



The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8th May 2022

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

6pm - Vigil Mass
8 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Confirmation Mass

Monday

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - May Devotions

Tuesday - St. John of Avila

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday

6 - 6.50pm - Exposition
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Ss. Nereus & Achilleus

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Our Lady of Fatima

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - St. Matthias

11am - FHC Mass
1pm - FHC Mass
5 - 5.15pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 20mins before Mass exc. Sun

Vocations today is Good Shepherd Sunday when we are strongly encouraged to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Please keep this intention in your prayers especially during Mass. To assist in the education and welfare of our students, there will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend.

This Sunday the **Archbishop will be the main celebrant at the 11.30am Mass**, when he will **Confirm the children in P7**. Please continue to remember the children; parents; godparents; catechist and teachers in your prayers. The children have very kindly prepared work on the saint they have chosen, feel free to look through the presentation which is on display in front of Our Lady's statue.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church. Total Offertory collection **£1657** which includes standing orders. Fabric **£181**.

This Saturday we will have **two Masses**

11am and 1pm when the children will receive Jesus in **Holy Communion** for the first time. Please continue to remember the children; parents; teachers and catechists in your prayers.

May, Month of Our Lady During this month we will have Exposition, **Rosary & Benediction every Monday from 6-6.30pm**. It helps to have an intention to pray for. Please try and come along.

Parish Events this week

Sun 10.30am - Teas/coffees in hall
Mon 10am - Teas/coffees in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
Wed 12noon - Wednesday Group
Thu 10am - Tea/toast and video in hall
6.30pm - Youth Group

Fatima Heaven's Peace Plan - 30min video about **Our Lady of Fatima** will be shown in the hall on **Thursday at 10am** to remind us of all Our Lady's messages to the world. Please join us. Tea & toast will be served.

Dates for the Diary

May 12th - Youth Group Trip
May 14th - First Holy Communion
May 15th - May Procession
May 18th - Cathedral Mass - married couples
May 26th - Ascension Day

Please note additional dates for your diary:

Jun 5th - Queen's Afternoon Jubilee Party
Jun 12th - Youth Group outing
Jun 15th - Finance Committee Meeting
Jun 18th - Day out to St. Andrews
Jun 25th - Parish BBQ
Jun 26th - Blessing of the Graves

Parish Minibus since our last appeal for volunteers to drive our minibus **no-one** has come forward. After discussion with Anne McAteer who looks after the minibus, it has been proposed rather than sell it and not replace it, we buy a 15-seater instead. A 15-seater minibus has no restrictions on who can drive it. But before we do this, we would need a guarantee that we have additional drivers. If you would consider being a driver, please contact **Anne** on **822500** or speak to Fr. Daniel for further details.

SCIAF WEE BOX Please return your WEE BOX as soon as possible.

The Parish's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party will take place on **Sunday 5th June from 12.30**. A wonderful opportunity to come together and to celebrate this great milestone in our history. Further details to follow. Please keep the date free.

"Questions at the End of Life and Assisted Suicide" on **Saturday 21st May 2-5pm**, Golden Jubilee Hospital, Glasgow. An opportunity to learn more about the benefits of excellent palliative care, get updated on assisted suicide bill currently in the Scottish Parliament. Speakers are palliative care expert Prof. Dr Marie Fallon and Gordon Macdonald from Care Not Killing. Minibus will be taken if we have enough numbers, list at back of church.

Party Duties! a reminder that the Church encourages us to experience the joy of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) during the Easter season, as part of our Easter duties. Going once a year is the bare minimal that the Church asks in order to receive the Lord in Holy Communion during Eastertide in a state of grace.

Have You Visited the Piety Shop recently? There is a great selection of new cards & stock for all occasions, gifts for **Confirmations, First Holy Communion** and much more! Pop in, you will not be disappointed.

A prayer for peace in Ukraine

O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words, and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

Wedding Anniversaries St Mary's

Cathedral Mass for Married & Engaged Couples next **Wednesday at 7pm** by the Archbishop. All couples are welcome on the night but if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year the Archbishop would like to send a personal invitation. Please submit the names, address, and number of years to Fr Jeremy Milne vemarriage@staned.org.uk, 0131 334 1693.

Catholics in health and social care and are interested in learning about the ethical challenges, register now. It's a Zoom event and is ideal for those who missed the same event which took place recently at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It takes place 11:30am-4:45pm on Saturday 14 May. Register at stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care

Open Evening (online) - MA in Applied

Catholic Theology the MA in Applied Catholic Theology is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the key skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at the online Open Evening **on Tuesday 17th May, 6-7pm**. Register at bit.ly/smu_openevening

Pray for priests Today (Sunday 8th May) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please say a prayer for all those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life in our Archdiocese. If you think you may have a vocation, please speak to [priest's name here]. You can also have a chat with the Archdiocesan vocations directors Fr Andrew Garden **0131 663 4286** | vocations@staned.org.uk or Sister Mirjam Hugens **0131 623 8902** | religiousvocations@staned.org.uk. As always, please keep Fr Bartholomew and Fr Daniel in your prayers as they serve God and the people of our parish.

Parish Fundraising It is **FREE**, you shop online as normal and the Parish gets a donation Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to create an account, so far, we have raised over **£388**.

Corpus Christi Procession As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year, led by Archbishop Cushley, you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19th June** (time tbc). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

40 Hours' Devotion Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. It continues at St Margaret's in Dunfermline this weekend and then at St Machan's in Lennoxton next weekend (14/15 May). Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Safeguarding vacancies. The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is looking to appoint a Director of Safeguarding and a Head of Safeguarding Training. Details at <https://www.scsafeguarding.org.uk/News/Vacancies>

Lourdes If you are a nurse, please consider taking part in the **Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 8-15 July**. The pilgrimage committee is looking for a night nurse (full funding available) and nurses to join to join the medical team. Contact Claire Banks, chief nurse, on **07930 928489** for more info. There is also still space for assisted pilgrims who will have 24hr care on the pilgrimage. Helpers and hotel pilgrims are also welcome. More info at www.edinburgh-lourdes.com

Venerable Margaret Sinclair The monthly Mass to pray for the Canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on the first Tuesday of each month at **1.30pm (7th June)** at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate. The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on Sunday 18 September. More details will follow soon. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

Fourth Sunday of Easter Sacred Scripture

First Reading **Acts 13: 14-52** Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies, and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus, the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So, they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading **Apocalypse 7:9-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel **John 10:27-30**

I know my sheep and they follow me Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost, and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'