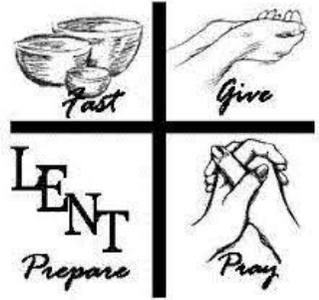




# St. Patrick's Parish

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## PARISH DIARY

Monday	9.30am 10.00am	Mass: Feast St John Ogilvie Divine Mercy
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.15am 12.30am 7pm	Mass in school Mass Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.30am	Mass: <b>Solemnity of St Patrick</b>
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm 6pm 9.30-9.50am 10am 11am-5.30pm 5.30pm 6pm	Confessions Vigil Mass Confessions Mass 40 hours adoration Evening Prayer & Benediction Catholicism Series of videos

**COLLECTIONS** 3<sup>rd</sup> March

£362.55

**Archbishop Tartaglia** – will join us for 10am Mass this Sunday. Let's make an old Andersonian very welcome!

## **LENT IN THE PARISH: PRAY, FAST, GIVE ALMS**

### **SOMETHING FOR US ALL TO GIVE UP!**

In order to allow a spirit of prayer and reverence during Lent we will be introducing a period of a few minutes of total silence immediately before Mass begins. We will use our PA system to signal the start of the silence. We all need to play our part in this for it to work. Pope Francis has been encouraging this and it's a great opportunity for us as a parish to prepare ourselves for Mass and reap the benefits of a few moments of stillness in our hectic world.

**Lenten Lunchtime Mass** – Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 1230, so that local workers have the opportunity to get to Mass for Lent. There will be no Mass at 9.30am on Fridays in Lent.

**“Catholicism”** – during Lent we will continue watching Bishop Barron’s series, Catholicism, which we started in Advent. Even if you didn’t make it along in Advent you’re still very welcome to join us! The series is at 6pm in the house every Sunday in Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Fridays at 7pm

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS** – Sundays in Lent (apart from one) there is a special collection for the sick and retired priests. Please be generous in supporting these men who gave their lives in our service and the service of God.

**SCIAF** – your Lenten wee boxes are available at the back of the church. Please take them away and collect your small change over Lent to help SCIAF.

**PRAYER MATERIAL** is available at the back of the church for you to use when you visit the church during Lent

**OFF ALCOHOL FOR LENT?** Pick up a short term Pledge prayer at the back of the church from the Pioneers

**Saint Patrick’s Day** – since the feast falls on a Sunday in Lent, this year it is moved to the Saturday and so we will celebrate our patron saint at 9.30am Mass on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please join us for the celebration. For the same reason, we celebrate St John Ogilvie on Monday of this week at 9.30am Mass.

## **200 Club Winners: Congratulations to**

£100 Sarah O'Brian                      £50 Mick McGowan

£25 Rosaleen Hart                      £25 John Clark

**Saint Patrick** – the school's statue of St Patrick, which we helped repair, has now returned from being renovated and will be formally blessed at a Mass in the school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am, to which all are invited. The Mass will be followed by a celebratory reception – please do try to come along. The statue is looking wonderful: you can see it after the Mass, but for a sneak preview see the parish website or Facebook page.

**First Confession** – our P3 children will make their First Confessions on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Our preparation sessions – for parents and children – continue after 10am Mass today and next week. All the children, and their parents/guardians, need to attend these sessions to be able to celebrate the sacrament. All the parents also need to meet Canon Gargaro and show him a copy of the child's baptism certificate – if you have not yet organised this please do so as soon as possible. All parishioners should make a special effort to pray for these boys and girls as they approach this big day – and set an example to them by frequently going to Confession yourselves!

**Forty Hours** – our annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from next weekend. We have Adoration:

- on Sunday from after 10am Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5.30pm (followed by the Catholicism DVD in the house at 6pm);
- on Monday from after 9.30am Mass until a Holy Hour at 7pm led by Father Andrew McGowan, our newest priest;
- on Tuesday from after 9.30am Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm (followed by First Confessions at 7pm).

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church – please make sure that there are always people present to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some peaceful time with Our Lord – don't let it pass you by.

There are candles for sale at the back of the church which we will burn on the altar to honour Our Lord and in memory of the people – living and dead – for whom we wish specially to pray during the Forty Hours. Large candles are £3; small candles £2

**Gartnavel Hospital** – there are a team of Extraordinary Ministers who take Holy Communion to Gartnavel Hospitals (General and Royal) and the Beatson twice a week. If you, or a relative are in hospital there, please make sure that you let Canon Gargaro know and he'll pass on your/their details to make sure that you/they get Communion. There are also priests on call for the Sacrament of the Sick or Confessions – just ask the nurse to page the Catholic chaplain, or again ask Canon Gargaro and he'll try and visit himself.

**Safeguarding** – this weekend our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, Pauline Greig, will remind us of our parish's commitment to safeguarding. Remember that if you ever have any concerns you should speak to Pauline, or if someone is at risk phone the police immediately. For more information on safeguarding in the Scottish Catholic Church visit <https://www.scsafeguarding.org.uk/>.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage for 18-35 Year Olds:** inspired by the Polish "Extreme Way of the Cross" is a penitential pilgrimage undertaken over 12 hours from evening to morning. The pilgrimage on 22-23 March, begins and ends with Holy Mass and is undertaken in complete silence, with stops every hour to pray a Station of the Via Crucis. With stunning views of the West Highlands and the isolation of the night, the pilgrimage is the perfect opportunity to truly contemplate the reality of the Passion. Join us and make this Lent one of real interior conversion. To sign up, e-mail [Jamie.mcgowan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jamie.mcgowan@hotmail.co.uk)

**Mass of St Patrick:** The annual Mass for the Feast of St Patrick will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March at 11.00am. Archbishop Philip Tartaglia will be the principal celebrant. All welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**RIP** Ann O'Hanlon

**Anniversaries:** George & Sarah Stafford, the Stafford family, the Boyle family, the Gillan family

