

**10 March 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent. Year B**

Holy Mass  
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm  
Stations of the Cross 10.30am  
Vespers & Benediction 5.30pm

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**1st Reading:**

2Chronicles 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 136

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

**2nd Reading:**

Ephesians 2: 4 - 10

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 31: 16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
God loved the world so much  
that that he gave his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has  
eternal life. .

Glory and raise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:**

Mark 3: 14 - 21

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily  
Monday - Saturday

**Monday 11 March**

Holy Mass 5.45pm  
with Devotions to St Philip Neri.  
After Mass the men's prayer group,  
Brothers of the Little Oratory, meets  
in the parish house.

**Tuesday 12 March**

Holy Mass 12.30pm  
with prayers to Venerable Margaret  
Sinclair for her cause

**Wednesday 13 March**

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm  
Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm  
Holy Mass 12.30pm  
with Litany to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help

**Thursday 14 March**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Friday 15 March**

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm  
Holy Mass 12.30pm  
Stations of the Cross  
6.30pm

**Saturday 16 March**

Lenten Talk 10.45am  
Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm  
Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm  
Patronal Feast Day  
Holy Mass 12.30pm  
thereafter we move on to Lauriston  
Hall (Sacred Heart) for 2.30pm.

**St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends,

Next week we celebrate Saint Patrick, the patron saint and apostle of Ireland. He is widely known for his pivotal role in introducing Christianity to Ireland. Born in Scotland in the late 4th century, he was captured by Irish pirates at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave.

During his captivity, he found strength in his faith. At that time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*, he wrote:

*"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."*

Eventually he escaped back to his family. After becoming a priest, he returned to Ireland as a missionary, driven by his strong desire to spread the Faith.



Our patronal feast of Saint Patrick holds a special place in our own hearts here in the Cowgate, serving as a time for thanksgiving and celebration under this humble and holy patron. This year let us honour the mission of Saint Patrick and his profound influence on Christianity here in Edinburgh and beyond.

On the feast day of Saint Patrick, you will see that the consecration candles will be lit all around the church, marking the places where the bishop anointed the walls during the ceremony.

Churches are set apart for the worship of God so they can't be used for other purposes. The consecration of this building affirms the doctrine of the Incarnation because God enables us to use His material gifts to give glory back to Him through the beauty of our church here in the Cowgate.

Saint Patrick pray for us.

Fr Gerard

**The flowers** that will decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those who have gone before us. We invite you to remember deceased members of your family & friends with a **donation for Easter Flowers**. Please put your names in an envelope and return it with your offering **on Sunday 17 March**. The names of those received will appear in the Easter Newsletter. Many thanks in advance.

The appeal for our **Seminarians for Holy Week** will close on Sunday 17 March. Thank you for your generosity.

**Finance:  
Collections**

3 March

GA: £ 179.00

NGA £ 505.23



Donate online by scanning the QR code.  
Thank you for your support.

**Making a donation:**

You may wish to consider taking out a standing order for your weekly / monthly contribution, in this case, the parish account details are:

St Patricks Church  
Bank of Scotland  
Sort code: 80-02-29  
Account No: 00687306

**A notice for university students,** if you have not yet been confirmed or would like more catechesis, please speak to Father Gerard or Father Ninian.

Please pray for **the people of Bethlehem** and the **Holy Land**.

The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is offering a retreat in daily life for Lent, **'Pathways Through the Desert'**, in partnership with St Paul and St George Episcopal Church, York Place. It runs weekly to Sunday 24 March. Participants are asked to set aside some time each day for prayer (20-30 minutes) and to meet once a week with their individual prayer guide. For more information email [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

Join people across the Archdiocese each Monday throughout Lent for our annual **Stations of the Cross**. It takes place on Zoom at 7:45pm and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/lentstations](http://bit.ly/lentstations)

Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the **'Challenge of the Gospel'**, in weekly videos posted each Monday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

A forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty titled **'Pathways of Hope'** takes place on Saturday 16 March 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre Edinburgh. Register at [bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent](http://bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent)

Join other young Catholic women to chat and **explore God's will** in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hagens FSO, the third meeting takes place 17 March, 4.00-7.00pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. To register or for more information email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**Called to be Saints - Youth Day:** 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?* Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, featuring talks from guests including television presenter Judith Ralston. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, from midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Register your child for this FREE event at [bit.ly/calledtobesaints](http://bit.ly/calledtobesaints)

If you attend Sunday Mass regularly at St Patrick's, and have not already done so, please complete and return a **Parish Registration Form** (available at the shop).

Should you come regularly to St Patrick's and pay income tax you may make your donation/contribution via:

- a. **Gift Aid envelopes** (new envelopes available from April 24) or
- b. **Standing Order** through your bank (parish bank details can be found in the newsletter)

**Confessions** take place before, during and after Holy Mass whenever there is a priest available.

To avoid missing out on our **Patronal Feast Day** celebration meal on **Saturday 16th March** after Holy Mass, please purchase your ticket/s this weekend. **It is your last chance!** When ticket sales are closed final catering arrangements can be made. Thank you.

We will have **Children's Catechesis** on **Saturday 23rd March** at 2pm in the Memorial Room at St Patrick's. The afternoon will include crafts, snacks, and Benediction for Passiontide.

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