

25 February 2024
Second Sunday in Lent. Year B

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Stations of the Cross 10.30am

Vespers & Benediction 5.30pm

Readings begin **page 155**

1st Reading:

Genesis 22: 1 - 2, 9 - 13, 15 -18

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 115: 10 - 15

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8: 31 - 34

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 17: 5

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's
voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him.'

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

Gospel:

Mark 9: 2 - 10

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily

Monday - Saturday

Monday 26 February

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

Men's prayer group, Brothers of the
Little Oratory, meets in the parish
house after Mass.

Tuesday 27 February

St Gregory of Narek

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with prayers to Venerable Margaret
Sinclair for her cause

Wednesday 29 February

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm with Litany
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 29 February

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Friday 1 March

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Stations of the Cross
6.30pm

Saturday 2 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,

We are very blessed to have a replica of the Shroud of Turin on display here in the church for one more week. The visit will culminate with a talk on Monday, 4th March at 6:30pm immediately following the 5.30pm Mass.

The makeup of the shroud - a herringbone twill weave - was a costly fabric for the time. The world has long been divided about whether it is a mediaeval forgery but thanks to science, it has indeed been proven to be authentic although Scripture does not mention the burial clothes.

This Lent let us use the shroud as a tool to enter into a new depth of His saving Passion.

Our Lord died a harrowing death, the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea retrieved the body: "He took it down, wrapped it in fine linen, and laid it in a tomb" (**Luke 23:52**). The Sabbath was quickly approaching and, as observant Jews they had to leave, but we know that the intention was to go back, and properly clean and anoint Jesus' body with oils and spices before it was entombed.

Perhaps the biggest mystery of the shroud is what happened to the body inside of it. There are no signs of physical decomposition of Jesus' body in the image. The image then exists as a sort of "snapshot" of a corpse that was removed within 72 hours of burial.

This, along with many other factors, indicates it was the shroud of Jesus Christ. The unbroken legs, the crown of thorns, the wound in the side and the heavy scourging are all historically uncommon they are unique to our blessed Lord.

Blessed Sebastian Valfre a priest of the Turin oratory says this:

"The Cross received the living Jesus and gave Him back to us dead.

The Shroud received the dead Jesus and restored Him to us alive."

In Jesus and Mary

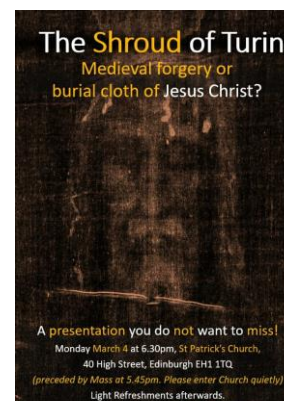
Fr Gerard

We would very much like the **two seminarians** from Uruguay who are studying in Pamplona to assist during Holy Week here in our parish. It would be a wonderful if we could cover their travel costs. If you are able, please leave a donation in an envelope marked **Seminarians for Holy Week** to help make this happen.

A notice to university students, if you have not yet been confirmed or would like more catechesis, please let Fr Gerard / Fr Ninian know.

Confessions take place before, during and after Holy Mass whenever there is a priest available.

Mass for the **Patronal Feast of St Patrick** will be 12.30pm on Saturday 16th March. After Mass, celebrations will move on to Lauriston Hall, at where we will have a light lunch and entertainment from 2.30pm. Sign-up sheet at the shop which will close on Saturday 9 March. Tickets £5.00 each available from the shop.



Finance: Collections

18 February

GA: £ 197.00

NGA £ 480.76

January 2024 GA £ 392.50

NGA £ 383.13

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NGA £ 78.40

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NGA £ 149.42.



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Please pray for **the people of Bethlehem** and the **Holy Land**.

SCIAF Lenten Wee Box packs can be collected from the shop.

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 started last Sunday and runs weekly to Sunday 24 March. Participants are asked to set aside some time each day for prayer (usually 20 to 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

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 second meeting takes place today 25 February, from 4.00-7.00pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. To register or for more information email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

A **Remembering Service** for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. Sunday 3 March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, Edinburgh. Ecumenical and open to all.

If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation, or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan **Day for Catechists** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

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, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

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, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, television presenter. 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:

- Gift Aid envelopes** (new envelopes available from April 24) or
- Standing Order** through your bank (parish bank details can be found in the newsletter)

Those involved in the Ministry of Liturgical Readers, and anyone interested in becoming a reader are invited to a meeting in the Memorial Room at 2.00pm on Saturday 9 March.

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