



St. Patrick's Parish



Canon Paul Gargaro

5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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PARISH DIARY

Sunday	10.00am	Mass: 6 th Sunday of Easter
Monday	9.30am	Mass: 6 th Week of Easter
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass: 6 th Week of Easter
Wednesday	9.30am 7.00pm	Mass: 6 th Week of Easter Mass: Solemnity of the Ascension
Thursday	10.00am 12.30pm 6.30pm	Mass: Solemnity of the Ascension Mass: Solemnity of the Ascension Sacred Sounds and Thoughts: A concert for contemplative hearts
Friday	9.30am 7.00pm	Mass: 6 th Week of Easter May Devotions
Saturday	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass: 6 th Week of Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.00am	Mass: 7 th Week of Easter

First Collection:

£552.10

Second Collection next week for Communications.

200 Club: is due this weekend, so please pay your dues at the back of the church (or join up!) and the draw will be after 10am Mass on Sunday.

Ascension Thursday: is this week and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are: Vigil 7pm, 10am, and 12.30pm. Please make sure that you get to Mass to mark this feast.

Youth Group: Calling all P7-S5 pupils! St Peter's & St Patrick's Parish Youth Group invites you to join for an action-packed evening on Sunday 19th May in St Peter's Church Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. With games, input, activities, and prayer, it is set to be great fun!

First Communion Preparation: continues today after 10am Mass. Please pray for the children preparing to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament and for their families and friends. The joy of children preparing to receive Jesus for the first time should hopefully reawaken that joy in all of us as we remember just what a special gift He gives us each time we receive Him in Holy Communion.

Concert at St Patrick's: on Thursday 9th May at 6.30pm we will host a concert organised by Jacquelyn called 'Sacred Sounds and Thoughts: a concert for contemplative hearts'. This is special, free participation concert where you can sit and listen, walk around, reflect, pray, and engage in whatever way you're called to. Tickets are free and available on Eventbrite, just search 'Sacred Sounds and Thoughts'.

Parish Accounts 2023-2024: We have recently submitted our accounts for the Financial Year 2023-2024. The summary income and expenditure are set out in the table.

You have been very generous with your collections (averaging almost £7 per head per week), and this has helped us to cover our rising gas and electricity costs and the increased Diocesan Levy. Our costs were slightly above our income this year but we had money in the bank to cover this small deficit. We expect our gas prices to increase this year again.

As well as our parish income and expenditure, you also donated £8,655 to the special collections that we have from time to time for diocesan, national, and international charities. Thank you for all your support.

Category	2022-2023	2023-2024	Comment
Collections	£ 34,798	£ 42,412	
Donations	£ 10,847	£ 1,296	£10,000 donation last year
Gift Aid Repayments	£ 6,267	£ 7,697	
Votive Candles	£ 4,111	£ 4,283	
Fundraising	£ 831	£ 885	
Insurance Receipts	£ -	£ 630	
200 Club	£ 1,741	£ 1,480	
Flowers	£ 115	£ 35	
Miscellaneous	£ 666	£ -	
Stall profit	£ 365	£ 496	
TOTAL INCOME	£ 59,743	£ 59,214	
House Expenses	-£ 6,118	-£ 4,667	furnishings last year
Church Expenses	-£ 6,100	-£ 6,798	
Clergy Costs	-£ 624	-£ 539	
Youth Minister & Housekeeper	-£ 4,591	-£ 6,329	
Council Tax	-£ 3,594	-£ 3,773	
Insurance	-£ 9,067	-£ 10,433	
Gas & Electricity	-£ 3,770	-£ 8,025	gas catch up
Printing & Stationery	-£ 365	-£ 333	
Diocesan Payments	-£ 6,670	-£ 12,650	increased levy
Security	-£ 534	-£ 534	
Bank Fees	-£ 135	-£ 169	
Donations	-£ 1,000	-£ 1,000	
General Expenses	-£ 277	-£ 5,137	CCTV system & new printer
TOTAL EXPENSES	-£ 42,844	-£ 60,386	

May Devotions: Every Friday at 7.00pm. All gifts of bouquets of flowers for Our Lady's altar are gratefully received.

Safeguarding Self-Evaluation: 'In God's Image' requires every parish to monitor and review its safeguarding practice and plan how to improve it. As a result each year Canon Gargaro and Pauline Greig (our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator) complete a self-evaluation audit form. Our 2023 form is being completed just now to help us see how we are doing and where we may need to improve.

Mary's Meals: Please come along to a Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals at Pauline Books and Media, St Enoch Square, Glasgow on Thursday 9th May or Saturday 11th May from 11am to 2pm.

Campaign against Assisted Suicide: public meetings in the Renfield Centre on Monday 3rd June – see notice board for details or call 07388 347910 to book free tickets.

Flourish: the new Flourish is available at the back of the church – its free so make sure you take one away.



Donations: We have created a QR code for donations in response to requests from younger members of our parish who don't carry cash! Just scan the code and it will take you to a donation page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Dead

John McNab, Dennis Curran, Annie Manellis

Anniversaries

Margaret Crawford, Hannah Gallagher, Joan Capaldi, Karen Hazle

