



St Patrick's Catholic Church

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 OCTOBER 2025

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

6pm - October Devotions

Tuesday - Our Lady of the Rosary

8.30 - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6-6.50pm - Exposition & Confessions

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

8.30 - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Feria

8.30 - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

5-15-5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Prayers: we remember the sick, the housebound, the lapsed and we ask God for a lasting and just peace to the various conflicts in the world.

Your Gift to God and His Church:
£1286.

Tea, coffee, and toast in the hall after the 9.30am Sunday Mass and the Monday 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

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

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thurs 6.30pm - Youth Club

Father Deeley will be making his annual retreat this week.

Parents' Meeting: for the parents of the children who will be preparing for the sacraments in 2026 will be held in St Patrick's School tomorrow, Monday. The children do not attend this meeting:

First Confession parents' - 6.30pm

First Holy Communion - 7.00pm

Confirmation - 7.30pm

Where is the statue of Our Lady? The statue has been taken away to be restored. You may remember that it was damaged in 2009 when the church was desecrated. It was also inadvertently stained darker some years ago when the wood was treated; it should really match the colour of the Station of the Cross, St Patrick, and Christ on the crucifix since they were all made as part of a set. The restorers have said that they will repair the damage to the wood and get the statue as close to the original colour as possible. In the meanwhile, the school has generously loaned us one of their statues until our own one comes back, probably in November. The cost of this work has been benefacted to the parish in its entirety. We pray for our benefactors and all who are good to us.

Where is the baptismal font? as mentioned a few months ago, the baptismal font, which was also damaged when the church was desecrated in 2009, has now been taken away to be repaired. When it is returned it will be placed again in the baptistry, as per the architects' plans. This work has also been generously benefacted to the parish and we thank and say a prayer for the donor.

Donating for projects in the church: in a building as unique as St Patrick's, there are always things needing repaired and restored so that it looks its best. The reason why we look after the church building is because this is where God dwells among His chosen people and our care for it reflects that. If you would like to help with costs of a particular project or piece of work, please speak privately with Father Deeley.

Day of Prayer for Peace: the Archbishop invites us all to make this Tuesday a day of prayer for a just and lasting peace in the various deadly conflicts happening around the world. Perhaps offer your Rosary that day for peace and fast a little.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: On the Mondays of October at 6pm, we will have the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, short reflection, Exposition and Benediction, lasting about 30 minutes. During October, there is a plenary indulgence for praying the Rosary in a church, family, or pious association. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is on Tuesday; the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto, which saved Christian Europe from the Islamic forces, attributed to her intercession.

Prayerful silence: something that both visiting priests and laypeople to our parish have remarked upon is the prayerful silence in our church before Masses. When as priests we go to say Mass in other places we notice that it's certainly not always the case. So, we're blessed to have a prayerful atmosphere in our church which can only be the result of a collective effort of our parishioners. Silence is important because spiritual growth only ever comes when there are times of prayerful silence in our lives. Having said that, prayerful silence is a fragile thing and we need to nurture it and protect it, especially before and after the Masses when there are a lot of people around, remembering always that the almighty God spoke to the prophet Elijah in 'a still small voice.'

Annual Safeguarding Statement will be this weekend.

Faith & Reason Series: the next in our series of talks for those who have signed up will be 'The Life of Prayer.' Friday, 6.30pm in the hall.

York Reunion for those who have signed up will be on Saturday, 18 October at 7pm in the hall.

Social Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, 17 October after the 9.30am Mass.

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair: Commemorate the centenary of her death on Saturday, 22 November: meet at her former grave in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, at 9:00am to pray the Rosary then a walk to her current tomb at St Patrick's in The Cowgate. Benediction at 12:15pm followed by Holy Mass at 12:30pm. A Centenary Mass will be offered at the Sacred Heart Altar, in St Patrick's on Monday 24 November at 5:45pm.

Congratulations to Connie Wayne who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday. We remember her and her family in our prayers.

ABBA tribute Our Social Committee have organised an ABBA tribute night on Saturday, 29 November at 7pm. There will be a licensed bar. Tickets available to purchase for £15 shortly. Feel free to dress for the occasion!

Catholic Conversations for Women: Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism and those who are desirous of faith-focused discussion are welcome to this event on Saturday, 25 October, 3:45pm-4:45pm in the St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS). All welcome to join for Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm in the convent with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. To register, email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

Do you pay tax? The parish is able to claim back the tax on your giving: 25p in every £1. This is a major source of income. Contact the parish office for information and to sign up. Gift Aiding is confidential, flexible and at no extra cost to the donor.

The Calix Society: an association of Catholic alcoholics who meet to grow in their relationship with God through prayer and meditation (Alcoholics Anonymous' 11th Step). Meetings on Tuesdays, 7.00-8.00pm, starting 21 October at St Pat's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ. For more information visit www.calixsociety.org

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgemental environment to help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace, and restore their life. The next retreat is in November. Contact Sister Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or 07816942824 for more information.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY SACRED SCRIPTURE
[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven, and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95
R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the LORD who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-14
Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord remains for ever, and this word is the good news that was preached to you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:5-10
At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So, you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."'

Prayers of the Faithful Response
Lord hear us.
R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.