



St Patrick's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th February 2023

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6pm - Vigil Mass
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Ss Cyril & Methodias

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6.00pm - Exposit. & Confession
7.00pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Our Lady's 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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

a reminder that, as well as during the week, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Holy Communion a few weeks ago we mentioned the possibility of distributing Holy Communion differently with the people lining up along the altar step and the priest moving along the row. We have been piloting this at the weekday Masses for the past two weeks. It seems to have the desired effect and, so far, we have only had positive feedback. All being well, we will begin this for the Sunday Masses on the First Sunday of Lent.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

will be visiting the parish **next weekend** to make an appeal on behalf of the Missions. They will tell us about their missionary work and they would be grateful for our support. The second collection will be taken up for them that weekend.

Congratulations to Parish Draw Winners

Week 25	Week 26
£300 H Brady 1687	O Murphy 1419
£100 I Kennedy 1555	C Waters 1444
£50 M Anderson 2177	J Livingstone 1351
Week 27	Week 28
£300 G Hughes 1221	D Ashmall 1881
£100 M McCreery 1742	J Pollock 1329
£50 J Ashmall 1885	M Dougal 1560

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
Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group
7.30pm - SVDP
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Televised Mass the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 5th March will be recorded for Being Catholic TV.

SSVP the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be meeting in the church basement at 7.30pm after Mass this Wednesday, 15th February. Those who have enquired about becoming new members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Margaret McGuire RIP, formerly of 11 Kelvinhead, Banton, died on 4th February. The family has asked for our prayers. +Requiescat in pace+

Blessed Palms place used blessed palms in the basket at the back of the chapel. These will be burned and used for the ashes on **Ash Wednesday, 22nd February**.

Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus Liguori are on sale in the Piety Stall. We will be using these classic meditations for our parish Lenten devotions.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue we are blessed to have a beautiful statue which parishioners can take to their homes for a week for their devotions. Come to the sacristy to sign-up and collect it. The world needs the message of Fatima!

Baptismal Course the next evening for parents with a child to be baptised will take place this Wednesday, from 7.30 – 8.30pm in the hall. Please email the chapel house to book a place at: priest.stpatrickskilcuthy@staned.org.uk

Godparents

It is useful to remind ourselves of what the Church stipulates regarding godparents for baptisms: 1. You need only one godparent who must be a practising Catholic over the age of sixteen years; 2. If you have two godparents, one must be a man and one must be a woman; 3. You may have a maximum of two godparents; 4. A baptised non-Catholic may stand as a Christian witness to the baptism. The rules for godparents are stipulated in Canon Law (cf. can. 873).

Annual Safeguarding Statement will be read out just before the Masses today.

Father Bartholomew returned to the parish last week. It is good to have him back!

Father Deeley will say the Masses in Banknock and Denny this Sunday because Canon Boylan is away.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1,531** and Fabric **£326**. With thanks for your support of the Church's important work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

St Patrick's Night Saturday, 18th March

Keep the night free for a super night organized by our Men's Group. More details to follow soon, to be sure.

Gift Aid this is a very valuable source of income for our parish. If you pay tax in the UK, the parish can claim back 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. If you don't yet Gift Aid, kindly consider doing this. Contact the Chapel House for a Gift Aid form. Thanks to all our current Gift Aiders, last year we got £14,223 back from the Government.

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley

Join His Grace, the Archbishop for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm **this Sunday and on 12th March**. Just turn up to be with the Archbishop and pray.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED SCRIPTURE

First Reading **Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 118**

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:17-27**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell

fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'