

St Patrick's Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 8 FEBRUARY 2026

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - St Scholastica

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Our Lady of Lourdes

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - SS. Cyril & Methodius

9.30am - Holy Mass

5-15-5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary before Mass exc. Wed. & Sun.

Father Moir's Presentation will be in the hall after the 11.30am Mass today. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the buffet as we thank Father for all his work in our and say farewell.

Mr James Greechan has his final Sunday as musical director today. We are grateful to have had James's talent and knowledge of the Church's great musical tradition in our parish over the past 17 months. We send him, his wife Bethany, and the bump on their way with our thanks and prayerful good wishes as James takes up his new post as the Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen!

Welcome: next weekend we welcome Dr Thomas Docherty to the post of Musical Director here at St Patrick's. Dr Docherty brings a wealth of talent and knowledge to the parish. He is very much looking forward to working with our choir and being among us. Please make him very welcome.

World Day of the Sick - Wednesday, 11 February: we read in the New Testament of the special attention that Christ and the apostles gave to the sick and suffering. On this day we pray particularly for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. Pope St John Paul chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

Youth Group: Tuesday, 17 February, Faith & Fun day in the hall for those children who are already signed up for the Youth Group. It will run from the morning Mass at 9.30am to 4.00pm, with lunch included. Forms were given out at the Youth Group. Cost £5.

Stations of the Cross: by St Alphonsus Liguori will be on sale this week in preparation for Lent. We will be using these meditations for our parish Lenten devotions. Priced £4.

Stonework: Frustratingly, while we were being assured as late as last week that it would begin tomorrow, it has been postponed because of problems regarding the delivery of stone from the Isle of Portland. We are assured by the GRC Group who have been contracted for the work that the problems are resolved and that they will soon take delivery of the stone. As yet we do not have a date for the start of the work.

Solar panel work to supply electricity to the hall will start tomorrow. Thanks to our fabric committee for all their hard work.

Car park closed: because of the work on the solar panels **the bottom car park at the house will be closed tomorrow, Monday.** It may extend beyond Monday depending on the progress of the work. **The bottom door into the mortuary chapel will also be out of use.** Please use the top carpark and door in the meantime. Thank you.

Act of reparation: at the request of the Archbishop, we will make the act of eucharistic reparation at the Masses next weekend.

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. 2 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.

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

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

Baptismal godparents: It is always useful to remind ourselves of what the Church stipulates regarding godparents for baptisms: 1. You need only one godparent who must be a practising Catholic over the age of sixteen years; 2. If you have two godparents, one must be a man and one must be a woman; 3. You may have a maximum of two godparents; 4. A baptised non-Catholic may stand as a Christian witness to the baptism. The rules for godparents are stipulated in Canon Law (cf. can. 873).

Valentine's Day Retreat: (Saturday, 14 February) couples are invited to join an afternoon retreat on Marriage: 2pm-5pm, St Kentigern's, Parkgrove Ave, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR, led by Catholic playwright Stephen Callaghan and wife Rachel. Details and registration at bit.ly/archretreat26

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.

Prayers for Vocations: A silent Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life takes place at the convent chapel of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, at St Andrew's, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS, on **Monday, 9 February, 6:30pm-7:30pm**. The Holy Hour will be every second Monday of the month thereafter.

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.

Catholic Woman Writers: Dr Linden Bicket and Dr Rebekah Lamb-Varela will share the life and works of Immaculée Iligaziba, Anne Donovan, Muriel Spark, St Thérèse of Lisieux, and Ann Scott-Moncrieff, and consider how their writing enriches understanding of faith, imagination and meaning. **Wednesday, 11 February 2026**, 5:45pm to 8:30pm, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass]

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading Isaiah 58:6-10

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 112 *R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

A light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is generous, merciful, and righteous. It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. **R.**

He will never be moved; for ever shall the upright be remembered.

He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever.

His might shall be exalted in glory. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

