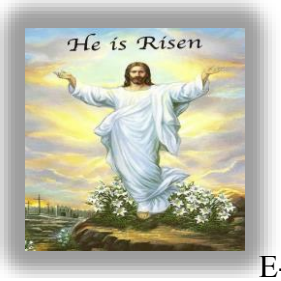

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The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 22nd May 2022

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
6pm - Vigil Mass
8 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday
8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday
8.30-9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - The Ascension of the Lord
6 - 6.50pm - Exposition & Confession
7pm - Vigil Mass for Ascension

Thursday - The Ascension of the Lord
8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St. Augustine of Canterbury
8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday
8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5 - 5.15pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 20mins before Mass exc. Sun

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church. Offertory collection **£1295** which includes standing orders. Fabric **£133**.

Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday - Ascension and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Mass will be at **7pm on Wednesday and 9.30am on Thursday.**

Next Sunday Communication Sunday. There will be a special collection to assist the Church to promote her work in the media. If you have a Gift Aid envelope, please use it. Thank you.

Please note there will be **NO Devotions** tomorrow, Monday at 6pm.

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

Parish Events this Week
Sun 10am - Teas/coffees in hall
Mon 10am - Teas/coffees in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
Wed 12noon - Wednesday Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

May the angels lead them into Paradise
Hugh Harkins will be received into church on Tuesday at 9.30am followed by Requiem and **William McPake** will be received into church on Thursday at 5pm and Requiem on Friday at 9.30am.
May Fitzimmons arrangements still to be finalised. May they rest in peace.

Next Sunday Last Opportunity to return your SCIAF WEE BOX.

Dates for the Diary
Jun 5th - Queen's Afternoon Jubilee Party
Jun 12th - Youth Group outing
Jun 15th - Finance Committee Meeting
Jun 18th - Day out to St. Andrews
Jun 25th - Parish BBQ
Jun 26th - Blessing of the Graves

Bulletin, please take your Bulletin home, do not leave them in the pew. Thank you.

In front of the statue of Our Lady there are two folders prepared by the children who have recently been Confirmed and made their First Holy Communion. Very interesting reading. Well done!

Baptism Preparation Meeting for parents and Godparents of children to be baptised will take place on Wednesday 1st June at 7.45pm in the hall.

The Parish's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party on **Sunday 5th June from 12.30am.** A wonderful opportunity to come together and to celebrate this great milestone in our history. See poster at back of church to book your ticket.

St Patrick's Missions Raffle Tickets are available at the back of the church. Please send completed counterfoils and monies directly to their office in Stirling by the 9th June.

Parish Day Out to St. Andrew's **Saturday 18th June.** Leave at 9.30am on a double decker! Arrive at St. Andrew's at 11am then depart at 3.30pm for The Strathearn Hotel, Kirkaldy for High Tea. Home about 7.30. Due to the increase in prices, we are asking for **£20 per adult and £10 for children.** Please add your name to list and hand the money into the sacristy or chapel house at time of booking. Thank you.

Preparing For Pentecost (Sunday 5th June) in the Gospel, Our Lord teaches others the value of prayer. After His Ascension, His Mother and His followers participated in the great Novena that culminated in the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. By praying we go to the Father with the Son in the Holy Spirit. Through prayer we open our minds and hearts to His will. In the long tradition of the Church many people pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit starting on Saturday.

Novena for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit.
Grant us the **Spirit of Fear** of the Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence towards You.
The **Spirit of Piety** that we may find peace & fulfilment in the service of God while serving others.
The **Spirit of Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with courage and overcome the obstacles that leads to our salvation.
The **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know You, ourselves & grow in holiness.
The **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth.
The **Spirit of Counsel** that we may do Your will seeking first Your Kingdom.
Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever.
Teach us to be faithful disciples & lead us in Your ways. Amen.

As a parish we will pray this novena just before each weekday Mass as of Friday this week.

Fabric/Financial Update last weekend we provided with every Bulletin an overview of fabric projects carried out over the past eight years, the current projects and touched on future projects, with details of their costs. Stephen Mooney, a member of the Finance Committee spoke at the end of every Mass giving an update on finance issues pertaining to the parish. A word of thanks to Stephen, other members of Finance Committee and the four members of the Fabric Committee for all their hard work. If you did not manage to pick up a copy of the update last weekend, copies are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions / queries / suggestions with regards to fabric or finance matters, please email parish office and we will pass on to relevant committee members. Once again, thank you for all your support.

A prayer for peace in Ukraine O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen

National Prayer Breakfast Join Archbishop Cushley and Christians from across Scotland at the National Prayer Breakfast on **Wednesday 1st June** at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh. Tickets available at npbscotland.org.uk/

Corpus Christi Procession As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19th June** at 3pm. Gather at the Bandstand in High Street before processing to St Francis Xavier's Parish (around 20 min walk). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and should be a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public). A list will be available next week for a seat in the minibus.

Safeguarding Vacancies the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is looking to appoint a Director of Safeguarding and a Head of Safeguarding Training. Details at **scsafeguarding.org. uk /News/Vacancies**

Queen's Jubilee Celebration Archbishop Cushley will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Noon on Sunday 5 June to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. This will be a lovely and joyful celebration and will finish with a champagne reception after the Mass. All welcome.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair the monthly Mass to pray for the canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on the first Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm (7th June) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate. The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on **Sunday 18th September.** Find out more about at **www.margaretsinclair.scot**

Job Vacancy: Bookshop Manager
A full-time Bookshop Manager is sought to setup and manage the St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh. Salary: £20,384. Full job description at **bit.ly/STPB-Manager**. To apply, please submit your CV and a covering letter outlining your relevant experience and suitability for the role to **morag@forthhr.co.uk** by 5pm, **Friday 27th May.**

World Meeting of Families This is a big event taking place in **Rome 26-29 June** to celebrate the role of the family in the Church and wider society. Pope Francis has written about the importance of family in his encyclical Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). Want to know more? The Archdiocese has posted three talks on its YouTube channel. View the playlist at **bit.ly/ArchFamily2022**

Fifth Sunday of Easter Sacred Scripture

First Reading **Acts 15: 1-29**
Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:
'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so, we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly, we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Second Reading **Apocalypse 21:10**
In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel **John 13:31-35**
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace, I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away and shall return. If you loved me, you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'