



St Patrick's Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28th JANUARY 2024

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Fourth 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 - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Wednesday - St John Bosco

6pm - Vigil of Reception
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Friday - Presentation of the Lord

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

Saturday - St Blaise (with blessing of throats)

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

Soup & Sandwiches will be cancelled on **Tuesday** due to hall being used for Mrs Bridie Smith's funeral tea.

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
Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Help to Neighbouring Parishes this Sunday one of our priests will help with the Masses at St John of the Cross in Twechar and St Flannan's in Kirkintilloch as one of their priests has to be away.

The Blessing of Throats Saturday is the memoria of St Blaise who is the patron saint of throats. There will be the blessing of the throats after Mass.

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is on Friday Mass will begin in the mortuary chapel. We pray for all of the religious brothers and sisters of the world on this day, and we bless the candles. If you have candles to be blessed, make sure they are placed in the box at the back by this Friday morning.

First Confessions the Rite of Signing of the Cross will take place today after the 11.30am Mass. There will be a **Parents' Meeting in the hall tomorrow, Monday at 6.30pm** for those who have children making their First Confession in March.

First Holy Communion there will be a **Parents' Meeting in the hall tomorrow, Monday, at 7.30pm** for those parents who have children making their First Holy Communion in May.

Confirmations there will be a **Parents' Meeting in the hall next Monday, 5th February at 7.00pm** for those who have children being confirmed in April.

First Friday Primary 3 will be joining us for Mass on Friday. Families and friends are most welcome to join us.

Craig en Goyne Mass will be on **Friday at 11am**. Parishioners are welcome to attend and to pray the Mass with the residents.

Thank You to the Sunday & Monday Tea Ladies for organising and raising **£615** from the Cabaret Night last Saturday. Another big thank you to two local business - Kerry Anne's Nail Bar & Angie's Hairdressers for donating vouchers to raffle. It was so successful that another night is in the diary for April. More details to follow.

The Readers' Meeting will take place in the hall on **Saturday 10th February** after the 9.30am Mass.

Day By Day issues available in the porch.

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. Please add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the church along with food choice. Entry by ticket only.

Blessed Palms place any used palms in the box at the back of the church. These will be burned and used for the ashes on **Ash Wednesday - 14th February** - not long until Lent begins - keep smiling!

Mondays of Lent Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm. At 6.30pm we will be having a short reflection on the writings of St Faustina in the hall. This should give us a better understanding of Divine Mercy Sunday which is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter.

The Divine Mercy Devotion what is it all about? What is Jesus offering us? If you are interested, we have a guest speaker coming on **Monday, 19th February** (1st Monday of Lent) to delve more deeply into the Divine Mercy. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm, just after Stations of the Cross, until 7.30pm ending with Benediction.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue we are blessed to have a beautiful statue which parishioners can take to their homes for a week for their devotions. Come to the sacristy to sign-up and collect it. The world needs the message of Fatima!

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: **£1468** and Fabric **£428**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mrs Bridie Smith** RIP of the Howe Road who has died aged 89 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Monday at 6pm and the **Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 9.30am**; For **Mrs Margaret Roy** RIP who has died aged 81 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Wednesday at 6pm and the **Requiem Mass will be offered on Thursday at 9:30am**. For **Mr Samuel Hudson** RIP of Strone Gardens, no arrangements have been made as yet. ✽*Requiescant in pace*✽

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

Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR on **Saturday 10th Feb 2-5pm**. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Register bit.ly/valretreat

Free Places at SPUC Youth Conference and is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs **23-25 February** at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has **five** fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: bit.ly/youthconference24 email prolife@staned.org.uk

World Day of the Sick – 11th February was introduced by Pope St John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for the sick of our parish and their family, friends and the professionals who help them.

Lourdes Mass the February Mass in of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at 3pm on **Sunday, 4th February** at St John the Baptist's Church, 37 St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh EH12 8AL. The Mass is organised by the Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage team. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

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, 5pm** at St John the Baptist's Church, Edinburgh.

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

Entrance Antiphon
Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 94
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 would listen...

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 would listen...

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 would listen...

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:21-28
Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him.

The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Prayers of the Faithful Response
Lord in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon
Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.