



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times - 1st October 2023

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday - Holy Guardian Angels

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - Devotions

Tuesday – Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Francis of Assisi

6pm - Vigil of Reception
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Faustina

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Friday - St Bruno

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Our Lady of the Rosary

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: **£1466** and fabric **£441**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Special Collection this 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.

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.

Father Deeley returns tomorrow.

Of Your Charity pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Miss Margaret Kelly RIP**. Her remains will be received into the church on Wednesday 4th October at 6pm with the Requiem on Thursday at 9.30am.

✽*Requiescat in pace*✽

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

6-9pm - Priest/parent meeting

Tue 10am - Visitation Group

6-9pm - Priest/parent meeting

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

7pm - Baptism Course

Thu 5.30pm - Youth Group - Innoflate

Fri 6-9pm - Priest/parent meeting

October Devotions October is the month of the Holy Rosary. There will be devotions on Monday evenings from 6 to 6.30pm starting tomorrow evening. 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 each year, the anniversary victory of the Battle of Lepanto, which saved Christian Europe and was attributed to her intercession.

Children's Liturgy 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.

Confirmation - Priest/Parent Meetings will be held this week on **Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 6pm – 9pm.**

Registration for First Confession

children will take place after the Masses next weekend.

Parents of Children due to receive First Confession and First Communion next year, who do not go to St. Patrick's primary, please meet in hall on **Sunday 9th October after 9.30 Mass.**

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

Youth Group Outing to *Innoflate*, Cumbernauld on Thursday. For those requiring transport, meet at the parish house at 5.30pm. If you have transport, check in at 5.45pm at *Innoflate*. Participants *must* have a signed parental consent form. They will not be able to attend without one.

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

Men's Group would like to invite all old members and new to the Monday morning club. Numbers dropped off during covid but now we are hoping the numbers will pick up. If you would like to enjoy good company, play pool, dominoes and/or carpet bowls then please just pop in after Mass on Monday. The more the merrier.

Race Night Friday 20th October 7pm

organised by the Men's Group to raise funds to help with the running costs of the church hall. There is a list at the back of the chapel giving you the opportunity to name and buy a horse for only £2.50. Multiple horses can be bought. Please make payment at time of naming horse. Entry is free. It will be good fun, and it is BYOB and nibbles. Please support the parish. If you can't make it to the race night remember you can still buy a horse.

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, at 7.30pm in the hall** and is led by the laity of the parish who are trained to do it. 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.

Mass Intentions just a polite reminder that Mass intentions should be handed in to the chapel house by lunchtime on Thursdays to guarantee your intention is read out over the weekend Masses.

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.

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.

Safeguarding Event the National Safeguarding Conference takes place on **Saturday 18th November in Glasgow.** The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. See the poster in the porch for more information. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

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. Remember your mercy, Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

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. Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-27

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is

to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.