



St Patrick's Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 1 FEBRUARY 2026

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Presentation of the Lord

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - St Blaise

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Agatha

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Paul Miki & Companions

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - First Saturday - Our Lady

9.30am - Holy Mass

5-15-5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary before Mass exc. Wed. & Sun.

Confirmation: The Presentation of the Creed will take place next Sunday at the 11.30am Mass. Before Mass, parents should have the pamphlet and be familiar with it. Kindly tick the register at the back on arrival.

Father Moir's Presentation: the second collection will be taken up for this today. We will have a reception in the hall next Sunday, straight after the 11.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. You may also put donations through the door of the chapel house clearly marked 'Father Moir's Presentation.'

Mr James Greechan: We will also say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to our Director of Music at the reception next Sunday.

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1413 and fabric fund £423. God bless you for your support of His Church.

Rome and Assisi 2026: We had a good information meeting and lots of interest about our forthcoming parish pilgrimage (8 - 15 September). If you are interested in signing up: booking forms are available at the back of the church; pick one up and get in touch with the chapel house.

Faith & Reason Series for those who have signed up, continues on Friday at 6.30pm in the hall. This session is entitled 'Marriage and Holy Orders.'

Sacramental Dates for the Diary
Parents' Meeting in St Patrick's School: Tomorrow, Monday:
5.15pm - First Confession
5.45pm - First Holy Communion
6.15pm - Confirmations
8 February- Presentation of the Creed - P7

St Patrick's Primary will join us for Mass on the first Friday.

Holy Communion: recently a host was found discarded in the church. By all of us this should be regarded as a serious matter. I have reported it to the Archbishop and have told him that I am sure that it has been an isolated incident. In response, the Archbishop has asked that we, as a parish, make reparation; so, you might consider fasting for a time or doing some other act of penance over the coming days. Then, as a parish, we will say a prayer of reparation together at the Masses over the weekend 14/15 February. While we do not know the motivation for this and we can at least hope that it was done in ignorance, we should all be clear about what the law of the Church says regarding such: 'One who throws away the consecrated species or, for a sacrilegious purpose, takes them away or keeps them, incurs a *latae sententiae* [automatic] excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See [...]' (can. 1367). We all have a duty of care for the Blessed Sacrament: if you have any concerns, let the priest know.

Parish Draw Dates to the Big Draw

10 February	Weeks 25 - 28 draws
10 March	Weeks 29 - 32 draws
7 April	Weeks 33 - 36 draws
5 May	Weeks 37 - 40 draws
2 June	Weeks 41 - 44 draws
30 June	Weeks 45 - 50 draws
26 July	Big Draw

Youth Group: on Pancake Tuesday (17 February) we will have a 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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Friday after 9.30am Mass and at 3pm in the Mortuary Chapel.

Monthly Brass Cleaning will be on Friday at 1pm in the sacristy. If you are free and would like to help, then you would be more than welcome!

Prayers: we remember especially the sick and housebound.

First Holy Communion: The Presentation of the Our Father will take place this Sunday at the 11.30am Mass. Before Mass, parents should have the pamphlet and be familiar with it. Kindly tick the register at the back on arrival.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is on Monday. We bless the candles on this day, and it is the last day of the crib scene. Those who come to Mass that morning can take a blessed candle home with them. Mass begins in the mortuary chapel. We pray for all of the religious brothers and sisters of the world on this day and we bless the candles. If you have candles to be blessed, bring them to Mass that day.

The Blessing of Throats: Tuesday is the memoria of St Blaise who is the patron saint of throats. There will be the blessing of the throats after Mass.

Stonework: The work on the stone plinth for the tabernacle, the wall-mounted stone for Our Lady's statue, the refurbishment of the baptismal font, the cleaning of the foundation stone and the repairs to the mortuary chapel stairs is due to begin next Monday, 9 February. It is envisaged that we will have to have Mass in the Mortuary Chapel during the week to let the workmen take possession of the sanctuary.

Solar panel work to supply electricity to the hall; we are hoping this will also start on Monday, 9 February. We have submitted the annual financial return to the Archdiocese; **last year the hall ran at a loss of approximately £14,000** -The majority of costs came from energy usage so it is hoped that the panels will help to offset some of this.

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.

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

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

Remembering 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: Sunday, 22 February at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist, 37 St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, EH12 8AL.

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.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE
[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass]

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading **Zephaniah 3:12-13**
Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 146**
R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. **R.**

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. **R.**

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**
Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.