

**24 September 2023**  
**Twenty fifth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Sunday 24 September**

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

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:**

Philippians 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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Monday 25 September**

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

**Tuesday 26 September**

*Ss Cosmos and Damian*

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with prayers to Venerable Margaret Sinclair for her cause

**Wednesday 27 September**

*St Vincent de Paul*

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm

Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Thursday 28 September**

*St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions*

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Friday 29 September**

*Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Saturday 30 September**

*St Jerome*

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm

Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Confessions are daily before & after Holy Mass whenever there is a priest available.

**St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends,

St. Pio of Pietrelcina or more fondly known as Padre Pio has been revered by countless people around the world. For many, he was canonised during our life time. Padre Pio's extraordinary holiness was recognized during his lifetime as people of all faiths sought him out for his spiritual guidance and the intercession of his prayers. Padre Pio bore the stigmata, the five wounds of Christ's passion, on his body, as physical evidence of his sanctity. In the long history of the Catholic Church, very few people have been signed with the stigmata.

He was born Francesco Forgione in southern Italy. His father, Orazio, was a shepherd. In his youth Francesco suffered several health problems and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone and joined the order at 19 years old, taking the name of Pio. He was ordained at the age of 22 on August 10, 1910. On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix in the choir loft when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first priest in the history of the Catholic Church to receive the stigmata. Upon his death in 1968, the wounds had disappeared. In fact there was no scarring and the skin was completely renewed.

The priest himself soon became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious, especially with World War II soldiers. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession to bring both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed. He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one with the words, "Jesus" - "Mary" on his lips!

Padre Pio put his faith in God, the God who leads people back from exile and who calls us to be people of light, liberty, and love. He wrote:

*Let the world turn topsy-turvy, everything is in darkness and Mount Sinai on fire, covered with lightning and thunder: God is with you. But if God lives in darkness and Mount Sinai is on fire, covered with lightning, thunder, and noise, won't we be safe near him?*

St. Pio, pray for us!

Fr Gerard



By tradition, the Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. **The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary**, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions.

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary which we will try to do before each weekday Mass. We will also have a series of talks about Our Lady and practical sacramental aids that are connected with Our Lady.

**Finance:****Sunday 17 September collection**

GA £ 145.00

NGA £ 838.12

**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

**1 October 2023**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A. Readings begin on **page 134**  
of the parish mass book.

**1st Reading:**

Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 24, response v 6  
Remember your mercy, Lord.

**2nd Reading:**

Philippians 2: 1 – 11

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 21: 28 - 32

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, 6:30-7:30pm in Ss John Cantius and Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

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 30minute preview with Father Patrick and Sister Anna Marie at <https://bit.ly/PreviewGospelofMark>

It is not easy to ask for money but, the cost of restoring some of the brass work in the church - the candlesticks and other items - is in the region of £4000. If you are able to and 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.

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**

24 September	9.00am		
24 September	11.00am		
24 September	4.30pm		
25 September	5.45pm		
26 September	12.30pm		
27 September	12.30pm		
28 September	12.30pm	Private Intention	
29 September	12.30pm	Luis Alfonso Torres Llano, RIP	Eternal Rest on the 1st anniversary of his death
30 September	12.30pm		

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