



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Monday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Tuesday - Nativity of Our Lady

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

5pm - Vigil of Reception

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Mass

Thursday - Feria

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Saturday - Most Holy Name of Mary

9.30am - Requiem Mass

10am - Confessions

5-5.15pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Prayers: we remember the sick, the housebound, the lapsed and we ask God for a lasting and just peace to the various conflicts in the world.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: £1600 and Fabric £434.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Miss Isobel (Izzy) McGregor RIP of Balmalloch Road aged 47. Her remains will be received into the church just prior to the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of her soul on Friday, 11 September at 9.30am; Mr Joseph Williamson RIP of Market Street who has died aged 79. He will be received into the church just prior to the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul on Saturday 12 September at 9.30am; Mr Andrew Conway RIP of U.P. Lane who has died aged 75. He will be received into the church on Thursday 17 September at 5pm and the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul on Friday 18 September at 9.30am; Mrs Elizabeth

Burns RIP of Livingstone Park who has died aged 82 and arrangements to be finalised and Mr Paul Corrigan of St Andrews Place who has died aged 49. His remains will be received into the church on Wednesday, 16 September at 5.00pm with the Requiem on Thursday, 17 September at 9.30am. ✠ *Requiescant in pace* ✠

Registration for First Confession takes place over **this weekend** after the three Masses.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund: the biggest single expense in the Archdiocese is looking after our sick and retired men, of whom there are about twenty-five. We will have our collection for the Aged & Infirm Clergy will be taken **this weekend** which will go towards our annual contribution. Please be as generous as you can to the second collection to support these men who have laboured in the Lord's vineyard. Use Gift Aid envelopes if you have them. Thank you so much.

Welcome Father McCafferty: newly ordained to the priesthood, he will be with us this weekend to offer the Masses and give us his first blessing. The first blessing of a priest is something that he is able to give for one year after his ordination. After Mass, come forward to the altar rails and receive his First Blessing either as individuals or couples or families. Another tradition is that we kiss the newly anointed hands of the new priest after receiving the first blessing. Father was with us on a pastoral placement a couple of summers ago and it's wonderful for us to see him come back as a priest.

We Welcome Fr Doohan on Tuesday, from St Patrick's Church in Cowgate, Edinburgh, who will be covering all the Masses while Fr Deeley is in Rome with the parishioners.

The Church will be closed this week at 3pm rather than the usual 6pm, apart from Wednesday and Saturday.

Fabric Meeting on Monday at 6pm.

Finance Meeting on Monday at 7pm.

Youth Group has started back now on Thursdays at 6.30pm with various games & outings etc planned for the coming year. The new primary fives are now able to join as soon as their mums and dads have completed a consent form. Consent forms available at the Youth Group or at the chapel house.

Next Baptismal Course: for parents and godparents will be on 7 October Wednesday from 7- 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Women's Guild will start back on Monday 21 September. New members are welcome, just turn up at the hall at 2pm.

Rome Trip We wish all our pilgrims a safe trip to Rome and ask for their prayers especially at the tombs of St Peter and St Paul. *Ciao! Enjoy la dolce vita!*

Catholic Men's Bible Study: A new started by some of the men of the parish: weekly meetings on Fridays at 7.00am in the hall for a time of scripture study and prayer finishing about 7.30am and then a tea or coffee. It is hoped there'll be occasional social events too. The first meeting is on Friday, 18 September at 7.00am in the hall.

Mexican Night 10 October from 7pm

Buffet style menu:

- Chicken or beef tacos with Mexican sauces and side salad
- Chilli con carne with Mexican rice
- Chicken fajitas with salsa, sour cream, guacamole
- Apple crumble and ice cream
- Strawberry cheesecake with cream

A glass of wine will be provided. Tickets will be on sale after Masses next weekend, cost £20. BYOB. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are interested.

Abbatones Night on Saturday 21 November, 7pm. More details will follow very shortly. Keep the date free!

Do you know someone in hospital? All hospitals and care homes have a designated Catholic chaplain. However, he will not visit unless he knows there are Catholics there. Hospital staff will now not get the chaplain unless they are specifically asked. If you are asking hospital staff to get the chaplain, you must specify that it is the *Catholic* chaplain (the priest) that you require as sometimes the staff will just get the generic non-denominational chaplain.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary feast is on Tuesday where we recall her birth and role in the divine plan for our salvation. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of only three birthdays honoured in the liturgical year: the others being that of St. John the Baptist and that of Jesus Christ Himself. Mass at 9.30am, if you are free.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you or someone you know wishes to become a Catholic, speak to Fr Deeley as soon as possible to see if you are eligible and then to begin the time of instruction.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan, joined by Bishops, Priests, Religious and Faithful from across the country. Together we will gather in prayer before Our Lady, asking her intercession for our families, our communities, our nation, and for peace throughout the world. Today, Sunday at 3pm.

Children's Liturgy Leader's Morning A morning of prayer and reflection for Children's Liturgy leaders will be held on Saturday, 12 September, 9am to 12 noon, at The Gillis Centre, EH9 1EE.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children invites people of all ages to its Day Conference in Glasgow on Saturday 19th September. With fantastic speakers lined up, and an opportunity to engage with both the SPUC team and other likeminded supporters, this is an event not to be missed! Cost is £30 and includes lunch. To find out more and to book your place, see here: <https://spuc.org.uk/spuc-national-conference>.

Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide Bishop John Keenan has issued a pastoral letter ahead of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returning to the House of Commons on 11 September. He urges you to contact your MP and ask

them to vote against the Bill, while also encouraging prayer and support for those who are seriously ill, their families and carers. Postcards on the table at the back of the church to send to our MP's.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. Schedule: 12.30pm - Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1.30pm - Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3pm - Reflection from Canon Jock Dalrymple; 4.30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

Aid to the Church in Need is looking for Parish Appealers—passionate Catholics who can speak in parishes on behalf of persecuted Christians around the world. This is a self-employed, remunerated role with full training and support. To learn more, contact Peter Diamond at peter.diamond@acnuk.org or 07706194811 or visit acnuk.org/jobs.

ACN are also looking for a passionate and creative Community Engagement Officer to build relationships, inspire supporters, and help raise awareness of persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. Visit acnuk.org/jobs for more information.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-9**

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 95**
R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the LORD who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**

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 forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading **Romans 13:8-10**

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.