

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Fasting and abstinence

9.30am - Holy Mass
6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession
6.45pm - Benediction
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7.30am - Holy Mass
9.30am - Holy Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.30pm - Stations of the Cross
2.30pm - Holy Mass Craig en Goyne

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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

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**

From Father Moir: I was very touched that such a crowd came last Sunday and delighted to see the familiar faces of Kilsyth again. My sincere thanks too for your unexpected generosity in my parting gift. I am humbled by your kindness, not only now but across these two and a half years. Edinburgh is not so far away, all things considered, so do come and visit!

Youth Group This Tuesday - Faith & Fun Day in the hall. Registration in the hall at 9.15am, lunch included and ending at 3.30pm. Cost £5. **Permission forms must be in by today (Sunday).**

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

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

Lent The great season of spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter begins on Wednesday. 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 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.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will begin this Friday at 3.30pm. If you are picking children up from school encourage them to come along. There will also be Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings of Lent at 6pm.

Palms from last year can be placed in the basket at the back. These will be burned to make the ashes for Wednesday.

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.

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

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.

Craig en Goyne Holy Mass will be offered on Friday at 2.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Faith & Reason Series for those who have signed up: continues on Friday at 6.30pm in the hall. This session is entitled 'Moral Action.'

Parish Draw Winners

| <u>Week 25</u> | <u>Week 26</u> |
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| £300 M Mannerling 1792 | E Bankier 1666 |
| £100 G Thomson 1950 | A Mathieson 1094 |
| £50 M Morrison 1551 | A Ashmall 1260 |

| <u>Week 27</u> | <u>Week 28</u> |
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| £300 E Bingham 1196 | M Arnachellum 1395 |
| £100 J Browning 1924 | A Pople 1891 |
| £50 J Conway 1440 | S Crossan 1250 |

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1604. God bless you for your support of His Church.

Congratulations to Lucy Rooney who was baptized into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Solar panel work: following last week's work, the panels on the church roof are now able to supply power to the hall which will, please God, offset some of the bills which are making the running of the hall unsustainable. Many thanks to our dedicated fabric committee for making this happen. Their work places the parish on a much surer financial footing for the future.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance Come and 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 will be on sale soon.

Ordination to the Priesthood: as a parish, we have been invited to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Reverend Matthew McCafferty on Friday, 3 July, at 7pm in St Mary's, Bathgate. As you know, Matthew has visited our parish a number of times including a summer pastoral placement and preaching at our *Corpus Christi* procession last year. A priestly ordination is a very beautiful occasion and a real privilege to attend. If you would like to go, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

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

Courageous Heart A Day to Grow in Faith for Girls in s3-S6 are invited to 'Courageous Heart,' a day of faith and friendship on Saturday, 28 February 2026 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.

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

The Beginning Experience: Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, 27 - 29 March, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation, or widowhood. For details call Louise on 07786687631 email beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com

Are you planning to marry? Give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Couples are advised not to book anything until their freedom to marry and the availability of clergy and the church is confirmed.

Family Planning - God's & Nature's Way. The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective with no side effects, and it accords with the teaching of the Church. It is also helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving. For more details contact Fertility Care Scotland at email: info@fertilitycare.org.uk.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE [*Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass*]

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 119
R. Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees! With all their hearts they seek him. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. **R.**

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law. **R.**

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end. Grant me insight that I may keep your law and observe it wholeheartedly. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

[THE LONGER VERSION OF TODAY'S GOSPEL WILL BE USED
Mt 5: 17 - 37 - owing to the lack of space, only the shorter option is printed below]

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.