

**22 October 2023**  
**Twenty ninth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Sunday 22 October**  
Holy Mass  
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin on **page 143** of the parish mass book.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 45: 4 - 6

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 95, response v7  
Give the Lord glory and power

**2nd Reading:**

Thessalonians 1: 1- 5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 17: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 22: 15 - 21

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am – 7.00pm daily,  
Monday - Saturday

**Monday 23 October**

*St John of Capistrano*

Holy Mass 5.45pm  
with Devotions to St Philip Neri

**Tuesday 24 October**

*St Anthony Mary Claret*

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

**Wednesday 25 October**

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm  
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm  
Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Thursday 26 October**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Friday 27 October**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Saturday 28 October**

*St Simon & St Jude*

Devotional Talk 10.00am  
*The Miraculous Medal*

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm  
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm  
Holy Mass 12.30pm *St Simon*

Confessions will take place before  
and after each Mass whenever a  
priest is available.

**St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**  
National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends

There is a famous story about the life of St Philip Neri that helps answer the question of how long Jesus is present in the Eucharist after we receive Communion.

One day when he was celebrating Mass, a man received Holy Communion and left the church early. The man appeared to have no regard for the Presence within him and so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow the man outside the church. After a while walking through the streets of Rome, the man turned around to see the altar boys still following him. Confused the man returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he had sent the altar boys.

St Philip Neri responded by saying,

"We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord,  
whom you are carrying away with you.  
Since you neglect to adore Him,  
I sent two acolytes to take your place."

The man was stunned and resolved to be more aware of God's presence in the future.

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species of bread remains for about 15 minutes after reception. This is based on simple biology and reflects the Catechism's statement that the presence of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist." This is why many saints have recommended offering 15 minutes of prayer after receiving the Eucharist as a thanksgiving to God. This allows the soul to savour the presence of God and have a true "heart-to-heart with Jesus.

In our fast-paced world it is often difficult to remain long after Mass, but that doesn't mean we can't at least pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving. The main point is that we need to remember Jesus' presence in the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with Our Lord and feel his love within us.

In Jesus and Mary  
Fr Gerard

In November, each Friday Mass will be set aside for the repose of the souls of those names included in our **November Pious Dead List**. Forms are available from the back of Church. Please return it with a list of names and an offering/donation to Marion/Uriel at the back of the church. Names may also be submitted to [stpatricksparish@outlook.com](mailto:stpatricksparish@outlook.com). The names will be prayed out loud before the Holy Mass.

**Blessing of Graves:** please tell us what grave yards your family and friends are buried in and we will make a list of dates so we can bless them in your presence.

**Christmas Schedules 2023** advance notice

This year Christmas Eve 24th December falls on a Sunday. Bearing that in mind there will be a one-off vigil Mass on Saturday 23rd December at 4.30pm. On Christmas Eve Holy Masses will be at 9.00am and 11.00am. There will be no evening Mass at 4:30pm.

The First Mass of Christmas will be at 7.00pm and on Christmas Day there will be Midnight Mass and Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am (there will be no evening Mass). Benediction and Carols will take place at 4pm.



**Finance:****Sunday 15 October collection**

GA £ 137.00

NGA £ 625.46

On **9 October 2024**, the church which is now St Patrick's will celebrate its **250th Anniversary** as a Christian Church. A momentous occasion!

Over the coming months we will be planning an event that will bring together the Christian communities who have worshipped here during this time. As part of this planning we would like to hear from parishioners and others who may have specific memories of St Patrick's - stories, anecdotes, photographs etc. If you would like to contribute please speak to Uriel or email her at [u.jamieson@btinternet.com](mailto:u.jamieson@btinternet.com)

**29 October 2023**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Readings begin on **page 146** of the parish mass book.

**1st Reading:**

Exodus 22: 20 - 26

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 17, response v2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**2nd Reading:**

Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Acts 16: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Today's special collection marks World Day of Prayer for the Missions. Funds raised will go to **Missio Scotland**, the Pope's charity for world mission. It helps support Catholic projects for those in need across the world. Find out how your donation will help at [www.missioscotland.com](http://www.missioscotland.com)

The next Mass to pray for **Vocations** to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the last year on **All Souls' Day**, Thursday 2 November at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon. All welcome.

Thinking about a **vocation to the religious life**? Join other young women at a retreat led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH9 1SN. Email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**Holy Communion** is now distributed at the Altar Rails. Do kneel to receive Holy Communion if you are able to do so. Stewards will invite you forward to join the procession. We begin from the front pews in the side aisles. Everyone returns to their place via the side aisle.

A prayer for the success of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this month: *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

A reminder for **parents of children who start school in August 2024**: You will be required to register your child shortly (**please check with your local school**). If you intend them to go to a catholic school, they should be baptised before registration takes place. This will ensure they are given a place in cases where spaces are limited, as children who are baptised Catholics will take priority. This is also the case in secondary schools.

**Donate online by scanning the QR code.**

**Thank you for your support!**



## Mass Intentions

22 October	9.00am	Katie & Jimmy O'Brien	Anniversary
22 October	11.00am	Mass for the people of the parish	
22 October	4.30pm	Lawrence	Anniversary 2nd October
23 October	5.45pm	James Murphy	RIP
24 October	12.30pm	Marian Hogg	Anniversary
25 October	12.30pm	Ann Monaghan	Birthday Anniversary 15 October
26 October	12.30pm	Private Intention	Private Intention
27 October	12.30pm		Recent death
28 October	12.30pm	Jacqueline Hannan	RIP

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