



St Patrick's Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 17th MARCH 2024

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday - St Cyril of Jerusalem

7.30am - Holy Mass
8 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - St Joseph

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

12.30pm - Mass in St Maurice's
6 - 6.55pm - Exposit & Confession
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

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

Saturday - Feria

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation In addition to the usual times for Confession, the sacrament will be available during all the Sunday Masses this weekend, as we have done in previous years. Confession is a part of our lives and Catholics. We should be mindful of making our Easter duties too.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1609** and Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). **£666**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church.

St Patrick's Day because today is a Sunday it trumps the Feast of St Patrick. That's why we still have the purple vestments and the Lenten Mass prayers. Not to be deterred, we'll have his hymn at the end of Mass. The consecration candles around the walls are lit today to mark the anniversary of the church's consecration by Cardinal Gray. We say a prayer for our forefathers in this parish who worked hard and gave generously so as to hand a magnificent church on to our generation. A blessed feast day to all our parishioners!

Veiling the sacred images why is the crucifix covered? Today is the start of 'Passiontide.' The readings now focus on the mounting tension between Jesus and those who will put Him to death. There is also an intensification of our fasting. Fasting is not simply fasting from food. Fasting is also fasting from things that we take for granted. For this reason, there is an ancient tradition that the cross and sacred images are covered to deprive our senses of the beauty and consolation of seeing them. We miss seeing the crucifix just as we might miss something that we gave up for Lent and look forward to it at Easter. At this time what makes a church beautiful is gradually taken away until what is most precious in a church, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, is removed on Holy Thursday; the Lord is taken from His Temple. Veiling sacred objects or people draws more attention to their presence and holiness. For example: the veil over the Holy of Holies in the Temple at the time of the Old Testament, Moses covering his face with a veil after he had conversed with God and things such as chalice veils, ciborium veils, tabernacle veils, nuns' veils, and bridal veils. The covering of an object makes one long to see it as we shall see the crucifix again on Good Friday.

Solemnity of St Joseph is on Tuesday of this week. This is a special day to relax our Lent a little. 'Dear St Joseph, pure and gentle, guardian of the Saviour Child. When the death shades round us gather, teach, o teach us how to die.'

First Confessions will take place next Saturday after the 9.30am Mass.

First Holy Communion, the Presentation of the Our Father will take place next Sunday at the end of the 11.30am Mass.

Mass in Craig en Goyne this Friday at 11am and parishioners are very welcome.

Lenten Reflections in the hall from 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

The Turin Shroud Holy Relic or Wholly Fake? On 22nd March at 7.00pm in the hall, Father Deeley hopes to give a talk on the Shroud of Turin. Is it a mediaeval forgery or the burial cloth of Jesus?

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next Sunday the Vigil and 9.30am Mass will begin in the church. The 11.30am Mass will, weather permitting, begin in the garden in front of the hall and we will process into the church with our palms as remember that Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will have Mass booklets so that everyone can follow the ritual and the reading of the Passion.

Altar Servers' Sign-up the altar servers will receive a letter this weekend encouraging them to sign up to the different liturgies over the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Their help at these important ceremonies is valued. Servers' practices will be held on:
Holy Thursday 10 - 11am
Good Friday 11 - 12noon
Holy Saturday 10 - 11am

The Easter Triduum 2024

Principle liturgies in **bold**

Holy Thursday

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
8 - 11pm - Watch at the altar of repose
10.45pm - Night Prayer (hall)

Good Friday

9am - Morning Prayer (church)
10am - Confessions
3pm - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
4pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
4.30 - 5.30pm - Confessions
7pm - Stations & Veneration
7.30 - 8pm - Confessions

Holy Saturday

9.30am - Morning Prayer (church)
10am - Confessions
7pm* - Easter Vigil

*The Easter Vigil must begin after sunset, but we are able to have it earlier this year as Holy Saturday is the day before the clocks go back which is unusual.

[Wee Boxes](#) next Sunday is the last chance to return 'Wee Boxes.' Any donations after that should be made directly to the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.

[Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral](#) on **Tuesday, 26th March**. The minibus will leave at 5.15pm. Add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to go. At this Mass, all the priest of the Archdiocese gather with the Archbishop to renew their priestly promises. It's also the occasion when the Archbishop blesses the oils (Chrism, Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens) for distribution to the parishes for use in the sacraments. It is a very beautiful liturgy.

[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

6.30pm - Reflection in the hall

Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

7pm - Shroud of Turin Talk

[Dates for your Diary](#)

Apr 21st - Sacrament of Confirmation

May 11th - Holy Communion

May 11th - Post Vigil Supper

May 25th - Bingo Night Fundraiser for YG

May 31st - 40 Hours' Adoration

Jun 2nd - *Corpus Christi* Procession in Falkirk

Jun 8th - Parish Outing out to Largs

Jun 14th - Carlos Acutis Relics

Jun 22nd - Parish BBQ

Jun 23rd - St Margaret's Pilgrimage

Jun 30th - Blessing of the Graves

Jul 7th - Scalan Pilgrimage

[Welcome and Prayers](#) for Indi-Sophia Kenny who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

[New 2024/25 Gift Aid Envelopes](#) for offertory; building or special collections at the of the back of church. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up for gift aid, contact the chapel house.

[New Stock for Piety Stall](#) we have a lovely new selection of cards for Easter. Cards and keepsakes for children making their first Confession; Holy Communion and Confirmation. Pop in and have a browse.

[The Scottish Government](#) is consulting on a proposed new law to end conversion practices in Scotland. The proposals,

which could see loving mums and dads and caring clergy jailed for up to seven years, have drawn sharp and widespread criticism and been described by Aidan O'Neill KC as "ill-thought out" and "fundamentally illiberal". Respond to the consultation before the closing date of 2 April. You will find all that you need, including guidance on responding to the consultation, here:

<https://rcpolitics.org/conversion-practices/>

[FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT](#)

[SACRED SCRIPTURE](#)

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

[Entrance Antiphon](#)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

[First Reading](#) **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

[Responsorial Psalm](#) **Psalm 50**

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways

and sinners may return to you.

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

[Second Reading](#) **Hebrews 5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

[Gospel Acclamation](#)

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;

and where I am, there also will my servant be. ***Praise to you, O Christ...***

[Gospel](#)

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

[Prayers of the Faithful Response](#)

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

[Communion Antiphon](#)

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.