



St Patrick's Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th FEBRUARY 2024

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - St Agatha

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - St Paul Mikki & Comp.

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6pm - Vigil of Reception
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Jerome Emiliani

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
5pm - Vigil of Reception

Saturday - St Scholastica

9.30am - Requiem Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the young of our parish and those who have lapsed from their practice of the faith.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1670** and Fabric **£456**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Samuel Hudson RIP** of Strone Gardens who has died aged 74 years. His remains will be received into the church on Wednesday at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Thursday at 9.30am and; For **Mrs Frances Paton RIP** who has died aged 62 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Friday at 5pm and Requiem Mass will be offered on Saturday at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea & Coffee in the hall

Mon 10am - Tea & Coffee in the hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
7pm - Parents' Meeting P7

Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
7pm - Baptismal Course

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Confirmations there will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall tomorrow, **Monday, at 7.00pm** for those who have children being confirmed in April.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be this **Wednesday from 7 - 8pm in the hall**. Email the chapel house to book.

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

The Readers' Meeting has been **postponed** until after the 9.30am Mass on **Saturday, 17th February** for unforeseen reasons. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Valentine Fundraiser St Patrick's Hall on **Saturday, 10th February**. £13 a ticket finger buffet and entertainment. Contact Isobel Hughes for more details.

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.

Annual Safeguarding Statement the annual Safeguarding statement will be read at all Masses this weekend. It is important that all volunteers have an up-to-date PVG and are suitably trained. Dates for training are available on the Archdiocesan website. Any questions regarding Safeguarding please contact the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator email - Marie.Brady@staned.org.uk

St Patrick's Dinner Dance organised by the Men's Group will be on **Saturday, 16th March** at 7pm until late. £15 a ticket and BYOB. Add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the church along with food choice. Entry by ticket only.

Blessed Palms place any used palms in the box at the back of the church. These will be burned and used for the ashes on **Ash Wednesday - 14th February** - not long until Lent begins - keep smiling!

The Divine Mercy Devotion what is it all about? What is Jesus offering us? If you are interested, we have a guest speaker coming on **Monday, 19th February** to delve more deeply into the Divine Mercy. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm, just after Stations of the Cross, until 7.30pm ending with Benediction. Teas will be offered in the hall afterwards and all are very welcome.

Mondays of Lent Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm. At 6.30pm we will be having a short reflection on the writings of St Faustina in the hall. This should give us a better understanding of Divine Mercy Sunday which is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter.

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!

Parish Trip we still have spaces available for the **5-day trip to Liverpool from Monday, 9 to 13 September**. Staying at the Aloft Hotel (4*) in the city centre. The price is £440pp and supplement of £110 for single room. Booking forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR on **Saturday 10th Feb**, 2-5pm. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Register bit.ly/valretreat

World Day of the Sick – 11th February was introduced by Pope St John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for the sick of our parish and their family, friends and the professionals who help them.

Free Places at SPUC Youth Conference And is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs **23-25 February** at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: bit.ly/youthconference24 email prolife@staned.org.uk

Remembering Service a 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. **Sunday, 3rd March**, 5.00pm at St John the Baptist's Church, Edinburgh.

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 **Job 7:1-4,6-7**

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 146**

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

R. Praise the Lord...

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

R. Praise the Lord...

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

R. Praise the Lord...

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to

save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

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.