

**11 February 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
**Year B**

Holy Mass  
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

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**1st Reading:**

Leviticus 13: 1 - 2, 44 - 46

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 31: 1 – 2, 5, 11

You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation,

**2nd Reading:**

1 Corinthians 10: 36 -11: 1

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 8: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten the eyes of our  
mind, so that we can see what  
hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Mark 1: 40 - 45

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily  
Monday - Saturday

**Monday 12 February**

Holy Mass 5.45pm  
with Devotions to St Philip Neri

**Tuesday 13 February**

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

**Wednesday 14 February**

**Ash Wednesday** distributions of  
Ashes at all Masses

*St Cyril & St Methodius*

Holy Mass 7.15am

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm with Litany  
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Holy Mass 5.45pm

**Thursday 15 February**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Friday 16 February**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

**Saturday 17 February**

*The Seven Holy Founders  
of the Servite Order*

Lenten Talk 10.45am

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends,

This Tuesday is called Shrove Tuesday.

It comes from the word 'shrive' which means 'absolve', so the day is intended to be as much about the admission of sins and absolution as it is about eating cooked batter delicious as it is. But we should stop calling it Pancake Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday is marked annually as the day before Ash Wednesday. The word 'shrive' makes us realise it is an opportunity to confess to sins before the beginning of Lent. This Tuesday is also dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus which was approved by Pope Pius XII.

It is said that this devotion brought St Therese of Lisieux, "the Little Flower", to her great sanctity. Also known as Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, this is her prayer to the Holy Face:

*O Jesus, who in Thy bitter Passion didst become "the most abject of men, a man of sorrows", I venerate Thy Sacred Face whereon there once did shine the beauty and sweetness of the Godhead; but now it has become for me as if it were the face of a leper! Nevertheless, under those disfigured features, I recognize Thy infinite Love and I am consumed with the desire to love Thee and make Thee loved by all men. The tears which well up abundantly in Thy sacred eyes appear to me as so many precious pearls that I love to gather up, in order to purchase the souls of poor sinners by means of their infinite value. O Jesus, whose adorable Face ravishes my heart, I implore Thee to fix deep within me Thy divine image and to set me on fire with Thy Love, that I may be found worthy to come to the contemplation of Thy glorious Face in Heaven. Amen.*



In the next few days, we all need to prepare for a good and Holy Lent.

In Jesus and Mary

Fr Gerard

The **Patronal Feast of St Patrick** is transferred to 12.30pm Mass on Saturday 16th February.

After Mass, celebrations will move on to Lauriston Hall, at Sacred Heart Church where we will have a light lunch and entertainment from 2.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community with old friends catching up and new friendships being made!

Sign-up sheets are now available at the shop. To help cover the cost of supplies, tickets will be £5.00 and come with a free raffle ticket for the prize draw.

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

## Finance: Collections

4 February

GA: £ 147.00

NGA £ 455.80

Donation

£ 100.00



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### Lent at St Patrick's

*(please consult extra leaflet)*

3 Masses on **Ash Wednesday**

Friday after 12.30pm:

**Relic of the True Cross**

Friday 6.30pm-7.30pm:

**Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 10:45: **Lenten Talk.**

Sun 10.30: **Stations of the Cross**

Sunday 5.30pm:

**Sung Vespers and Benediction**

Today is **World Day of the Sick**, please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

The Archdiocesan **Valentine's Retreat** for Married & Engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024. Register at <https://bit.ly/valretreat>

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 begins on Sunday 18 February and runs for five weeks, finishing on Sunday 24 March. Participants are asked to set aside some time each day for prayer (usually 20 to 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, beginning on 19 February, 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)

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**Free Places at the SPUC Youth Conference!** 23rd - 25th February 2024 at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0N1. Apply at [prolife@stanned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@stanned.org.uk)

Join other young Catholic women to chat and **explore God's will** in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the next meeting takes place on Sunday 25 February, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. To register / for more information email [religiousvocations@stanned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@stanned.org.uk)

**SCIAF Lenten Wee Box Big Change Appeal:** Put your faith into action and support this year's Appeal. Collect your pack today. Thank you.

If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation, or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan **Day for Catechists** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

**The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 5-12 July 2024. To find out more visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24>

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

**Lenten Fasting & Abstinence**  
Lenten cycle begins Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

**Fasting:** ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY  
Ages 18-59

**Abstinence:** ASH WEDNESDAY AND EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT  
Ages 14+

**Am I excused from fasting & abstinence?**  
Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

**How do we fast?**  
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.