



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Times - 12th November 2023

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass
1pm - Vigil of Reception

Monday - FERIA

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Tuesday - FERIA

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Albert the Great

6pm - Vigil of Reception
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - St Margaret of Scotland

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Friday - St Elizabeth of Hungary

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Our Lady

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

Of your charity pray, for the happy repose of the souls of: **Mr Simon Matthews RIP** of High Barwood, aged 35 years. His remains will be received into the church today, Sunday at 1pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Monday at 9.30am and **Mrs Agnes Currie RIP** from Croy, aged 80 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.
✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Mass Census Figures Last weekend 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**. The trend over the past couple of years is good but the overall figure for a parish of this size is concerning.

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

Tue 6pm - Finance Meeting

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

7.30pm - SSVp

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Sat 10.30am - Readers' Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday at 6pm**.

SSVP the Society of St Vincent de Paul will meet on **Wednesday at 7.30pm** after Mass in the meeting room under the sacristy.

The Readers' Meeting will take place in the chapel hall on **Saturday at 10.30am**.

Parish Draw will take place this week. Hope your number gets drawn!

The Piety Stall has religious items, hand-knitted baby wear, Mass cards for different occasions, statues, and Christmas cards. It's always open when the church is open so do have a browse!

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available at all Masses on **12/19/26 November** only £1 a ticket!

Young Adults' Catholic Conference: 2 - 4

January 2024 This is 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.

Archdiocesan Youth Day Saturday, 25th

November a day of faith and fun for p4 to p7. The event is free and is being held at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. We hope to take a group from the parish. We will leave around 9.30am and return at about 4.00pm. It would be especially important for children who would be due to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. For consent forms and more information contact the chapel house or speak to Father Moir.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

the new course **begins this coming 25th January and concludes on 5th December 2024**. If you would like to go a bit deeper in learning about your faith this is for you. Hundreds have now found it to be a really rewarding experience. The workload is not very taxing and there are no compulsory examinations at the end. What's not to like!? Contact Sr Miriam Ruth RSM for more details srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk and see the poster in the narthex of the church.

Dates for the Diary for December

3rd - 1pm Christmas Panto in hall

- 5pm Advent Reflections in Mortuary

6th - 7pm First Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

10th - 5pm Advent Reflections in Mortuary

13th - 1pm Wed Group Christmas Lunch

- 7pm Second Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

16th - 7pm Men's Group Christmas Night

17th - 1pm Snr Citizen Christmas Lunch

- Christmas Raffle Draw

- 5pm Advent Reflection in Mortuary

20th - 7pm Final Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

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

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1567** and Fabric **£435**. 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 cannot make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith. **Remember that the church is open every day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

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

Mass for those lately dead the annual Mass for those who have died over the last year in our parish is at 7.00pm on **Wednesday, 22nd November**. Refreshments will be offered in the hall after Mass and all will be most welcome. Many thanks to our bereavement group for helping to organise this. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

set apart from the commercialisation of the Advent season and to help the parish prepare itself spiritually for the great Solemnity of Christmas. Beginning at 5pm, each reflection will last about half an hour before concluding with Benediction. Consider making this a part of your own Christmas preparations. Keep Santa in his place!

Christmas Evening Family Night 16th December from 7pm. The Men's Group will be selling tickets after the weekend Masses of 25th November / 2nd & 9th December. £15 per person. Entertainment by Sapphire and BYOB. Please make your food choice from the list at the back of the church.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch (over 65's) the lunch will be on **17th December at 1pm** with restricted numbers, and a 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 of the church if you would like to go and tick which you would prefer (turkey or steak pie). This is to give us a rough idea of how many to cater for. Please pay at the door and don't forget to bring your refreshments!

Volunteers, we would appreciate it if we had six volunteers to help at the Senior Citizens' lunch on the 17th of December from 12.30pm - 4pm. If you can help, please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

Day by Day the Advent and January/February *Day by Day* have arrived. These little booklets have the readings for daily Mass and are very popular and useful. Get them from the narthex of the church. Minimum donation £1, please!

The annual Christmas Raffle takes place on **17th December**. We are looking for the following donations as prizes: Red & White Wine; Spirits: Whisky / Vodka / Gin; Tins of biscuits/chocolates. Please hand in any donations to the Parish House or the Donations Box at the back of the church. Thank you for all your support.

Pantomime we are hoping to have the Christmas Panto' again in the hall on **Sunday, 3rd December at 2pm. The cost will be around £3**. More details to follow soon. Save the date!

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 62**

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you, my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
R. For you my soul is thirsting...

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
R. For you my soul is thirsting...

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
R. For you my soul is thirsting...

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
R. For you my soul is thirsting...

Second Reading **Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will

bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord in Your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.