



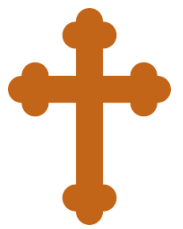
St Patrick's Catholic Church

LÆTARE SUNDAY OF LENT - 10th MARCH 2024

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Lætare Sunday of Lent

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Feria

7.30am - Holy Mass

8am - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

6pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

12.30pm - Mass in St Maurice's

6 - 7pm - Exposit & Confession

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

10am - Divine Mercy

3pm - Divine Mercy

3.15pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday - Feria

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

Special Collection the second collection this weekend will be for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you have them.

Early Mass during Lent there will be Mass on Mondays at 7.30am in the Mortuary Chapel. This time will suit early risers and workers.

Mass in St Maurice's on Wednesdays of Lent at 12.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

This Friday 9.30am Mass The school children will be attending Mass in place of St Patrick's Day, which falls on Sunday this year. As such, there will be **no** 8.30am Mass in the school this Friday.

Lent the Church counsels us to use the three spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Try to come to **Mass every day or at least more** during the week if you can. We **have Stations of the Cross twice per week** on Mondays at 6pm and on Fridays at 3.15pm so that the children can come straight after school. There is an earlier Mass at 7.30am on Mondays in the Mortuary Chapel and on Fridays at 8.30am in the school.

Lenten Reflections in the hall from 6.30pm to 7.15pm on the writings from the Diary of St Faustina who is closely associated with the Divine Mercy Devotion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation as we have done in previous years, confessions will be available at the usual times and during all the Sunday Masses next weekend. Confession is a part of our spiritual preparations to help us celebrate Easter properly. We should be mindful of making our Easter duties too.

Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 26th March. The minibus will leave at 5.15pm. Add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to go. At this Mass, all the priest of the Archdiocese gather with the Archbishop to renew their priestly promises. It's also the occasion when the Archbishop blesses the oils (Chrism, Oil of the Sick and Oil of

Catechumens) for distribution to the parishes for use in the sacraments. It is a very beautiful liturgy.

The Easter Triduum 2024 - (28th - 31st)

Holy Thursday

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8 - 11pm - Watch at the altar of repose

Good Friday

3pm - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

7pm - Stations & Veneration

Holy Saturday

7pm - Easter Vigil

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea & Coffee in the hall

Mon 10am - Tea & Coffee in the hall

10.30am - Men's Group

2pm - Women's Guild

6.30pm - Reflection in the hall

Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Congratulations to Draw Winners

Week 29

Week 30

£300 C Gribben 1476 J Livingstone 1772

£100 M Hughes 1228 I Beaton 1500

£50 G Miller 1686 J Canavan 1434

Week 31

Week 28

£300 M Campbell 1328 G Reynolds 1185

£100 J Whyte 2171 R Shields 1757

£50 MA Kerr 2039 A Mulholland 1628

St Patrick's Dinner Dance Evening a representative from the Men's Group will be at the Masses this weekend to collect the monies for those who have not paid. If possible, please bring the exact money (£15pp) and you will receive your ticket. Last chance to purchase a ticket for the evening on Saturday. Entry by ticket only.

The Turin Shroud: Holy Relic or Wholly Fake? On 22nd March at 7.00pm in the hall, Father Deeley hopes to give a talk on the Shroud of Turin. Is it a mediaeval forgery or the burial cloth of Jesus?

Save the Date! The parish summer outing is on **Saturday, 8th June to Largs**. Details to follow.

Lætare Sunday this Sunday marks the day when we have passed the midpoint of Lent. In celebration of this, the theme of the liturgy is more joyful, and the vestments are lightened from the usual sombre purple to the lighter rose colour.

Happy Mother's Day prayerful good wishes and blessings on all the mothers and grandmothers and may those who have gone to God rest in peace.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1625** and Fabric **£375**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Altar Servers' Sign-up the altar servers will receive a letter this weekend encouraging them to sign up to the different liturgies over the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Their help at these important ceremonies is valued.

2024/25 Gift Aid Envelopes for those who gift aid and use envelopes for offertory; building or special collections please pick up new envelopes from back of church. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up for gift aid, contact the chapel house. Last year we claimed back £13,098 through the gift aid scheme with no extra cost to parishioners.

New Stock for Piety Stall we have a lovely new selection of cards for Mothers' Day, St Patrick's Day, and Easter. Cards and keepsakes for children making their first Confession; Holy Communion and Confirmation. Pop in and have a browse.

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross every Monday in Lent at 7.45pm, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all their intentions. Register at bit.ly/lentstations

Lent Video Reflections join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Called to be Saints a day of inspiration, friendship, and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question, *what does it take to be a saint in the modern world?* On Saturday, 23rd March, 12 to 4pm at The Gillis Centre, Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

LÆTARE SUNDAY OF LENT **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

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

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading **2 Chronicles 36:14-23**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger

after messenger since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 136**

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth...

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth...

O how could we sing the song
of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right-hand wither!

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth...

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth...

Second Reading **Ephesians 2:4-10**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.