



The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th August 2021

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22 nd Sunday	
6pm	Vigil Mass
8:30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
10:45am	Holy Mass
12noon	Holy Mass
Monday	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Tuesday - St. Aidan	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Wednesday - World Day of Prayer for Creation	
6pm	Expo & Confessions
7pm	Mass
Thursday	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Friday - St. Gregory the Great	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Saturday - St. Cuthbert	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
10-10.30am	Confessions
5.15pm	Confessions
6pm	Vigil Mass
Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses.	

Due to changes in restrictions down to 1 metre distancing you are no longer required to book for Sunday Masses.

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

Thank you for your generosity. Last weekend's cash offertory donations £652 and fabric £188

Mass time changes. Thank you to all those who sent in their preference for the time for the second Sunday morning Mass. It was very close and taking into consideration the run that the minibus does, the new time will be 11.30am. I hope not too many people will be disappointed. As of from **NEXT** Sunday Mass times will be Vigil at 6pm; 9.30am and 11.30am.

Covid Update It is great to see more people returning to Sunday Mass, please continue to do so, as we start to rebuild our parish community. At the same time, we need to continue to protect each other. Although there is no social distancing expected in the church, several parishioners have requested that we keep one metre for the time being. Please continue to take directions from the stewards. Can we also remind you to sanitize your hands on entry and exit and wear a face mask? Track and trace will continue for the time being. Slight change to attending mid-week Masses. Please pick a wipe on entry and sanitise your pew/kneeler on leaving. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

30th Aug - Men's Group restarts
5th Sept - McMillan Coffee Morning
11th Sept - Parish Day out to Largs
12th Sept - Blessing of the Graves
18th Sept - Parish Workers Party
20-24th Sept - Parish Trip to Ireland

Farewell to Fr. William we would like to thank Father for all his work and support that he has given to the parish, especially during the difficult time of Covid. We wish him well in his new parish and will keep him in our prayers.

Parish Day Out will take place on Saturday 11th September to Largs. Transport will depart from outside chapel house at 10.15am; arrive Largs at 11.30am. High Tea at the Willowbank Hotel at 4.30pm and returning to Kilsyth about 7pm. In the past these days out have been very well supported and enjoyable. Please consider coming along by signing the sheet at the back of the church and choosing your meal from the selection listed. Please note one name per line. Cost: adults £15; children £10.

Service of the Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 12th September at 3pm. All welcome.

Welcome to Callan Brown; Jessica Elizabeth Clancy and Connell Daniel Reid who were all baptised in August. Congratulations to their families and friends.

Parish Draw Winners for July are:

Week 1 £300 R. Reynolds 1197 R. Doherty 1405
£100 A. Bowe 2140 P. Weldon 1527
£50 P. McLaren 2146 M. Docherty 1872

Week 2 £300 M. Watson 1420 D. Kerr 1511
£100 I. McCreery 1425 A. Coyle 1027
£50 D. McGrenra 1091 M. Clark 1568

Parish Youth Group restarted last Thursday and was a great success. This group is opened to all young people who are in Primary 5 to Primary 7 and S1 in high school. Details have been issued through the school and for those who do not attend St Patrick's School, there are letters and forms at the front door of the parish house. This group was started five years ago and was very popular with many of our young in, so please encourage your children to come along.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Liam Callaghan who will be received into church at 5pm on Wednesday and Requiem on Friday at 9.30am. Martin Brady arrangements to be confirmed.

This Sunday Teas and Coffee it's been a long time coming and I'm sure you are all keen to get together, catch up for a blether over a tea or coffee! So, let's get together on after 9:30am Mass. We do need some volunteers to help, if you are able and can help, please consider this as we want to start rebuilding the community spirit after the past eighteen months that we have just been through!

Polite Notice Designated Parking spaces in the main car park are for Blue Badger Holders only. Please respect this guideline at all daily Masses.

Monday Morning Teas after 9.30am Mass starts next Monday. Please come along and cat up with friends. All welcome. We are also looking for help, if you can please contact the parish house.

Baptismal Course The first stage for requesting your child to be baptised is always to collect a Baptism Pack from the back of the church and handing the registration form into the parish house. The next course will be Tuesday 14th September at 7pm in the Hall.

Safeguarding webinar, The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

St Patrick's Men's Club are pleased to announce the group will officially recommence tomorrow, Monday 30th August at 10.30am in the Church Hall. We are delighted to welcome back all of our existing members and, at the same time, would welcome new members to join us from that date onwards. For obvious reasons, there will be restrictions put in place, which you will be made fully aware of beforehand, this to ensure members continued safety and wellbeing. We are sure that everyone has missed the games, activities and outings and now look forward to a new start.

All Families Welcome to Family Fiesta Parish Hall/Grounds - Sun 19th Sept 1pm-3pm. A special, fun afternoon with lots of activities including Disco; Play area; Games/colouring; Party games; Balloons; Face painting; Photo booth. Free entry but we ask that you book your space so we can adhere to Covid-19 guidelines. Please text 07899845556 or email clare@totsplay.co.uk to book.

Courses at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh
Applications are now open for variety of courses run by St Mary's University, Twickenham, at our Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the faith with an MA in Theology?
Visit stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Maybe you were baptized but did not celebrate any of the other Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Communion or you would like to be baptized? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, can you please contact Fr Daniel to discuss meeting to consider preparations to be received into the Church.

Fundraising 2021 Visit saintpatrickskillsyth.com/giving for all the latest information regarding parish fundraising activities. Latest information on Parish Draw, Gift Aid and Online Shopping Fundraising. You can keep track of how much is being raised by the parish by accessing the link above. So far, we have raised **£183.50**, and we now have **53** supporters. Remember every time you shop online the parish gets a contribution. Anybody can join it's easy to use visit easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpatrickspk/ and support our cause. Help us reach our target of **100** supporters by the end of 2021. Spread the word over 4,700 retailers take part in this scheme.

This Sunday's Sacred Scripture
First reading **Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the

house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Second reading **Ephesians 5:25-32**
Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel **John 6:60-69**
After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'