



**17 September 2023**  
**Twenty fourth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Sunday 17 September**

Holy Mass  
9.00am & 11.00am

**National Pilgrimage Day**

Holy Hour 2.00pm  
Reflection 3.00pm-3.30pm  
Holy Mass 4.30pm

Readings begin on **page 128** of the parish mass book.

**1st Reading:**

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28: 7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 102, response v 8

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**2nd Reading:**

Romans 14: 7 - 9

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 17: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 18: 21 - 35

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Monday 18 September**

Holy Mass 5.45pm  
with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

**Tuesday 19 September**

*St Januarius*

Holy Mass 12.30pm  
with prayers to Venerable Margaret  
Sinclair for her cause  
Funeral Mass of Mary Beaumont  
2.00pm

**Wednesday 20 September**

*Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions*

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

**Thursday 21 September**

*St Matthew*

Funeral Mass of Albert Franchi  
12.30pm

**Friday 22 September**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Saturday 23 September**

*St Pius of Pietrelcina, Padre Pio*

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

**St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

**Served by**

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Dear Friends,

As autumn approaches we turn our attention to children and young people preparing to receive the sacraments for the first time. Those who attend Catholic primary schools will normally be prepared in school. But our parish catechism classes are for children who do not attend Catholic schools.

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**

Preparation for First Confession normally takes place around the age of 7. Classes begin in December and run until May.

First Confession takes place around the beginning of Lent with opportunities to go to Confession a few times before the First Communion Mass which is scheduled for *Saturday the 25th May 2024*.



**Confirmation**

Preparation for Confirmation usually takes place in the Diocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh in Primary 7. Classes begin in January and run until the Confirmation Mass in May (date to be confirmed).

The deadline for signing up for both sacraments is the middle of November. Please register online and one of the priests will be happy to contact you and to guide you and your child through the process: [stpatricksedinburgh.com/sacraments/](http://stpatricksedinburgh.com/sacraments/)

If you are an adult who has not yet received these sacraments, please let us know you require the sacraments.

In Jesus and Mary

Fr Gerard

Some of the brass work in the church - the candlesticks and other items - could do with some restoration. The cost for this work is in the region of £4000. If you would like to donate money so that these historic items can be saved for the future please put your donations in an envelope marked **Restoration of Brass**. With many thanks. It is not easy to ask for money.

Confessions are daily before and after Mass when a priest is available.

Get to know Jesus better in the mini course on the Gospel of Mark! The event will be 7pm-9pm in the Cathedral from 23rd to 27th October with Professor James Edwards. Register on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark>. Learn more about it in a 30-minute preview with Father Patrick and Sister Anna Marie at <https://bit.ly/PreviewGospelofMark>

**Finance:****Sunday 10 September collection**

GA £ 140.00

NGA £ 602.18

**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

**24 September**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A. Readings begin on **page 131**  
of the parish mass book.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 144, response v 18

The Lord is close to all who call him

**2nd Reading:**

Philipians 1: 20 - 24, 27

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Luke 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 20: 1 - 16

The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar **titled 'Free2Pray'** to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at [bit.ly/free2pray](http://bit.ly/free2pray)

**A View from Within:**

Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland's prisons - including prison chaplains - share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners' Week on Saturday 7th October from 10:00am - 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at [bit.ly/aviewfromwithin](http://bit.ly/aviewfromwithin)

**Teams of Our Lady:** Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open **information evening on Tuesday 10th October, 6:30pm-7:30pm** in Ss John Cantius and Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

**St Patrick's:**

The Requiem of Mary Beaumont will be celebrated on Tuesday 19 September at 2.00pm with the Vigil Reception at 4.30pm on Monday 18 September.

The Requiem of Albert Franchi will be celebrated on Thursday 21 September at 12.30pm.

May Mary and Albert rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Holy Communion:**

Please remain seated until one of the stewards invites you to join the procession to receive Holy Communion. Here in St Patrick's we begin from the front pews in the side aisles. Everyone returns to their place via the side aisle. This avoids congestion and ensures the procession is free flowing. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Mass Intentions

17 September	9.00am		
17 September	11.00am	Manisha Bishokarma	Recovery from surgery
17 September	4.30pm		
18 September	5.45pm		
19 September	12.30pm		
20 September	12.30pm		
21 September	12.30pm	Private Intention	
22 September	12.30pm		
23 September	12.30pm	Chelsea Torres Castrillon	Birthday Intentions

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