



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Monday - Exaltation of the Cross

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Ninian

5pm - Vigil of Reception

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Mass

Thursday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

5pm - Vigil of Reception

Friday - Feria

9.30am - Requiem Mass

5pm - Vigil of Reception

Saturday - Our Lady

9.30am - Requiem Mass

10am - Confessions

5-5.15pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

1pm - Vigil of Reception

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

We pray for the repose of the souls of:
Mr Paul Corrigan RIP of St Andrews Place aged 49. Remains received into the church on Wednesday at 5pm and the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul on Thursday at 9.30am; Mr Andrew Conway RIP of U.P. Lane who has died aged 75. Remains received into the church on Thursday at 5pm and the Requiem Mass for the happy repose of his soul on Friday at 9.30am; Mrs Elizabeth Burns RIP of Livingstone Park who has died aged 82. Remains received into the church on Friday at 5.00pm with the Requiem on Saturday at 9.30am. Mrs Cathy Whyte RIP of Balcastle Gardens who has died aged 87. Remains received into the church on Sunday 20 September at 1pm with the Requiem on at 9.30am.
❖ *Requiescant in pace* ❖

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: £1630 and Aged & Infirm Clergy collection £757.

The 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 Wednesday, 7 October 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.

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 this 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!

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross marks the day when St Helen, mother of the Emperor Constantine, found the true Cross at Jerusalem in the year 335. The Cross is praised because it was the moment when God's love for humanity

was revealed to the world by his suffering and death. *Ave Crux! Spes unica!* (Hail to the Cross, our only hope) is an ancient acclamation from a 6th century hymn to the true cross that is sometimes used on this day.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday focuses on Mary's suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. This was prophesied in the scriptures when a holy man called Simeon prophesied to her, 'a sword will pierce your soul (Lk 2:35).' Our Lady followed her son perfectly yet she experienced suffering in this life. On this day we pray in a particular way for parents who, like Our Lady, have experienced the death of a child.

The Feast of St Ninian is on Wednesday. St Ninian was born in Cumbria about the year 360 and was ordained Bishop in 394 in Rome. He landed in Whithorn in 397 and built a church called Candida Casa (White House). This church was a centre from which he and his disciples preached the Gospel in Scotland. He died about 432 and was buried in Whithorn. Pope Benedict XVI visited Scotland on the Feast of St Ninian in 2010 and offered Mass at Bellahouston park.

Do you know someone in hospital? All hospitals and care homes have a designated Catholic chaplain. However, he will not visit unless he knows they are 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.

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.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) invites people of all ages to its Day Conference in Glasgow on Saturday, 19 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>.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair 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 - 4.30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley with Father Galbraith preaching.

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge on 16 - 18 October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation, or widowhood. For more details call Maggie on 07786687631 or email beginningexperiencescotland@gmail.com

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast.

The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded.

Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord?

Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins?

If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins?

Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments.

Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103

R. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you,
says the Lord, that you love one another,
just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So, the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So, his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also, my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

