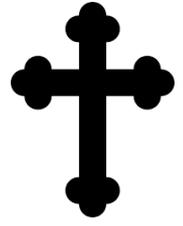


St Patrick's Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, 1 MARCH 2026



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Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Second Week of Lent

7.30am - Holy Mass
9.30am - Requiem Mass
6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - Second Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Second Week of Lent

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession
6.45pm - Benediction
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Second Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Second Week of Lent

9.30am - Holy Mass
10am - Divine Mercy
3pm - Divine Mercy
3.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - Ss Perpetua & Felicity

9.30am - Holy Mass
5-15-5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Mr Francis Brown of Elgin Place who has died aged 72 years. His remains will be received into the church just prior to the Requiem Mass on Monday at 9.30am and Mr William McCarroll formerly of Jarvie Crescent who has died aged 91 years. His remains will be received into the church on Thursday, 12 March at 5pm and his Requiem will be on Friday, 13 March at 9.30am. ✠ *Requiescant in pace* ✠

Sunday Treat in the Hall hot rolls on offer today after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome to join us and all for only £2!

School Lenten Masses there will be no 8.30am Mass in the school on Friday as the children are coming to Mass in the church for the First Friday.

Lent The Church counsels us to use the three spiritual weapons of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Come to Mass every day or more during the week. There are also have Stations of the Cross twice per week on Mondays at 6pm and on Fridays at 3.30pm so that the children can come straight after school. Stations lasts about twenty-five minutes. The church is open all day for prayer and it will remain open until 4pm on the Sundays of Lent.

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 usually).

The Liturgy and Lent in the great penitential season we use the much more sombre purple colour, to represent penitence, there is no *Gloria* at Sunday Mass, there are no flowers and the organ is used only very sparingly to accompany singing.

St Alphonsus Liguori Stations of the Cross Booklets are available in the porch. These are the stations we will be using during Lent. Priced £4.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the Mortuary Chapel every Friday of Lent after the 9.30am Mass and again at 3pm before Stations of the Cross.

Faith & Reason Series continues on Friday at 6.30pm in the hall. This session is entitled 'Praying the Mass.' There will be no Faith & Reason session on Friday, 13 March.

Your Gift to God and His Church including standing orders: £1575 and fabric £373. May God bless you for your support of His Church.

St Patrick's Dinner Dance celebrate our parish feast day on Saturday, 21 March at 7pm until late. £20 a ticket and BYOB. Two course meal plus tea/coffee. Entertainment by Harmony. Make your choice of food on the list at the back. Tickets are available at the end of the Masses this weekend from a member of the social committee.

Happy Retirement to our dedicated and faithful church clean team Marie Quinn & Anne Christie. Marie has cleaned our church for over 30 years and Anne for 10 years. The church is a huge building with lots of nooks and crannies, and they have been sweeping and polishing every inch for all these years. They have worked tirelessly and with great love and faith, especially on high days & holy days ensuring that God's house is always up to standard. God bless you both for your dedication and commitment for all these years. Time to hang your dusters up!

The Fire Alarm test will be carried out at the end of the Masses this weekend.

A pastoral letter on the final assisted suicide vote is to be read out at the Masses. We are encouraged to contact our MSPs today using Care Not Killing's online email tool. Use the QR code or at contact carenotkilling.scot. Posters are displayed on both notice boards.



Easter Duties the following two obligations to be completed between Ash Wednesday and the Second Sunday of Easter: 1. if we are conscious of grave sin, we must approach the Sacrament of Confession; 2. We must receive Holy Communion at least once during this period.

The Rite of Election Last Sunday 150 adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Church at Easter were presented to the Archbishop. We ask God to give them the grace to persevere and that they may spend their whole lives as members of His chosen people. Around 600 people across Scotland will be received: the grace of God is at work.

SCIAF 'WEE BOX' take a 'Wee Box' pack home and return it by Palm Sunday (29 March). After Palm Sunday funds should be sent directly to SCIAF.

The Fabric Committee Meeting will be on Monday at 7pm.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi A second deposit of £200 per person will be due by 15 April 2026 and the final balance will be due 12 weeks prior to departure: on or before 10 July 2026. Payments should be made to:
Alba Tours Ltd
Acc Number 00898164,
Sort Code 80-22-60
Ref: STPK080926 + surname.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be this Wednesday, 7-8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

The Calix Society is an association of Catholic Alcoholics, promoting the virtue of daily abstinence and the spiritual development of its members. It meets every first Saturday at 1:30pm, in St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It hosts a talk on Venerable Matt Talbot on Saturday, 7 March at 1:30pm. No registration required.

What's Happening at Mass This Lent, deepen your union with God by exploring what God is doing with us at Mass. Speakers include The Archbishop, Father McMorris, Grace Robertson, Father Douglas, and Father Garden. The day also includes Mass and a light lunch. The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, Date: Saturday 14 March 9:30am. Register: bit.ly/archmass. If you would like to attend, then add your name to the list at the back of the church; hopefully, we can take the minibus.

Feel called to the priesthood? If you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, then you are not alone. If you are considering this call, take that step and get in touch today. Contact Monsignor Burke our archdiocesan Vocations Director and Come and see where the Lord may be leading you: frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk.

Grass cutting the grass is starting to grow! It would be great to have a group in readiness to cut it. The more we have the fewer times we each have to do it. Kindly sign the list at the back or email the chapel house to volunteer your services.

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 12:1-4**

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 33**

R. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

The word of the LORD is upright, and all his works to be trusted. The LORD loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. **R.**

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the LORD. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD. **R.**

Second Reading **2 Timothy 1:8-10**

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him.'

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Gospel **Matthew 17:1-9**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

Communion Antiphon

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