



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Times - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## Monday - Feria

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

## Tuesday - Most Holy Name of Mary

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - St John Chrysostom

6pm - Exposit & Confessions  
7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - Exaltation of the Cross

9.30am - Requiem Mass  
5pm - Vigil of Reception

## Friday - Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am - Requiem Mass

## Saturday - St Ninian

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: **£1528** and fabric **£371**. 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 cannot make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith.

## Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin

Many thanks to our driver for taking us in the minibus to Carfin. It was a lovely afternoon with Catholics from all over Scotland and from the Ukraine, including the Eparch (bishop) of the Ukrainian Catholics of Scotland.

## Parish Events this Week

**Sun** 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall

**Mon** 10am - Tea / coffee in hall  
10.30am - Men's Group  
6.30pm - Parents' Meeting - P4  
7.30pm - Parents' Meeting - P7

**Wed** 12 noon - Welcome Group

**Thu** 6.30pm - Youth Group

**Fri** 10am - Bereavement Group Mtg

**Sat** 9.30am - Altar Servers' Day

P4 Parents' Meeting for children who are hoping to make their **First Holy Communion in May of next year will be in the hall at 6.30pm**. This meeting is just for parents.

P7 Parents' Meeting for children who are hoping to make their **Confirmation in June of next year will be in the hall at 7.30pm**. This meeting is just for parents.

A Day for Altar Servers at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, will take place on Saturday. The minibus will leave Chapel House at 9.30am, returning at 5pm. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion can become an altar server.

Mr John Donnelly RIP of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mr John Donnelly RIP, of Monieburgh Road, who died last Friday aged 79 years. His remains will be received into the church at 9.30am on Thursday, immediately prior to the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

Mrs Ellen Murray RIP of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Ellen Murray RIP, of St Andrews Place, who died on 31<sup>st</sup> August aged 89 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Thursday at 5pm with the Requiem Mass on Friday at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

Mrs Joan McLaren RIP of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Joan McLaren RIP, formerly of Church Lane, who died last Sunday aged 84 years. Her remains will be received into the church at 9.30am on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, immediately prior to the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of her soul. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

Llandudno 18 - 22 September we have had a **last-minute cancellation** and we now have a single room available. If you or anyone you know might like to go, contact the chapel house, ASAP.

Registration for First Holy Communion children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion next year will be held down in the Mortuary chapel after Mass.

Registration for First Confession children will take place over the weekend of **7/8 October**.

Confirmations 2024 this year we have 10 children registered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We accompany them with our prayers, asking God to make them ready to be anointed with His Holy Spirit.

Father Deeley is helping with the Masses in St James', Coatbridge this weekend.

Sanctuary Furniture at the moment, the fabric committee is working hard to secure funding from Historic Scotland to get funds for the repair and improvement of our very special A-listed church building. As you all know, St Patrick's is a building of singular architectural importance in Scotland, but it takes a lot of effort and resources to keep it in good condition and so outside funding is important. As a part of our funding proposal, we want to show Historic Scotland that we wish the building to be as close to the original design of the architects as possible. Before he left, Father Daniel began discussions with the Fabric Committee about the restoration of the original Gillespie Kidd & Coia altar rails that have been stored in the garage since the 1990s. This has now been done and soon we hope to place them in the church. This will not change the way that we line up for Holy Communion and, if you are unable or prefer not to kneel, there is no problem to remain standing to receive the Host as usual. As well as restoring one of the original features of the church, the rails also have the advantage of delineating the sanctuary from the rest of the church which is a visible reminder to all of us that it is the most sacred part of the church where the Lord Himself dwells.

Welcome and Prayers for Courtney Carol McAtee who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Becoming a Catholic If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, speak to Fr Deeley or Father Moir. There is a necessary period of instruction before anyone is received into the Church.

Bereavement Group Meeting in the Chapel House on **Friday at 10am**.

**The Holy Name of Mary** when he's describing the Annunciation, Luke the Gospel writer declares, "and the Virgin's name was Mary." There are many origins of the name. It comes from the word *maron* which means 'the exalted one' or possibly from *mar* which means 'the embittered one.' She experienced both of these things in her life in the most profound ways. We keep the feast of her name on Tuesday.

**Alpha** is a series of videos and discussions geared towards starting conversations about life's most important issues, including those about faith and God. It's directed at anyone, Catholic or not, who simply wishes to know more. **Alpha at St Patrick's starts on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the hall and is led by the laity of the parish who are trained to do it.** If you think you know someone who may be interested but who is not a Catholic or who is lapsed, be apostolic and let them know about it! There is nothing more effective than word of mouth. For More information pick up a leaflet or email [barrydoolan@gmail.com](mailto:barrydoolan@gmail.com). God wants us to reach out to all the people of our town. This is a new and important development in our parish life.

**The Women's Guild** resumes on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 2 - 4pm.** It's for all the senior ladies of the parish and meets for social time, activities and outings. All the ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to join!

**Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust** offer cancer patients and their carers living in this area transport to the treatments they need. They are also looking for volunteers to join their team. If you are interested please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Margaret Sinclair National Pilgrimage** to pray for her Beatification will take place next Sunday, from 12.30pm - 6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30-1.5; Refreshments; 2pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confessions, silence, hymns & Benediction; 3pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3.30pm Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 4.30pm Holy Mass.

**The Beginning Experience** at the Conforti, Coatbridge, **29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October**, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation, or widowhood. For details call Louise on **07926571004** or email [louisep398@gmail.com](mailto:louisep398@gmail.com).

**Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.** Professor James Edwards, a fascinating speaker, and a leading biblical scholar from the USA, will lead a five-day mini course for those who are searching for Jesus. Using the Gospel of Mark as his base, he will show how Jesus fits into the history of first century Palestine, and using literature and archaeology from the period he will help those who are looking for Jesus to find and encounter him. Each evening will be a standalone event, so you do not have to attend the whole week. See poster on the notice board or pick up a leaflet on the table at the back of the church for more information. If enough people want to take part, we might be able to organise the use of the parish minibus.

### **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE**

[Always read the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

#### **First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 94**

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'**

#### **Second Reading Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth.

**Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.