



# The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Year 'C

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## Sunday - 27th

6pm - Vigil Mass  
8-9.20am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - 28th

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Tuesday - 1st

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9.30am - Requiem Mass

## ASH WEDNESDAY - 2nd

8.30 -9.20am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
6-7pm - Expo & Confession  
7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - 3rd

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Friday - 4th - St. Casimir

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
10am - Divine Mercy  
3pm - Divine Mercy  
3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

## Saturday - 5th - Our Lady

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
10-10.30am - Confessions  
5.15- 5.45pm - Confessions  
6pm - Vigil Mass

**Rosary 20mins before Mass exc. Sun**

## Your Cash Gifts to God and His Church

Last weekend's cash offertory donations **£751** and Fabric **£125**. Once again, many thanks for your ongoing generosity.

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

**This Weekend** at all the three Masses the young people being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take part in the Rite of the Presentation of the Creed.

**Pancake Sunday/Monday** why not pop into the hall and enjoy pancakes and toppings today and tomorrow?

**LOVE LENT.** Lent is a time to give up the things that are precious to us. A time to sacrifice and go hungry or without comforts or the pleasures of this world for 40 days. That is a long time! So, what is there to love? If you choose to take it seriously, Lent will change your life. Don't simply give up something in your life for Lent but give in to more of Jesus in your life. Whether that means time for daily prayer, daily Mass, for Adoration, or some other time for the Lord, it is in this time spent with the Lord that the true change will take place. Be intentional and give a part of your day to Jesus. He will touch your heart. If you are consistent with your commitment every day with Jesus, something within you will experience a complete transformation. You will hear His voice more clearly. You will see Him in your life in a new way. You will be reminded of His great love for you and how He is right there by your side each day. Why not try it?

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of fast & abstinence. Everyone is obliged to fast on this day, especially from meat, if age & health permits. Blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at both Masses.

**Stations of the Cross** will begin on **Friday at 3.15pm**. If you are picking children up from school encourage them to come along.

**Lectio Divina** every Sunday of Lent at 4pm in the church. Lectio Divina means "Divine Reading" and refers to an approach to prayer and scripture reading practiced by monastics since the early Church. It is a great way to study the Bible but is not the same thing as a Bible study. Lectio Divina is more personal to you, in the moment you are praying. Bible studies lead us to interpret the Bible by asking questions and at times, doing research, and looking at the Bible as a whole. Lectio Divina, on the other hand, asks us to intentionally focus on a short section of Scripture. This prayerful focus could be one passage, one verse, or even just one word.

**Children's Liturgy** restarts next Sunday at 11.30am Mass. All primary school children welcome.

**Blessed Palms** if you would like to return your palms, please do so, by placing them in the basket on the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

**SCI AF WEE BOX** please take a Wee Box pack home and return it on Palm Sunday.

## Parish events this week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall  
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in hall  
10.30am - Men's Group  
2pm - Women's Guild  
6pm - Tour of the Church - P4  
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group  
7.45pm - Baptismal Prep Course  
Thu 10am - Visitation Group  
6.30pm - Youth Group

## Congratulations to February Draw Winners

	Week 25	Week 26
£300 B Craig	1611	P Burns 1628
£100 J Brown	2159	A Gilmour 1049
£50 M Watkins	1167	S Hughes 1022
	Week 27	Week 28
£300 S Cassidy	2138	A Fitzsimmons 1002
£100 A Shields	1413	S Gray 1749
£50 S Scullion	1252	PJ Collins 1189

**Welcome** to Daisy Coventry, Scarlett Skye Abercrombie and Roman Matthew William Abercrombie who were baptised yesterday and congratulations to their parents and families.

**First Aid Course** for all who have agreed to take part this will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30pm - 9.30pm.**

**St Patrick's Evening on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets nearly sold out. See Men's Group after Mass for **£10 ticket / BYOB.**

**St. Patrick's Cards & Mother's Day Cards** are in stock in the Piety Stall along with other lovely items. Have a wonder in.

**Obligation to attend Mass** on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation will be reinstated from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the first Sunday in Lent. In accordance with the common teaching of the Church this obligation does not bind those in serious 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.

**Daily Readings** can be found online at Universalis (handy if you have your mobile at Mass) You can also buy the app which gives commentaries on the readings. It is an excellent app.

**Safeguarding update** from Marie Brady, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator Following on from the annual Safeguarding Statement, I would like to highlight the forthcoming dates for the Archdiocese Safeguarding training via Zoom. Induction part 1:

Tuesday 1st March at 7.00pm or Saturday 19th March at 10.00am.

Booking can be arranged by contacting: Margaret.andow@outlook.com

There may be an opportunity to arrange one of these sessions in our hall - this is still to be confirmed. It is essential that all volunteers keep their Safeguarding training up to date. There are several parishioners who require a PVG update, so it is important that they contact me in the coming weeks at

[marie.brady@staned.org.uk](mailto:marie.brady@staned.org.uk)

I also propose to attend various Parish groups soon to support any volunteers in meeting their PVG requirements.

**Holy Water** may now be used by those who wish as they enter and leave church. Hands should be sanitised before contact with the Holy Water and the Holy Water will be changed regularly.

**Baptisms** if you would like to arrange for your child's baptism, can you collect a Baptismal Pack from the display unit at the back of the church and return completed registration form to the parish house. The next baptism course for all parents is this Wednesday at 7.45pm in the hall. Please email parish to register your attendance.

### **Lent – Stations of the Cross**

Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7.45pm. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children, and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/prolifeevents](http://bit.ly/prolifeevents)

**Lent with St Paul** The Archdiocese is hosting *Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent*. It is a 30-minute talk at 7.30pm on 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrews Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

### **Catholics in health and social care**

A training day about the ethical challenges of work in the health and care sector takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 19 March from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Speakers will lead discussions on assisted suicide, accompaniment of the dying and conscientious objection. This event is targeted at health/care workers, and anyone motivated by their faith to care for others. Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

**Scotland's Census** The once-a-decade count of the population of Scotland takes place soon and your household will receive a letter about it. Please complete the census accurately and remember to include your religion! The deadline for completion of the census is 20 March 2022. Details at [scotlandcensus.gov.uk](http://scotlandcensus.gov.uk)

**Day of Prayer** Friday 4 March is a Day of Prayer all those who have experienced abuse. Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted. Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable. Pray that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all.

### **8th Sunday's Sacred Scripture**

**First Reading** **Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8**  
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### **Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

When this perishable nature has put on perishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### **Gospel**

#### **Luke 6:39-45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit. The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

### **Lectio Divina**

Firstly, you listen to Luke 4:1-13 (next Sunday's Gospel) carefully and try and let it soak in.

Secondly, you meditate on it after listening to it for a second time and you consider:

What sticks out to you?

Perhaps it's a particular image, phrase, or single word.

Let that be your focus, meditating on what might God be trying to show you through what stands out.

Thirdly you pray by responding to the text and to God. Asking God to show you what He wants you to take from it. This could lead you to offer thanks, ask forgiveness, or simply talk with God about what the passage brought to your heart.

Finally, you contemplate and rest with God. Be aware of God's presence with you. Listen for His voice.