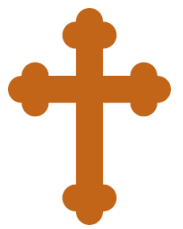




St Patrick's Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 25th FEBRUARY 2024



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Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday - FERIA

7.30am - Holy Mass
8am - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
5pm - Vigil of Reception
6pm - Stations of the Cross
6.30pm - Reflection in hall

Tuesday - FERIA

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Wednesday - FERIA

12.30pm - Mass in St Maurice's
6pm - Exposit & Confessions
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - FERIA

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - First Friday

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 - First Saturday

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

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1636** and Fabric **£291**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Confirmations the Presentation of the Creed will take place at the end of the 11.30am Mass this Sunday. We keep the *confirmandi* in our prayers.

Tour of the Church for the children in P3 who will be making their first Confession in March will have a tour of the church tomorrow, Monday at 6.30pm.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Thomas Crainey RIP** who has died aged 83 years. His remains will be received into the church on Monday at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 9.30am; For **Mr Daniel McGuigan RIP** of Anderson Crescent, Queenzieburn who has died, aged 78 years. His remains will be received into the church on Monday 4th March at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday, 5th March at 9.30am and For **Mr. Hugh O'Donnell RIP** who has died aged 81 years. His remains will be received into church on Wednesday, 6th March at 6pm and Requiem Mass will be offered on Thursday, 7th March at 9.30am.
✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Early Mass during Lent there will be Mass on Mondays at 7.30am in the Mortuary Chapel. This time will suit early risers and workers.

Mass in St Maurice's on Wednesdays of Lent at 12.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Early Mass in the School on the Fridays of Lent at 8.30am. Parishioners are very welcome to join the school children.

Friday is the First Friday, a day of special devotion to the Sacred Heart. Primary 2 will be at Mass at 9.30am.

Lent the Church counsels us to use the three spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to come to **Mass every day or at least more** during the week if you can. We **have Stations of the Cross twice per week** on Mondays at 6pm and on Fridays at 3.15pm so that the children can come straight after school. There is an earlier Mass at 7.30am on Mondays in the Mortuary Chapel and on Fridays at 8.30am in the school.

Stations of the Cross Plenary Indulgence Those who pray the Stations of the Cross in a church can gain a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence is, we might say, 'time' off purgatory. Because Christ gave the Church the power to 'bind and loose'

(Matt. 18:18), she sometimes attaches this special grace to various actions and prayers. However, there are three conditions: you must go to Confession on or around the time of performing the action, you must be completely detached from sin, and you must pray for the intentions of the Pope (an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be). At St Patrick's, we have Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 6.00pm and on Fridays at 3.15pm. You can also come into the church on your own during the day and go round the stations privately yourself. It's a very lovely way to pray more during Lent.

Stations of the Cross books the Stations of St Alphonsus are now available in the piety stall for those who wish to follow along. Min. of donation £3.95.

Called to be Saints - Youth Day a day of inspiration, friendship, and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question, *what does it take to be a saint in the modern world?* It takes place on Saturday, 23rd March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

Lenten Reflections 6.30pm to 7.15pm on the writings from the Diary of St Faustina who is closely associated with the Divine Mercy Devotion. This will take place in the hall and refreshments will be available. All are very welcome.

Welcome and prayers for Olivia Rose Jean Martin who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Job Vacancy the Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor-2/. Closing date for applications is Friday, 1st March.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 5th - 12th July 2024. To find out more visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24>

Wednesday Evening Mass from now on, the Wednesday evening Mass and Exposition will be in the Mortuary Chapel. Those who attend will be able to fit comfortably there. The priest will continue to hear the confessions in the main church. If a major feast falls on a Wednesday, Mass will be in the main church.

The Turin Shroud: Holy Relic or Wholly Fake? On 22nd March at 7.00pm in the hall, Father Deeley hopes to give a talk on the Shroud of Turin. Is it a mediaeval forgery or the burial cloth of Jesus?

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

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

A Rota for Readers for Palm Sunday and the Triduum is available in the Mortuary chapel. Please sign up to read at one of the Masses over this period.

Remembering 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.

Day for Catechists If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation, or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan Day for Catechists at The Gillis Centre, EH9 1BB, on Saturday, 9th March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First reading **Genesis 22:9-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 115**

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

R. I will walk in the presence of the...

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name.

R. I will walk in the presence of the...

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
R. I will walk in the presence of the...

Second Reading **1 Peter 3:18-22**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for

Gospel Acclamation

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

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

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Gospel **Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so, let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.