

17 March 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent. Year B

Holy Mass
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm
Stations of the Cross 10.30am
Triduum to St Joseph day 1,
prayers after 11.00am Mass

Vespers & Benediction 5.30pm

Readings begin **page 173**

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 50

A pure heart create for me, O God.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 5: 7 - 9

Gospel Acclamation:

John 12: 26

Glory to you, O Christ,

you are the Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord,

he must follow me,

wherever I am,

my servant will be there too.

Glory to you, O Christ,

you are the Word of God!

Gospel:

John 12: 20 - 30

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily

Monday - Saturday

Monday 18 March

Triduum to St Joseph prayers

before Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

After Mass, Brothers of the Little

Oratory meet in the parish house.

Tuesday 19 March

St Joseph

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with prayers to Venerable Margaret

Sinclair for her cause

Triduum to St Joseph prayers

before Sung Mass 5.45pm

Wednesday 20 March

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with Litany to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help

Thursday 21 March

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Friday 22 March

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Stations of the Cross

6.30pm

Saturday 23 March

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

Thank you for celebrating St Patrick's Feast with us. We look forward to spending more time with each other as we go forward as the people of St Patrick's.

From now till the Easter Vigil, our Church occupies herself with the mysteries of our salvation, in particular, Jesus' death on the Cross and His time in the tomb. When you step into the church this Sunday, you cannot help but see the Calvary, veiled with a purple cloth. What is the meaning of this? St John says, "They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple." (John 8.59)

The Church calls to mind this event; for that reason, she withdraws the picture of Christ crucified from our eyes by veiling it. The cloth used is purple for penance, which signifies that Christ has put on the garment of penance in order to save us from our sins and to reconcile us with God. He has become the scapegoat, that we may participate in the grace of redemption.

The veiling of the Crucified one also indicates the profound sorrow which the Church feels for her Bridegroom, His bitter passion, and also to shock us. The lack of beauty and starvation of the senses drives us to go deeper and be less reliant on the gratification and pleasure we get from the senses. Simply nailing our hearts and our very selves to Him.

The veils over His Mother and the Saints also help us to see what the world is like without Christ and His Church. The fast gets deeper and draws us into the meditation on the Passion of Our Lord.

With Jesus and Mary,

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 **today, 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** closes today, 17 March. Thank you for your generosity.

Finance:

Collections

10 March

GA: £ 150.00

NGA £ 521.30

Donation from visiting group

£ 136.90



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

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
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

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

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 third meeting takes place today from 4 - 7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. To register or for more information email 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

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.

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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