

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

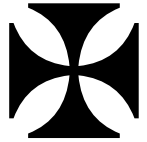
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday - St Matthew

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Tuesday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Pius of Pietrelcina

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Mass

Thursday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Our Lady

9.30am - Holy Mass

10am - Confessions

5-5.15pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Cathy Whyte RIP of Balcastle Gardens who has died aged 87. Her remains will be received into the church today, Sunday, at 1pm with the Requiem on Monday at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

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: £1428 and fabric £285.

Mass Sheet: Remember to pick up a hymn sheet for the Masses. Kindly leave it at the back of the church for the other Masses. Thank you.

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

Parents' Meeting for the parents of the children who will be preparing for the sacraments in 2027 will be held in St Patrick's school on Monday, 5 October. The children do not attend this meeting.

First Confession parents' - 6pm

First Holy Communion - 6.30pm

Confirmation - 7pm

Parish Draw The draw will take place this Tuesday. All monies should be handed in to the chapel house by Monday at the latest. Thank you.

The Youth Group will not be meeting this Thursday as it is the start of the September weekend. They had their first outing of the year to Innollate last Thursday and all had great fun. 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.

Women's Guild starts back tomorrow, Monday. New members are welcome, just turn up at the hall at 2pm.

Mexican Night! 10 October from 7pm
Buffet style menu:

- Chicken or beef tacos with Mexican sauces and side salad
- Chilli con carne with Mexican rice
- Chicken fajitas with salsa, sour cream, guacamole

- Apple crumble and ice cream

- Strawberry cheesecake with cream

A glass of wine will be provided. Tickets will be on sale after Masses next weekend, cost £20. BYOB. Add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Abbatones Night back by popular demand on Saturday, 21 November, 7pm. More details will follow very shortly. Keep the date free!

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.

The Choir: at the announcements at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses, Raphael, our Musical Director, will introduce himself and talk of the work of the important work of the choir.

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.

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. Should you wish to donate - and the need is great - you will find hampers in the church porch. 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. Toiletory donations are also most welcome.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. Schedule: 12.30pm - Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1.30pm - Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3pm - 4.30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley with Father Galbraith preaching.

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

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 145** ***R. The LORD is close to all who call him.***

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.

The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R.**

Second Reading **Philippians 1:20-24**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
Alleluia

Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them,

"Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.