



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Times - 29th October 2023

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Devotions

Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
7pm - **VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS'**

WEDNESDAY - ALL SAINTS' DAY

9.30AM - HOLY MASS
NO EVENING MASS

THURSDAY - ALL SOULS' DAY

8.30 - 9.25AM - Exposition
9.30AM - HOLY MASS
6PM - HOLY MASS

Friday - First Friday

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - First Saturday

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Your Gift to God and His Church which

includes standing orders: **£1518** and Missio Special Collection **£670**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith. **Remember that the church is open every day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

Church Opening Hours during the winter months the church will be open every day from 8.30am and close at the earlier time of 4.00pm, except on Wednesdays and Saturdays when there is an evening Mass.

Of your charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Francis Crainie RIP** of the Manse Road who died last Saturday aged 75. His remains will be received into the church on Monday 6th November at 6pm and the Requiem on Tuesday 7th November at 9:30am.

✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

The Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony

will take place this weekend at the 11.30am Mass. Before Mass, parents should ensure that they have the pamphlet and that they are familiar with it. Kindly also tick the register at the back of the church on arrival.

First Friday Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart. P6 from the school will be joining us for Mass.

October Devotions Monday is the last evening of our October Devotions. Think about making a particular effort to come to prayer the Rosary and the Litany of Loretto, especially if you have not been yet this year.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is a holy day of obligation when all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7pm and a morning Mass at 9.30am. Weather permitting, the school children will join us for the 9.30am Mass.

All Souls' Day also known as The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is on Thursday. There will be Masses at 9.30am and 6pm. On this day, the whole Catholic world prays for all the faithful departed with special intensity. This continues through the month of November.

Please Note there will be **NO** Mass this Wednesday at 7pm because on that day we are keeping the timings for the Holyday of Obligation for our parish that are published in the Catholic Directory.

The Annual Mass Census is taken next weekend at all the Masses. This is the attendance figure that is forwarded to the Archdiocese.

November Lists blank lists are available in the display unit at the back of the church. Kindly complete them and put them in the little pillar box provided in the porch. These will then be placed in a black burse on the altar throughout the month of November ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Cemetery Visit from All Souls' Day to 8 November, there is a plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead there. The indulgence is granted together with the usual conditions of prayer for the Pope, detachment from sin, confession, and Holy Communion around the time of the visit. You can apply

indulgence to yourself or to the dead. There will be prayers at the cemetery after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 5th November. Gather at the priests' circle.

Holy Cross, Croy will be holding the Blessing of the Graves at Eastfield Cemetery on Sunday 5th November at 3pm

The Piety Stall has candles and lamps to place at graves. There are many more items too, including hand-knitted baby wear, religious items, Mass cards for different occasions, statues, and Christmas cards.

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 - Devotions
Tue 7.30pm - Alpha
Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Alpha will be on Tuesday at 7.30pm this week, due to a prior hall booking.

Dates for the Diary

November

5th - 12.30pm Prayers at Cemetery
22nd - 7pm Bereavement Mass

December

3rd - 1pm Christmas Panto in hall
- 5pm Advent Reflections in Mortuary
6th - 7pm First Candlelit *Rorate* Mass
10th - 1pm Snr Citizen Christmas Lunch
- 5pm Advent Reflections in Mortuary
13th - 1pm Wed Group Christmas Lunch
- 7pm Second Candlelit *Rorate* Mass
17th - 5pm Advent Reflection in Mortuary
20th - 7pm Final Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

Sundays in Advent - Dec 3/10/17 Father Moir will host a series of Advent reflections in the Mortuary Chapel on the mystery of the Incarnation and the Nativity of Christ, providing a quiet time set apart from the commercialisation of the Advent season and to help the parish prepare itself spiritually for the great Solemnity of Christmas. Beginning at 5pm, each reflection will last about half an hour before concluding with Benediction. Consider making this a part of your own Christmas preparations. Keep Santa in his place!

Sanctuary Furniture as mentioned, some months ago in the Bulletin, the altar railings that have been stored in the

garage since the 1990s have been refurbished and will be delivered this week. For Communion, just come forward as you usually do. There is no necessity to kneel if you are unable or would prefer not to.

A Big Thank You to the groups who are supporting us with the running costs of the hall. The Wednesday Group are now donating £100 monthly, the Women's Guild donated £200, and the Men's Group ran a Race Night and raised £518 (despite the weather on the night!) Thank you and it is much appreciated. Every little helps!

St Patrick's Primary School Enrolment 2024 The enrolment for our primary school will be 16-20th January. Children should be baptised before enrolment. Baptised children are given preferment at Catholic schools when places are in demand.

The Baptismal Course for parents and godparents is held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 7 - 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Parish Fundraising for Christmas If you shop online then you can help to raise funds for the parish as it gets a donation every time you spend, so far 98 people have helped us raise over £695. Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> to create a FREE account.

Armistice Day stewards are needed to assist at the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, 12th November. Please contact the chapel house if you can help.

Nine First Fridays' Devotion In 17th-century France, St Margaret Mary Alacoque received a series of visions of Jesus, revealing to her His Sacred Heart which symbolised his love for mankind, and was so often rejected. Jesus made twelve promises to those who attend Holy Mass on 9 consecutive first Fridays of the month; receive Holy Communion & go to Confession: -

1. He will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. He will establish peace in their homes.
3. He will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. He will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. He will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in His Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

9. He will bless every place in which an image of His Heart is exposed and honoured.
10. He will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in His Heart.
12. The grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in His disgrace, nor without receiving the sacraments.

Five First Saturdays at Fatima Our Lady promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. Go to confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say five decades of the rosary with 15-minute meditation.

Confession can be received within 8 days either before or after the reception of Communion, provided the communicant is in a state of grace for Communion.

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18th November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading **Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 17**
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise when I call
I am saved from my foes.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel **Matthew 22: 34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord in Your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.