

# St Patrick's Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## Monday - St Vincent

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - St Francis de Sales

6pm - Exposition & Confess.  
7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - Conversion of St Paul

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Friday - Ss Timothy & Titus

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Saturday - St Angela Merici

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

## Parish Events This Week

**Sun** 10.30am - Tea & Coffee in the hall  
**Mon** 10am - Tea & Coffee in the hall  
10.30am - Men's Group  
2pm - Women's Guild  
**Tue** 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches  
**Wed** 12 noon - Welcome Group  
**Thu** 6.30pm - Youth Group  
**Fri** 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

**Hall Committee Meeting** will take place tomorrow, **Monday**. A member from each group should attend this meeting.

## Dates for the Diary

### January

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - Hall Committee Meeting.  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Liverpool Information Night  
**29<sup>th</sup>** - First Confessions Parents' Meeting at 6.30pm  
**29<sup>th</sup>** - First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting at 7.30pm

### February

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - First Friday p3 attending Mass.  
**5<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmations Parents' Meeting at 7pm in the hall.  
**14<sup>th</sup>** - Ash Wednesday  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Presentation of the Creed - P7.  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Tour of the Church - P3 at 6.30pm.

**First Confessions**, the Rite of Signing of the Cross will take place next Sunday after the 11.30am Mass. There will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall, **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm** for those who have children making their First Confession in March.

**First Holy Communion** there will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall, **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** for those parents who have children making their First Holy Communion in May.

**Confirmations** there will be a Parents' Meeting in the hall on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** for those who have children being confirmed in April

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue** we are blessed to have a beautiful statue which parishioners can take to their homes for a week for their devotions. Come to the sacristy to sign-up and collect it. The world needs the message of Fatima!

**Blessed Palms** place any used palms in the box at the back of the chapel next weekend. These will be burned and used for the ashes on **Ash Wednesday – 14<sup>th</sup> February** - not long until Lent begins - keep smiling!

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

ends on the feast of Conversion of St Paul, **25<sup>th</sup> January**. We pray for the conversion of our country.

**Parish Trip 2024** We are organising a 5-day trip to Liverpool from **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**, staying at the Aloft Hotel (4\*) in the city centre. The price is £440pp and supplement of £110 for single room. Booking forms are available on the table at the back of the church. We will hold a meeting in the hall on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January** at 6pm to discuss further. This is always very popular so make up your mind quickly to avoid disappointment!

## Calling all Singers and Musicians!

The Archdiocesan Music Day next Saturday, at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. It is a free event for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. If you would like to attend, then please contact chapel house and we can travel in the minibus. Register at [bit.ly/musicday2024](http://bit.ly/musicday2024)

**The Youth Group** have organised a trip to FlipOut, Rutherglen on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Departing at 5pm from the chapel house and returning to Kilsyth at 8.15pm. Please see Youth Group leaders if you are interested in going.

**Welcome** and prayers for Jennifer Dawn Findlay who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

**Next Baptismal Course** for parents and godparents will be on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7 - 8pm** in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

**Used Stamps** many thanks for donating your stamps over the course of last year, especially during Advent. St Patrick's Missionary Society, Stirling & Kiltegan, Ireland very much appreciates them. The box will remain at the back of the chapel.

**Prayers** we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who are now lapsing from the Faith.

**Your Gift to God and His Church** which includes standing orders: **£1410** and White Flower A **£814**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

**Of Your Charity** pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mrs Bridie Smith RIP** of Howe Road who has died aged 89 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm and Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am.  
✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

**Soup & Sandwiches** will be **cancelled** on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January due to hall being used for Mrs Bridie Smith's funeral tea.

**January Sales at the Piety Stall** all Christmas stock is now **half price** with some very lovely Christmas items reduced for clearance - Remember it's only 339 days till Christmas! Pop in and have a look before it's all gone!

**Are you Planning to Marry?** Give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Couples are advised not to book anything until their freedom to marry and the availability of clergy and the church is confirmed.

**Valentine's Retreat** the Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, 2-5pm. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Creche available for children of primary school age and older. Register at <https://bit.ly/valretreat>

**World Day of the Sick – 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
The World Day for the Sick was introduced by St Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

**Job Vacancy** the Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Finance Officer (full-time). The role holder should have accountancy experience with relevant qualifications and training. For details and how to apply visit <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-finance-officer/>. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Diploma in Catechetics 2024 register** by this Sunday (**21<sup>st</sup> January!**) Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support, and a retreat. The course begins on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Visit [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](https://bit.ly/archdiploma2024).

**Explore God's Will** thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-

togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January** 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues at the same time/venue: **25<sup>th</sup> Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Apr 12<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Register [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

### **Free Places at SPUC Youth Conference!**

and is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs **23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February** at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. Apply: <https://bit.ly/youthconference24> or contact the Pro-Life Office: [prolife@staned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk)

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

#### **First reading** **Jonah 3:1-5,10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

#### **Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 24**

**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.  
**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.  
**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

#### **Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is close at hand:  
repent, and believe the Good News.

**Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel**

**Mark 1:14:20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

#### **Prayers of the Faithful Response**

**Lord hear us.**

**R. Lord graciously hear us.**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.