

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

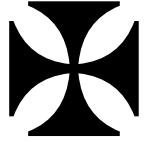
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Jerome

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Mass

Thursday - St Therese of the Child Jesus

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Holy Guardian Angels

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - First Saturday - Our Lady

9.30am - Holy Mass

10am - Confessions

5-5.15pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy 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 which includes standing orders: £1477 and fabric £373.

Square Slice Sunday: hot breakfast rolls on offer in the hall after the 9.30am Mass today, Sunday. For only £2 you can enjoy a good breakfast and good company. Quite a bargain!

Parents' Meetings for the parents of the children who will be preparing for the sacraments in 2027 will be held in St Patrick's school on **Tuesday, 6 October**. The children do not attend this meeting.
First Confession parents' - 6.30pm
First Holy Communion - 7pm
Confirmation - 7.30pm

Safeguarding Statement from the archdiocese will be read at all the Masses next weekend.

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

St Patrick's Primary will join us for Mass on the first Friday, the Holy Guardian Angels.

Brass Cleaning on Friday at 1pm. If you are free, then you are more than welcome to join us.

Congratulations to Parish Draw Winners

Week 5

£300 CA Canavan 1549 E McGarry 1774

£100 A Kerr 2035 T Docherty 1932

£50 C Kelly 1234 P Murphy 1825

Week 6

Week 7

£300 R Friel 1937 A Bellingham 1939

£100 C Kiernan 1431 P Murphy 1496

£50 E Gilmour 1459 E McKnight 1271

Week 8

The Youth Group For the month of October, the following is planned: pizza & quiz & Irish bingo - prize for the winning team; Games night - Crafting pumpkins / hot chocolate and Halloween Party. Remember it's not too late to join, it's open to primary fives and upwards, mums and dads just have to complete a consent form that's available at the Youth Group or at the chapel house.

Next Baptismal Course: for parents and godparents will be on Wednesday, 7 October from 7- 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Mexican Night! - apologies - this event is now postponed.

Abbatones Night on Saturday, 21 November, 7pm. Tickets available after all Masses 3rd/4th October

Save the Dates in December

Sunday 6th - Panto

Sunday 13th - Senior Parishioners' Lunch

Sunday 20th - Fun and Games with Santa

Children's Schola: we are beginning a children's schola to sing at the 11.30am Masses and other important parish occasions. Raphael Chinn, our Musical Director, has started to form our wee singers on Tuesdays in the school. All children can join and we have about 25 so far who are interested. When they're ready,

they'll begin to sing at Mass. We are grateful to our benefactors whose generosity has allowed us to do this.

October Devotions October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This year we will pray the Litany of Loretto, after the Rosary in the morning for the month of October starting on Thursday. The Rosary will start a few minutes earlier at 9am. There is a plenary indulgence for praying the Rosary in a church, family or pious association. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7 October, the anniversary of the victory of the Battle of Lepanto, which saved Christian Europe from the Muslims, and was attributed to her intercession. Copies of the litany are on the back table of the church.

Do you know someone in hospital? All hospitals and care homes have a designated Catholic chaplain. However, **he is unable to visit unless he knows they are there**. Hospital staff will now **not** get the chaplain unless they are specifically asked. If you are asking hospital staff to get the chaplain, you must specify that it is the Catholic chaplain (the priest) that you require as sometimes the staff will just get the generic non-denominational chaplain.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you or someone you know wishes to become a Catholic, speak to Fr Deeley as soon as possible to see if you are eligible and then to begin the time of instruction.

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.

Men's Bible Study: Fridays 7 to 8am in the hall.

Holy Cross, Croy - Simon Community are looking for provisions to help support this charity for the homeless. The aim is to provide "kettle packs" containing quite specific foodstuff as those in emergency accommodation have no cooking facilities, save for a kettle. Donations should be handed into Holy Cross Church - Any of

the items below would be much appreciated:

Noodles; Pot Noodles; Instant porridge pots or sachets; Cup-a- Soup; snack tins of tuna; protein bars; individually wrapped biscuits or chocolate bars; teabags; instant coffee/hot chocolate sachets; small cartons of fresh juice; fizzy juice; bottle of water. Toiletry donations are also most welcome.

The Beginning Experience a weekend at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge on 16 – 18 October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. For more details call Maggie on 07786687631 or email beginningexperiencescotland@gmail.co

Consultation on Diocesan Structures The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has announced the latest phase of its consultation on the future structure of dioceses in Scotland. The proposals include possible changes affecting the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. This is a consultation process, and no decisions have been made. Read more at archedinburgh.org/news/

Poverty in Scotland: can we do more? An event to dive into the reality of poverty in Scotland. You'll hear from a range of speakers working on the frontline, discuss what's being done and explore ways we can do more to help. It takes place on Saturday 3 October, 10.30am-4pm at, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register now at bit.ly/povertyinscotland

Red Mass The annual Red Mass takes place at 12 noon on Sunday, 4 October at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh. The Mass marks the beginning of the new legal year in Scotland and brings together members of the legal profession to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the administration of justice. All are welcome.

Catholic Conversations for Women on the Rosary In October, the month of the Rosary, all women are invited to join 'Catholic Conversations' on Saturday, 17 October, 3.45pm-4.45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS to look at how the mysteries of the Rosary are rooted in Scripture. Optional Holy Hour at the adjacent convent with Adoration, Rosary and Vespers from 5.10pm. To register email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

Pro-Life Candlelight Procession SPUC Scotland's annual Candlelight Procession takes place in Glasgow on Thursday, 29 October to pray for the protection of unborn life. The evening begins with the

Rosary at the Mercat Building, Glasgow Cross, at 6.30pm, followed by the Candlelight Procession at 7pm and Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Edinburgh Day for Life SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday, 31 October, 9.30am-3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny, with a welcome from Archbishop Cushley. Admission is free, but advance registration is required through Eventbrite: bit.ly/dayforlife

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass.]

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

R. Remember your compassion, O LORD.

O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Remember your compassion,

O LORD, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he shows the way to sinners.

He guides the humble in right judgement; to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.