

**7 April 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Year B**

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Benediction immediately after the  
4.30pm Mass

Readings begin **page 259**.

**1st Reading:**

Acts 4: 32 - 35

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
for his love has no end.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2nd Reading:**

1 John 5: 1 - 6

**Gospel Acclamation:**

2Corinthians 5: 7 - 8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said:

"You believe because you can see  
me. Happy are those who have not  
seen and yet believe."

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 20: 19 - 31

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily  
Monday - Saturday

**Monday 8 April**

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

Brothers of the Little Oratory **will**  
**not be meeting** for 2 weeks.

**Tuesday 9 April**

***The Annunciation of the Lord***  
***(transferred from 25 March)***

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with prayers to Venerable Margaret  
Sinclair for her cause

**Wednesday 10 April**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with Litany to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help

**Thursday 11 April**

***St Stanilaus***

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Friday 12 April**

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm

Benediction 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Saturday 13 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,

Each April we are invited to grow in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Holy Spirit. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday often fall in April, and when they fall in March, the Easter season continues through all of April, just like this year! In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during Easter we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice and the Baptism of Water and the Holy Spirit, which would come after Our Lord's Resurrection.

On the cross Christ really shed his blood and was really slain. In the Mass, however, there is no shedding of blood, no death; but the separate consecration of the bread and the wine symbolizes the separation of the body and blood of Christ and thus symbolizes his death upon the cross

The Mass is the renewal and perpetuation of the sacrifice of the cross in the sense that it offers Jesus anew to God and thus commemorates the sacrifice of the cross, reenacts it symbolically and mystically, and applies the fruits of Christ's death upon the cross to individual human souls. All the efficacy of the Mass is derived, therefore, from the sacrifice of Calvary. It is correct to say the Bread and Wine become Jesus, not Jesus becomes bread and wine.



What we learnt from last week is that Jesus Christ is the "... only way, truth, and life" and it is in the Most Holy Eucharist that the veil between Heaven and earth is the shortest and we receive Our Lord, Most High. That intimate moment that we can not put into words as it is only the soul that speaks with such fervent love. We truly are living Our Saviour's Command: "Take and eat. This is my body" (Matthew 26:26).

J.R.R. Tolkien says, "I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament,"

Yours in Jesus and Mary

**Fr Gerard**

Thank you so very much for all the cards and gifts of chocolate that we received over the Easter period, your generosity totally overwhelmed us.

## Finance:

### Collections

31 March

GA: £ 200.00

NGA £ 978.00



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Thank you for your support.

### 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.

Father Ninian and I were very heartened to see so many parishioners and visitors; come through the doors of this beautiful church of St Patrick's to celebrate the Sacred Triduum with us. We take this as a real sign of our ongoing need for spiritual nourishment. This picture is mirrored across the UK and beyond. We pray that all of us will feel revitalised as we journey together in faith in the weeks & months ahead.

### A message from our seminarians:

Dear Parishioners, we would like to thank you most sincerely for your generosity which enabled us to travel to Edinburgh and participate in the Holy Week and Easter services.

During this our second visit to St Patrick's, we were able to meet up with "old friends" as well as having the opportunity of getting to know new parishioners. Your warm welcome and kindness is greatly appreciated. Please be assured of our prayers. Santiago & Francisco

For your information

1. **Father Ninian** will be **absent** from the parish from **6 April - 6 May**.
2. **Fr Peter Kelly** will celebrate **all Wednesday Masses** in 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 please complete a **Parish Registration Form** (available at the shop). Thank you.

Should you come regularly to St Patrick's and pay income tax you may make your donation/contribution via:

- a. **Gift Aid envelopes** (new envelopes available from April 2024) Should you wish to begin using collection envelopes please speak to Marion so that parish records can be updated. or
- b. **Standing Order** through your bank (parish bank details can be found in the newsletter)

Please complete a Gift Aid declaration form to allow the church to claim back an extra 25% of your total contribution from the government. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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