



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times 24th September 2023

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Vigil of Reception

Tuesday - SS Cosmas & Damian

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Wednesday - St Vincent de Paul

6pm - Exposit & Confessions
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Wenceslaus

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11am - Mass at Craig-en-Goyne

Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5 - 15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1560** and fabric **£349**. 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 can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall
Mon 10.30am - Men's Group
Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
Thu 11am - Mass at Craig-en-Goyne
6.30pm - Youth Group

Please note there will be **NO** Monday teas this week with it being the September weekend.

Monthly Mass at Craig-en-Goyne will be on **Thursday** of this week at **11am** instead of the usual **Friday**.

Special Collection Next Weekend for *Let the Children Live*. This charity was founded in 1992 by Father Peter Walters, who first became involved with the street-children when they helped him after he became stranded in Colombia. Father Walters will be making an appeal at all the Masses. Please use your gift aid envelope if you have one.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the souls of: **Mr. Francis Gribbin RIP** of Archways, who died on 8th September, aged 63 years. His remains will be received into the church tomorrow, Monday, at 6pm with the Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 9.30am and **Miss Margaret Kelly RIP**, formerly of Kingston Road, who died on 15th September, aged 91 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Wednesday, 4th October at 6pm with the Requiem on Thursday at 9.30am. *✠Requiescant in pace✠*

Visitation to Craig-en-Goyne If you have a family member in the Craig-en-Goyne and would like the parish visitation group to visit them, then please contact the chapel house and let the manager at the nursing home know. We will arrange for regular visits.

Father Deeley will take some of his annual leave this week. **He will return on Monday, 2nd October**. Although Father Moir's got 'an empty', he's been told not to have any wild parties.

October Devotions October is the month of the Holy Rosary. **There will be devotions on Monday evenings from 6 to 6.30pm starting on 2nd October**. There will be the Rosary before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, a short reflection and benediction. During October, there is a plenary indulgence for praying the Rosary in a church, family, or pious association. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7th October, the anniversary of the victory of the Battle of Lepanto, which saved Christian Europe from the Muslims, and was attributed to her intercession.

Confirmation - Priest/Parent Meetings will be held on the **2/3/6 October from 6pm – 9pm**. If you have registered and do not have a timeslot, please contact the chapel house.

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

New Readers' Rota available in the Mortuary chapel.

Children's Liturgy Next Weekend the primary school children who are at 11.30am Mass should gather quietly below the statue of St Patrick a few moments before Mass begins. The leaders will be there holding the big red children's liturgy book. As soon as the priest makes the Sign of the Cross they will go to the hall, returning at the Offertory.

Welcome and Prayers for Daniel James Taylor who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents is on **Wednesday, 4th October from 7– 8pm in the hall**. Email the chapel house to book.

Youth Group Outing to **Innoflate, Cumbernauld on Thursday, 5th October**. For those requiring transport, meet at the parish house at 5.30pm. If you have transport, check in at 5.45pm at **Innoflate**. Every child must have a signed consent form – these are available at the Youth Group.

Safe Return from Llandudno

Welcome back to Father Moir and all the parish holidaymakers. We understand that the weather could have been better but it'd take more than that to dampen the spirits of St Patrick's on tour. They're already asking about where to go next year!

Congratulations to Parish Draw Winners

Week 5		Week 6	
£300 E Waters	1593	D Weldon	1216
£100 E Healy	1297	G Deveney	1818
£50 A Wilson	1708	E Crainie	1539
Week 7		Week 8	
£300 P McLaren	2146	C Livingstone	1940
£100 J Pollock	2000	K Lang	1934
£50 M Dougal	1542	F Miller	1098

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

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 alphakilsythstpats@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.

For the Success of the Alpha Course, we have prepared prayer cards for the intentions of the Alpha group. These will be handed out after all the Masses this weekend. Consider committing yourself to saying this prayer for the duration and the success of the course, from **2nd October through to 11th December**. Kindly put your name on the list at the back of the church.

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.

Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark 23rd - 27th 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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 144**

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading **Philippians 1:20-27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.