

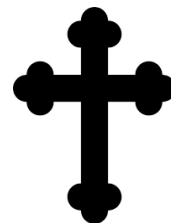
St Patrick's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent – 12th March 2023

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Third Sunday of Lent

6pm - Vigil Mass
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass
4pm - Lectio Divina

Monday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
12.30pm - Holy Mass (St Maurice's)
6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - feria

6 - 7pm - Exposit. & Confession
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Patrick

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

Saturday - St Cyril of Jerusalem

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: **£1,653** and Fabric **£404**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Congratulations to Parish Draw Winners

Week 29	Week 30
£300 R. Reynolds 1197 J. Rudge	1730
£100 C. McGrath 1720 M. Jarvie	1575
£50 C. Waters 1444 E. Egan	1430
Week 31	Week 32
£300 C. Craig 1778 F. Kennedy	1552
£100 M. McPhee 1199 E. Derick	1337
£50 J. Canavan 1434 J. Millar	1763

Parish Patronal Feast this coming Friday is our parish and school feast day. St Patrick (365 - 461) was kidnapped, very possibly from what we now call Scotland, to become a slave in Ireland. He became a priest, a bishop and a fierce opponent of the pagan rulers of his time. He is the special protector of our parish and school and we should relax our Lent a little today. It is also the anniversary of the consecration of the church and so on this day we light the special candles that mark the places where the walls were anointed by the Archbishop in 1987. There will be some St Patrick artwork from our school at the back of the church too. A blessed feast day to all St Patrick's parishioners.

St Joseph's Day because the Solemnity of St Joseph falls on a Sunday this year, it is transferred to Monday, 20th March.

White Flower Appeal the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will have its annual appeal today. We will give them the second collection. We welcome Mike Willis who will speak at both the Masses on Sunday.

Special Collection the second collection next weekend will be for both the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund and the Episcopal Charities. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you have them.

Guest Confessor Next Saturday Father Sullivan from Holy Cross, Croy, will hear Confessions from 10am next Saturday.

Lenten Almsgiving if you've taken a 'wee box', kindly return by it by Palm Sunday. After Palm Sunday we will not be able to accept them and you should just donate directly to the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. This can be done via the 'Donate' button on their website.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
6.30pm - Choir Practice
7pm - Hall Committee Meeting
Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group
7.30pm - Baptismal Course
Thu - No Youth Group
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Welcome and Prayers for Evan Anthony Livingstone who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Hall Committee Meeting can a representative from each parish group attend the meeting on **Monday at 7pm**.

St Patrick's Night Saturday, 18th March. **SOLD OUT**. Lent is dispensed for our parish patronal feast.

St Patrick's Race Night Friday, 17th

March 7pm in the Hall. Tickets: £5; Tickets can be reserved and horses can be sponsored by calling the office. BYOB and nibbles. Money raised for school outings.

Youth Group because of activities that are on at the school, there will be **no Youth Group on 16th and 23rd March**. The next meeting will be on 30 March.

Youth Group Outing to *Flipout*, Glasgow on **Sunday, 2nd April**. Tickets £10. The Consent forms **must** be handed in before the trip. Please see Youth Group leaders for details.

Save the date! the parish summer outing is on **Saturday, 17th June**. Details to follow.

Library thanks to all those who have been bringing books for the back of the church. At the moment we have enough, and they are beginning to overflow on to the step. Kindly do not bring any more books just now.

Cottage Hospital if you have family or friends in the Cottage Hospital, let the chapel house know. The priest goes there on a Sunday between the Masses. It's also helpful if you let the ward staff know so that all the Catholics are gathered to receive Holy Communion together on the Lord's Day.

Relics of Padre Pio will be at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn, **Friday, 24th March at 7pm**. There will be Holy Mass and individual blessing with the relics.

Monsignor Gerard R. Canon Hand, parish priest (1991 - 2006), celebrates his Golden Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood on the Annunciation, **Saturday, 25th March**. His address is Holy Cross, 11 Bangholm Loan, EDINBURGH, EH5 3AH.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
SACRED SCRIPTURE

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95

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...

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...

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...

Second Reading

Romans 5: 1-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given

us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

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Gospel

John 5: 5 - 42

[] = full passage, which is optional today

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water. will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will

worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come in fact it is here already when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

[At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.']

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him. a spring welling up to eternal life.