



St Patrick's Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 18th FEBRUARY 2024

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First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday - FERIA

7.30am - Holy Mass
8am - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Stations of the Cross
6.30pm - Holy Hour with
Divine Mercy Talk

Tuesday - FERIA

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Peter Damian

6pm - Exposit & Confessions
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Chair of St Peter

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Polycarp

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
8.30am - Holy Mass (school)
9.30am - Holy Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
11am - Mass at Craig en
Goyne
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - FERIA

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

Easter Duties are the following two obligations to be completed between Ash Wednesday and the Second Sunday of Easter: 1. while we are to be regular in confession, if we are conscious of grave sin, we must approach the Sacrament of Confession; 2. We must receive Holy Communion in a state of grace at least once during this period.

Lent the great season of spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter has begun. The Church counsels us to use the three spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to come to **Mass every day or at least more** during the week if you can. We **have Stations of the Cross twice per week** on Mondays at 6pm and on Fridays at 3.15pm so that the children can come straight after school. There is an earlier Mass at 7.30am on Mondays in the Mortuary Chapel and on Fridays at 8.30am in the school.

Early Mass in the School on the Fridays of Lent at 8.30am. Parishioners are very welcome to join the school children.

Early Mass during Lent there will be Mass on Mondays at 7.30am in the Mortuary Chapel. This time will suit early risers and workers.

Lenten Stations of the Cross there will be Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings at 6pm and also on Fridays at 3.15pm. If you are picking children up from school on Fridays, it's a convenient time to bring them for this lovely devotion. As last year, we will be using the beautiful Stations of St Alphonsus for our prayers. Hopefully, copies of these will be available in the piety stall for those who wish to follow along.

Wednesday Evening Mass from now on, the Wednesday evening Mass and Exposition will be in the Mortuary Chapel. Those who attend will be able to fit comfortably there. The priest will continue to hear the confessions in the main church. If a major feast falls on a Wednesday, Mass will be in the main church.

Lenten Reflections after Stations of the Cross from 6.30pm to 7.15pm on the writings from the **Diary of St Faustina** who is closely associated with the Divine Mercy Devotion. This will take place in the hall and refreshments will be available. All are very welcome.

The Divine Mercy Devotion guest speaker, **Mrs Helen Border** will reflect on the Divine Mercy during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm concluding with Benediction at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

The Turin Shroud: Holy Relic or Wholly Fake? On 22nd March at 7.00pm in the hall, Father Deeley hopes to give a talk on the **Shroud of Turin**. Is it a mediaeval forgery or the burial cloth of Jesus?

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Thomas Crainey RIP** who has died aged 83 years. His remains will be received into the church on Monday, 26th February at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday, 27th February at 9.30am ✽*Requiescat in pace*✽

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

Confirmation the Presentation of the Creed will take place at the end of the 11.30am Mass next Sunday. We keep the *confirmandi* in our prayers.

Mass in the Craig en Goyne on Friday at 11am and parishioners are welcome. This is a good way to show the very elderly that they are still a valued part of our parish family.

Brass Cleaning if anyone would like to help clean the brasses during Lent then we meet on Fridays at 1pm in the sacristy.

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: **£1471** and Fabric **£313**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

SCIAF 'WEE BOX' take a 'Wee Box' pack home and return it by Palm Sunday. After Palm Sunday we will not accept 'wee boxes' and you should take them directly to SCIAF.

Gift Aid this is a very valuable source of income for our parish. If you pay tax in the UK, the parish can claim back 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. If you don't yet Gift Aid, kindly consider doing this. Contact the Chapel House for a Gift Aid form. Thanks to all our current Gift Aiders, last year we got **£13,100 back** from the Government.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance organised by the Men's Group will be on **Saturday, 16th March at 7pm until late**. £15 a ticket and BYOB. Add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the church along with food choice. Entry by ticket only.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be on **Wednesday, 6th March from 7 - 8pm in the hall**. Email the chapel house to book.

Day for Catechists if you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation, or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan Day for Catechists at The Gillis Centre, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday, 9th March** from 10.30am – 3.00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Little Fighters Postcards the Westminster Parliament may very soon vote on an amendment to reduce legal abortion from 24 to 22 weeks in England and Wales. Scottish MPs will also have a vote on this. Fill out one of the postcards at the back and send it to our MP: Mr. Stuart C. McDonald, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, ENGLAND. The amendment could be debated at any moment so send your postcards soon.

Remembering Service a service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. **Sunday, 3rd March**, 5.00pm at St John the Baptist's Church, Edinburgh.

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage 2024 this year's walking pilgrimage from Oban to Iona Abbey will take place from **7th to 10th June 2024**. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to pray and make penance for the evangelisation of Scotland and for the mission of her priests. Pilgrims will walk for 3 days, carrying the relics of St Columba across the Isles, until they reach Iona Abbey, where Holy Mass and a Solemn Procession will take place on the Solemnity of St Columba. The deadline for bookings is **29th February 2024**. Visit www.brecbannoch.org to book today.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading **Genesis 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also, with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle, and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so, the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 24**

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness...

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. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness...

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. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness...

Second Reading **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt, but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel **Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.