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Matthew tells that the disciples fall on their faces overcome with fear when they hear the voice of the Father. Only after the resurrection will their faith be perfected to the point that they can hold to both the majesty of God and his desire to save them by drawing them into his perfect love through Jesus.

Mass Times		
Monday	10am & 12.30	Lent Week 2
Tuesday	10am & 12.30	Lent Week 2
Wednesday	10am & 12.30	Lent Week 2
Thursday	10am & 12.30	Lent Week 2
Friday	10am & 12.30	Feast: St Patrick
Saturday	10am	Lent Week 2
Saturday	6pm	Third Sunday of Lent, Yr A
Sunday	10am	

Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) weekdays daily in the church before morning Mass

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

COLLECTIONS 5th March £490.60 Ash Wednesday £82.60

Lenten Alms 5th March £159.00

During Lent the 2nd collection will be for sick and retired priests.

200 CLUB WINNERS Please see notice at the back of the Church.

St. Patrick's is a Parish of the Archdiocese of Glasgow,
a Designated Religious Charity, Number SC018140



LENTEN DIARY

SCIAF LENTEN PACKS are available at the back of the church. Take one away with you and reflect on how you can help your brothers and sisters using the resources provided.

WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT at 12.30pm. You may wish to make weekday Mass part of your Lenten programme.

40 HOURS AT ST PATRICK'S

Sunday 12th March: after 10am Mass until Benediction at 5pm

Monday 13th March: after 10am Mass until 7pm service



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

We have a cluster event for you, on Saturday **18th March** from 2pm-4pm. Fr Tim Curtis will be doing some work with Ministers of the Eucharist in our cluster at the Ogilvie Centre, 35 Scott St, Glasgow. Put the date in your diary for this Breaking the Bread seminar.

MASS IN HONOUR OF ST PATRICK will be celebrated by the Archbishop at the Cathedral on Saturday 18th March at 11.30am.

PARISH 40 HOURS will take place this weekend.

We still have sign up spaces. Why not make this something you will commit to? Spend half an hour with the Lord. We will not be able to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed if we do not have the cover of at least two people for each half hour slot. If you want to keep this devotion going in the Parish you need to do your bit.



SCIAF PETITION: Powering our common home

By swapping fossil fuels, like coal and gas, for clean energy, like wind, hydro and solar, we can power our homes without harming the planet we share with our brothers and sisters in countries like Zambia. Please join SCIAF's campaign calling MSPs to support the move to clean energy- add your name to our petition at the back of the church.

THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION encourage you to make a **short term pledge for Lent**. Take a card at the back of the church for details.

PARISH FUNDRAISING- PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE

We have received some photographs showing progress of the roof build at our mission parish in Nigeria. Have a look at the newsboard to see the progress.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO.....

Bayo Adeyanju, Tayo Adeyanju, Baillie Hutchison, Violet Mnikwa, Abbi Reilly and Liam Reilly who were all **baptised** recently. We welcome you into the family of God and into the Parish Community.



CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO OUR CHILDREN



Bayo Adeyanju, Baillie Hutchison, Violet Mnikwa, Abbi Reilly, Liam Reilly, Rafael Badza, Lena Cieslik, Dillon Havelin and Sophie McKay who celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on Thursday night. May the experience of the mercy and compassion of God be something they will treasure.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “with all their hearts” (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.



SPRING CLEANING FOR FREEDOM

So many of us have accumulated much more than we need. It bursts from our closets, overflows our shelves and clutters our lives. Lent might be a wonderful time to deliberately release ourselves from the many "things" we own by cleaning out our closets and simplifying our lives in a prayerful and intentional way.



On one level, this is ridding ourselves of things we don't need, or things that we hated to part with except that they are so "out of style." Certainly, many of us have many things that are "extra" or "unneeded" for us, but could be wonderful for those who can't afford to buy clothes at a store. Another level of this journey into personal freedom is to ask ourselves how much I really do need. How many sweaters do I want to choose to have? How many jackets, sport shirts, dresses, shoes? How much jewellery? How much sporting equipment? How much electronic equipment? How many sets of silverware or dishes? How much of so many things we have in our lives? We can get as serious and go as deeply into this as we desire to find fruit.

This is not "should I get rid of what I don't need?" This is different, more faith-filled and takes us into giving up 'good' stuff -- perhaps stuff we are attached to -- because we want to experience the exercise of freedom. We do this because we sense that we are not free in some areas that are tremendously important for us, important for our salvation, and growing in freedom before the things of our lives can be a great grace.

This freedom, too, will place us in greater solidarity with those who find such great happiness and joy in trusting in God, while having so much less than we imagine we could survive on.

What else might we do, that fits with my circumstances and the needs around us and in the world?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anniversaries: Joseph Whelan, Anne Maria Knowles