



The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

Fourth Sunday of Advent 19th December 2021

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| Fourth Sunday of Advent | |
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| 6pm | Vigil Mass |
| 8.30am | Exposition |
| 9.30am | Holy Mass |
| 11.30am | Holy Mass |
| Monday | |
| 8.30am | Exposition |
| 9.30am | Holy Mass |
| Tuesday - St. Peter Canisius | |
| 8.30am | Exposition |
| 9.30am | Holy Mass |
| Wednesday | |
| 6.30pm | Holy Mass |
| 6.30-7.30pm | Confession |
| 7pm | Carol Service Candle Lt |
| Thursday | |
| 8.30am | Exposition |
| 9.30am | Holy Mass |
| Friday | |
| 8.30am | Exposition |
| 9.30am | Holy Mass |
| Christmas Day | |
| 6pm | Christmas Eve Vigil |
| Midnight | Midnight Mass |
| 8.30am | Exposition |
| 9.30am | Holy Mass |
| 11.30am | Holy Mass |
| Please note no Saturday night Vigil on 25th | |

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

Your Cash Gift to God and His Church

Last weekend's cash offertory donations £772 and Fabric £180. Once again, many thanks for your ongoing generosity.

We pray for the repose of the soul of

May Waters who passed away. She will be received into church on Wednesday at 6pm and Requiem Mass on Thursday at 9.30am. We also remember Philip Vezza who died on 2 December and arrangements are still to be confirmed.

THE SUNDAY AND MONDAY MORNING TEAS AND COFFEES WILL RECOMMENCE NEXT YEAR

40 Hours Adoration in our parish was a great blessing. We give thanks to all those who made it possible. There are many, firstly those who prepared the altar and maintained it during the three days; those who led the Holy Hours and most importantly you who prayed and kept watch. Thank you.

Last Sunday the Director of Communications from the Archdiocese visited the parish to find out how we do the 40 Hours. He was very impressed. He also filmed the church and interviewed two parishioners. This has been shared with all other parishes in the Archdiocese. To view please go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7o4nlRhfvzA>

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) for all of us it is important that we try to get to Confession on a monthly basis and especially for Christmas. Fr Joe Sullivan will hear confessions this Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm.

Christmas Gifts etc available in the Piety Shop. The choice of cards and gifts for Christmas is excellent. Please support your shop

Candlelit Mass another fantastic turnout last Wednesday. Many thanks to all those who came along.

This Wednesday Mass will be at the earlier time of 6:30pm followed at 7pm with a Service of Readings and Carols by Candlelight.

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass is fully booked. We are sorry to ask that you please **do not turn up for this Mass if you do not have a ticket**, as our numbers have to be restricted. Why not come to the Midnight Mass or one of the morning Masses

People have been very generous and have expressed that they would like to donate a **Poinsettia** for Christmas in memory of loved ones, as they have done in previous years.



It is a lovely thing to do, and we would be delighted to have them again this year. Please leave them at the back of Church before Thursday. Thank you.

CHAS Christmas Presents A very big thank you to all who contributed so generously to the appeal. Almost 100 gifts for children and families who use the services of the Children's Hospices Across Scotland were delivered to Robin House in Balloch to be distributed before Christmas. Your generosity is much appreciated and will most certainly "Keep the Joy Alive" for many families at this special time of year. Thank you, Catherine McGrath on behalf of the Caritas Group.

Winter has arrived the reality of the season is that we need volunteers to access our grounds during heavy snow and frost. If you are in a position to help, please contact the parish either by email or phone. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Advent talks: Faith, Hope & Love Final talk tomorrow, Monday 7pm on the virtue of Love with Sr Anna Marie McGuan. No registration required, use this to join: bit.ly/AdventTalk (or webinar ID: 891 8951 4801).

Advent: Rosary for Life Join parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese each Tuesday throughout Advent to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all Pro-Life intentions. It continues at 7:45pm this Tuesday. Event on Zoom, register at bit.ly/14DecRosary

Crib Offerings there will be a basket at front of crib for any offerings you may wish to give. The proceeds will be sent to the Archbishop to assist him in the many charitable requests he receives

Archdiocesan Diploma in Catechetics

The graduation ceremony for the first group of 60 took place last Saturday at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. As a parish we are delighted that the following parishioners graduated: Diane Bateman, Anne Collins; Joan Forster; Joe Livingstone; Sinead McKee; Anne McLaughlin; Luisa Rafferty. This is a wonderful achievement for them and our parish. Please visit our website and Face Book to view the pictures.

Day by Day and Bible Alive Editions

available at the back of the church.

Synod 2021-23 The planned meeting for this afternoon has been postponed until next year.

Bishops of Scotland announced the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation will be reinstated from Sunday 2nd Jan 2022, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. In accordance with the common teaching of the Church this obligation does not bind those in ill health from attending Mass. Nor, in the context of Covid, does it bind those showing symptoms of the virus or with underlying health conditions, or those with responsibilities for people in need of special care.

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents in St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, at midday on Tuesday 28 December. The Mass has been organised by our Pro-Life Office and will be followed by refreshments, covid guidelines permitting. Register at bit.ly/InnocentsMass21

Assisted Suicide Public Consultation

We need to do something now and send a strong message to MSP's and the Scottish Government: that assisted suicide is dangerous and unethical. We must never allow it to be legalised in Scotland or any other part of the UK. The consultation is running until **Wed 22 Dec.** Please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can and encourage others to do the same. Be assured if this does not affect you personally just now, it is only a matter of time before it does. By then it may be too late. www.spuc.org.uk/assisteddyingconsultation

Diploma in Catechetics 2022 Get ready to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. She and a range of guest speakers bring you online lectures each Thursday, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins in January 2022 and costs £200 and £150 for students. Registration is now open at bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022

Mary's Meals: Double the Love until 31 Jan, all donations will be matched by a group of private donors, so please consider supporting this campaign and praying for its success. There are many ways to donate, including choosing Mary's Meals gift cards as a meaningful gift this Christmas. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk

Save the date *Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love*. There will be three talks explaining this important document, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, beginning 10 January and led by Sr Anna Marie, the Archdiocese's Catechetics Advisor, and Fr Nick Welsh, vice rector of the Scots College in Rome. Details to follow soon.

Save the date *Music Day*. This takes place on Saturday 22 January at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 10:00am-3:30pm. The theme is *Liturgical Music Making in a Post-Pandemic World*. The day is open to everyone, especially those involved in leading and playing music, as well as singers. Details to follow soon

SACRED SCRITURE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on, he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

Second reading Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts, and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'