



# St. Patrick's Parish

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**  
**Page 75 in the Mass Book**

There is a lovely phrase in 2nd Isaiah where God is promising that he will keep his promises. God says "By own self I swear it; what comes from my mouth is true". We could stay with those few words for ages, because their implications are endless. Can God be trusted? If not, God would not be God. Who could God possibly swear by? No one is as reliable as God. And yet, do we really trust God? Do we really believe God's promises? These are issues which run through all three readings today. We hear several promises, assurances from God about God. The question is: do we really believe them?

<b>Mass Times this week</b>		
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	10am 12.30pm	Lent Week 3
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10am 12.30pm	Lent Week 3
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10am 12.30pm	Lent Week 3
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10am 12.30pm	Lent Week 3
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	10am 12.30pm	Lent Week 3
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Lent Week 3
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm Vigil 10am	Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Rosary and Morning Prayer** each day in the church at 9.30am

**EXTRA MASS MON-FRI DURING LENT at 12.30pm.** With office workers in mind, but open to all!

## **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm**

### **COLLECTIONS**

During Lent the **second collection** is for **Sick and Retired Priests** apart from **next Sunday** when it is for SCIAF.

### **SCIAF 24 Hours for the Lord**

Pope Francis invites parishes to open their doors for 24 hours next Friday and Saturday. This time of reflection and prayer gives us an opportunity to rediscover the great mercy at the heart of the Catholic faith. To watch our short reflection on the theme of mercy, visit [www.theweebox.org](http://www.theweebox.org).

The government will match SCIAF Lenten donations pound for pound. Even more reason to be generous with your giving at next week's collection for SCIAF.

**AGAP LENTFEST EXHIBITION** portraying in art the Year of Mercy here in St Pat's until 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **LENTEN STATION MASSES 2016 at 7pm**

Tuesday 1st March: St Eunan's

Friday 4th March: Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday 15th March: St Brigid's

**Friday 18th March: Corpus Christi – our Deanery**

**LENTEN TALKS AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAYS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.** Reflecting on the richness of God's mercy in the Jubilee Year. See notice board for details

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION TALKS** available during Lent in various parishes. See notice board for details.

### **FEAST OF ST JOHN OGILVIE**

To mark the end of the year celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the death of Saint John Ogilvie, Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate the 1.00 pm Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday, 10 March 2016.

**READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** please sign and tick the sheet at the back to say when you will be available on Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum Liturgies.

## ST PATRICK'S LENTEN DIARY

**PARISH 40 HOURS** starts on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

Proposed Timetable (to be confirmed next week) is:

Sunday 13th March 2016:

10am Mass  
11am Exposition  
5pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Monday 14th March 2016:

10am Mass  
10.30am Exposition  
12.30pm Mass  
7.00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Tuesday 15th March 2016

10am Mass  
10.30am Exposition  
12.30pm Mass  
7.00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Please come along and participate in these special days of grace for our parish.

**THE DEANERY STATION MASS** takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Corpus Christi parish. Please make an effort to represent the parish at this Mass.

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 8AM-7PM**

Continuing the custom of providing the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a full day in the Cathedral. You may wish to avail of the Sacrament that day.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH**

Fr Ross Campbell, chaplain at Glasgow University, has been designated as a Priest of Mercy by Pope Francis and in this role has kindly agreed to lead our parish reconciliation serve at 7pm on Wednesday in Holy Week. Please make a huge effort to come along.



### SIGN UP!

We need volunteers to sign up to cover the exposition times so that the church is not empty while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Please sign up using the sheets at the back.

# PARISH FUNDRAISING

Funds raised are split 50/50 between the Parish and the Mission Project in Nigeria.

While Fr Francis was in Nigeria he handed over 350,000 Nigerian Nira (£1000) to the parish for their roof project.

THE LETTER OF THANKS is posted on the notice board, text below:

“We, the entire parish council and the congregation of St Andrew's Parish hereby express our profound appreciation on the donation from St Patrick's Church.

It was a great joy to the congregation when it was announced to them that through Fr Francis the sum of 350,000 Nigerian Nira had been donated to our church for the continuation of the church building. The church building had stopped for a long time now, but with this donation we can start work once more.

Father, please extend our heartfelt gratitude to the donors of this money. We shall continue to pray for the donors and the members of St Patrick's Church.

May God continue to bless you and your parishioners.

Fr Isaac Ogbunnachi  
Parish Priest”



Our **cake and candy** stall will be NOT be on during Lent.  
We don't want to tempt you!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Margaret English  
**Recently Dead:** Elizabeth Smith, Hugh McNamee  
**Anniversaries:** Margaret Aitcheson, Janette McDade

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