

**21 April 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B.**

Good Shepherd Sunday &  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Vespers & Benediction 5.30pm

Readings begin **page 265.**

**1st Reading:**

Acts 4: 8 - 12

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 117

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

**2nd Reading:**

1 John 3: 1 - 2

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the  
Lord; I know my own sheep  
and my own know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 10: 11 - 18

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily

Monday - Saturday

#### **Monday 22 April**

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

Brothers of the Little Oratory **will  
not be meeting** this evening.

#### **Tuesday 23 April**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Prayers to Venerable Margaret

Sinclair for her cause with the  
opportunity to venerate her relic.

#### **Wednesday 24 April**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with Litany to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

#### **Thursday 25 April**

*St Mark*

Holy Mass 12.30pm

#### **Friday 26 April**

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm

Benediction 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

#### **Saturday 27 April**

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm

Benediction 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Confessions** are available before  
every service, (also during and  
after whenever priest is available).

## **St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

### **Served by**

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Dear Friends,

The Easter season helps us to overcome our doubt in all areas of our faith. Some struggle with the total presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. During the Mass, the body of Jesus Christ himself is truly eaten. The bread becomes his actual body, and the wine his actual blood. The process of this change is called transubstantiation: "By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. The holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called this change transubstantiation." (**CCC, 1376**)

But sometimes the appearance of the bread and wine change, too. Christ's true presence has been revealed over the centuries through several Eucharistic miracles.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, located in the region of Abruzzo, is par excellence, the most well-known in the church. The miracle took place in the eighth century in a church administered by Basilian monks. Like Bolsena, one of the priests was doubting the Real Presence.

As he pronounced the consecration, the host was transformed into flesh, the wine into blood. The Body took on the form of a heart. The Blood coagulated into five irregularly shaped globules.

In 1970, the miracle was subjected to scientific scrutiny. The doctors concluded that the flesh was human heart tissue, and the blood is human. Both are from the same blood group, AB.

Today, the relics are conserved in a Franciscan church. Close access is possible thanks to a stairway immediately behind the relics. The flesh is preserved within a silver monstrance, the blood globules in a crystal chalice. Lanciano is 100 miles east of Rome.

Our Lord said to St Thomas the apostle, "you have come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).

Yours in Jesus and Mary

**Fr Gerard**



## Finance: Collections

14 April

GA: £ 175.75

NGA £ 448.00



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### 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**.

We are looking for people to help as **sacristan**. For more details and to find out what is involved, please speak to Father Gerard.

## A Call for singers!

We are looking for singers interested in learning to sing sacred music with the **11.00am Sunday Mass Schola** to help dignify the liturgy of Holy Mass and build confidence in singing. For more information, please speak to Rory, his details are on the posters displayed on the noticeboards in the foyer/side entrance.

For your information

1. **Father Ninian** is absent from the parish until **6th May**.
2. **Fr Peter Kelly** will celebrate **Mass on Wednesday 24 April**
3. During April, **Adoration every Friday** not Wednesday.
4. **Fr Peter Kelly** will celebrate the Monday - Friday Masses in the first week of May.

If you attend Sunday Mass regularly here at St Patrick's, **Parish Registration Forms** are available at the shop.

Should you come regularly to St Patrick's and are a tax payer you may make your donation/contribution via:

- a. **Gift Aid envelopes** Should you wish to use collection envelopes please speak to Marion. or
- b. **Standing Order** through your bank (parish bank details can be found in the newsletter)

**Gift Aid declaration** forms can be obtained from Marion.

**A final call** for your **SCIAF Wee Boxes** to be returned to the shop. Thank you for your support.

Do you know someone who is ill / infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes?

The **Archdiocese** is seeking **Assisted Pilgrims** to join their **pilgrimage in July**. 24hr support is provided by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, and volunteers in specially equipped accommodation. Experience an unforgettable week with a full spiritual & social programme. Contact Bernadette on **0131 441 1939** / visit **[www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)**

Explore the rich history of **Catholic Devotions** at a special event on Saturday 27 April 11:00am-3:00pm at Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. *Deeply Devoted* features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. Details and registration at **<https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>**

SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the **MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25**. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow soon. Register or enquire at **<https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>**.