



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November 2023

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

Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Wednesday - Bereavement Mass

6 - 6.50pm - Exposit & Confession
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Clement I

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Andrew Dun-Lac & Companions

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

Saturday - St Catherine of Alexandria

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. Sunday
9.30am

Of your charity, pray for the soul of **Mr James Pate RIP** who has died aged 86 years. His remains will be received into the church on Tuesday, 21st November immediately before the Requiem Mass at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

Thank you on behalf of the parish to the Monday Men's Group who, together with the monies they raised at the recent race night, have donated a further £1,000 to support the greatly increased energy costs for the running of our hall. This was very thoughtful and is very appreciated.

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
7.30pm - Alpha

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Congratulations to Parish Draw Winners

	Week 13	Week 14
£300	A. Smith	S. Cassidy
£100	G. Donnachie	M. Dougal
£50	M. Currie	J. Conway
	Week 15	Week 16
£300	J. Currie	L. Crainie
£100	J. Hughes	E. Livingston
£50	P. Kiernan	J. Browning

Dates for the Diary for December

3rd - 1pm Christmas Panto in hall
5pm Advent Reflection in Mortuary
6th - 7pm First Candlelit *Rorate* Mass
10th - 5pm Advent Reflection in Mortuary
13th - 1pm Wed Group Christmas Lunch
-7pm Second Candlelit *Rorate* Mass
16th - 7pm Men's Group Christmas Night
17th - 1pm Snr Citizens' Christmas Lunch
-5pm Advent Reflection in Mortuary
- Annual Christmas Raffle
20th - 7pm Final Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

Young adults' Catholic Conference: 2nd - 4th January 2024

an excellent event held at the Emmaus Youth Village in Hexham. It's for young Catholics from all over the UK aged from 16 to 25 years. It's a blend of talks with spiritual and social time. Father Moir is hoping to take some young adults from our

parish. Transport and subsidies available. Speak to Father Moir soon if you're interested and to get a form.

Sex & Relationships Education the Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationship, Sexual Health, and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means our children will likely be exposed to lessons contrary to the Church's teaching even in our own schools. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to:

bit.ly/detailsandresponse

Archdiocesan Youth Day Saturday, 25th November

a day of faith and fun for p4 to p7. The event is free and is held at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. We will take a group from the parish, leaving around 9.30am and returning at about 4.00pm. For consent forms and more information speak to Father Moir.

Sundays in Advent - Dec 3/10/17

Father Moir will host a series of Advent reflections in the Mortuary Chapel on the mystery of the Incarnation and the Nativity of Christ, providing a quiet time set apart in the Advent season and to help the parish prepare spiritually for the great Solemnity of Christmas. Beginning at 5pm, each reflection will last about half an hour and conclude with Benediction. Make this a part of your Christmas preparations. Keep Santa in his place!

Pantomime Oh yes, it is! *Sleeping Beauty* is coming to St Patrick's on **Sunday, 3rd December!** Begins after the 11.30am Mass, around 12.30pm. Tickets only £3, tuck shop available. List at the back of church to sign up or email clarechalmers82@gmail.com. Pay on the door. This is a good opportunity since the pantos in the city these days are extortionate (£19 at the Pavilion) and, increasingly, the humour is inappropriate for us!

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1196**. 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.

Mass for those lately dead the annual Mass for those who have died over the last year is at **7.00pm on Wednesday**. Refreshments will be offered in the hall after Mass. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Special Collection for Catholic Education will be taken next weekend. If you have a gift aid envelope, kindly use it. Thank you.

Holy Mass will be offered in the **Craig en Goyne on Friday at 11am**. All parishioners welcome.

Christmas Evening Family Night

16th December from 7pm. The Men's Group will be selling tickets after the weekend Masses on 25th Nov / 2nd & 9th Dec. £15 per person. Entertainment by Sapphire and BYOB. Make your food choice from the list at the back of the church.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch is on **17th December at 1pm**, cost of £5 per person. This year we are having a buffet style with the main choice of turkey and steak pie. Add your name to the list at the back and choose your dish. Pay at the door and don't forget to bring your refreshments!

Mass Census Figures two weeks ago we took the Mass census. These are the figures over the past five years: 2019 - 522; 2020 - no census; 2021 - 271; 2022 - 317 and **2023 - 355.**

Volunteers we need **six** to help at the Senior Citizens' lunch on 17th December from 12.30pm - 4pm. Put your name on the list at the back if you can help.

Christmas Gifts for CHAS Some of the families using the children's hospice can struggle at this time of year. Gifts of soft toys, puzzles, toiletries, fleecy blankets, chocolate, gift vouchers etc are appreciated. The gifts can be for the children themselves or for their families. Do not wrap any gifts but just put them in a bag marked boy/girl and age or man/woman. **Leave donations in the Mortuary Chapel only on the weekend 9th /10th December.** Thank you.

Annual Christmas Raffle takes place on **17th December. We are looking for donations for prizes:** Wine; Spirits: Whisky, Vodka, Gin, Tins of biscuits/chocolates. Please hand in any donations to the chapel house or the donations box at the back of the chapel. Thank you for all your support.

Raffle Tickets please return all monies and stubs to the raffle rep at the back after the Masses or to the chapel house **no later than Sunday, 10th December.**

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

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

R. O blessed are those...

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

R. O blessed are those...

Indeed, thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

R. O blessed are those...

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

[NB. Shorter form in **bold type**]

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: **'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.**

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so, I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord in Your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.