



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Times – 3rd September 2023

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday - St Cuthbert

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

Tuesday - St Teresa of Calcutta

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6pm - Exposit & Confessions
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

5pm - Vigil of Reception

Friday - Nativity of Our Lady

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Requiem Mass

Saturday - St Peter Claver

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

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can not make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith, especially after the pandemic.

Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The minibus will leave at 1.30pm today. Mass will be offered by Bishop Hugh Gilbert at 3.00pm. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, who is the bishop of the Ukrainian Catholics in Scotland, will preach the homily. If there are still spaces on the sheet at the back, you can sign up! Equally, you can go along under your own steam too.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall
Mon 10am - Tea /coffee in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
7pm - Hall Committee Mtg
Tue 10am - Visitation Group
6.30pm - Finance Meeting
Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

The Hall Committee Meeting will take place on **Monday at 7pm**. It would be appreciated if a member from each group that uses the hall attended this meeting.

Projector, as you know, we've been having some problems regarding the computer and the projector. While we now have a computer that works, having the words projected onto the screen again has proved more difficult. Hopefully this will be fixed soon.

Finance Meeting will be on **Tuesday at 6.30pm** in the chapel house.

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

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

Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done

Divine Will Day in St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk next **Saturday** 11.15am - 4.30pm. See the poster at back for more information. To book email dwd@beingcatholicmedia.org.

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, at some point over the coming weeks, 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 church where the Lord Himself dwells.

A Day for Altar Servers at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, will take place on **Saturday, 16th September**. Minibus will leave chapel house at 9.30am and return 5pm. Can parents please collect a letter and consent form from the sacristy and return as soon as possible.

Father Moir arrives at St Patrick's this weekend as the new Assistant Priest. We pray that his ministry among us will be fruitful. As you always do, make Father very welcome.

Thanks to all who helped with the homebaking and the organisation of Father Bartholomew's tea in the hall last Sunday. He goes with our prayerful good wishes for the success of his priestly ministry in Livingston.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1407**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

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

Margaret Sinclair National Pilgrimage to pray for her Beatification will take place on **Sunday, 17th September** 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 are holding a weekend at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge on **29th September** to 1 October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. For more details call **Louise on 07926 571004** or email louisep398@gmail.com.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading **Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me:
you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word,
I have to howl and proclaim:
'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for
me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about
him, I will not speak in his name any
more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire
burning in my heart, imprisoned in
my bones. The effort to restrain it
weared me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 62**

**R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord
my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I
long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry,
weary land without water.

R. For you my soul is thirsting...
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

R. For you my soul is thirsting...

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a
banquet, my mouth shall praise you
with joy.

R. For you my soul is thirsting...

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings, I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

R. For you my soul is thirsting...

Second Reading **Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers,
and worship him, I beg you, in a way
that is worthy of thinking beings, by
offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do
not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change,

modelled by your new mind. This is
the only way to discover the will of
God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect
thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that
we can see what hope his call holds for
us.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to
be raised up on the third day. Then,
taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord;' he said, 'this must
not happen to you.' But he turned and
said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan!
You are an obstacle in my path,
because the way you think is not God's
way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up
his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it;
but anyone who loses his life for my
sake will find it. What, then, will a man
gain if he wins the whole world and
ruins his life? Or what has a man to
offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in
the glory of his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will reward each
one according to his behaviour.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.