



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

*The Edinburgh Oratory in Formation
and Shrine of the Ven. Margaret Sinclair*



Clergy: Fr Ninian Doohan (Moderator), Fr Gerard Hatton (Parish Administrator) & Fr Davide Redaelli

8th MARCH 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday 9th March

5:45 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena to St Patrick

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 10th March

12:30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena to St Patrick

Wednesday 11th March

12:30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena to St Patrick

7 pm: Adult Catechism Class, "Only One Life"

Thursday 12th March

12.30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena to St Patrick

Friday 13th March

11:30 am: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena to St Patrick

6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross with Sermon & Benediction of the True Cross

Saturday 14th March

10:30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in silence

11:45 am: Holy Rosary followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena to St Patrick

2 pm: St Patrick's Day Celebrations (tickets no longer on sale)

Sunday 15th March | The Fourth Sunday of Lent | Laetare Sunday

9:00 am: Holy Mass

11:00 am: Sung Holy Mass

4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross with meditations from the maxims of St Philip Neri

4:30 pm: Holy Mass (with hymns)

5:30 pm: Vespers followed by Novena to St Patrick

*Confessions are heard from 30minutes before Mass and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
If there are priests available, they will also be heard during Mass.*

Novena to **St Patrick** every day this week in preparation for his feast day (& our parish patronal feast) on Tuesday 17th March. On this date there will be an **additional sung Mass at 5:45pm**.

Musical Oratory is a tradition dating back to the lifetime of St Philip - a combination of music and meditations with a specific spiritual theme. Join us on **Friday 20th March at 6:30pm** for a Musical Oratory to reflect on the **Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross** as we prepare to enter into Passiontide and Holy Week.

This year, our parish **Lenten Almsgiving**, we will be to collect funds to contribute to the building of a new chapel in Lukla, Nepal - the gateway to Mount Everest. Please send your donations to the parish bank account (details on back page), marked, "Nepal". On **Friday 13th March**, after Stations of the Cross (~7:30pm) **Father Ninian Doohan will give a talk** on the situation of the Church in Nepal, the progress of last year's donations, his trek to Everest Base Camp, and the idea of building in the highest Catholic Church in the World. This will last an hour.

'Good Friday donations to the Holy Places' A talk by Father Ninian Doohan on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land last October, after the 11am Mass on Sunday 22nd March.

Dear friends,

The month of March gives us three companions to benefit from this Lent: Our Lady, St Joseph, and St Patrick. We need to banish the thought that they are interrupting the purity of Lent. They are woven into the fabric of our Lenten work to give us great examples of love, faithfulness, and perseverance. Keeping their solemnities will only deepen our own faith, hope, and love so we can have a better relationship with the Lord and enhance our Lenten combat with gentleness.

Our Lady and the Annunciation bring us back to the simple fact that God had to inhabit the world before He could save it. The Angel Gabriel gives Our Blessed Lady the sacred name of Jesus as he says to her, "You shall give Him the name Jesus." The archangel is the herald of the Incarnation, announcing that this baby, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and is now in Mary's womb, will triumph over death and sin by His Passion and Resurrection. Our Lady was the first one to hear the Good News of the Saviour's coming; she had to accept and receive the Word of God in her heart before she could receive Him, the Word made flesh, in her womb. Being immaculate, she was able to shape her life around her Son. Her Fiat was matched by her Son's Fiat to His people, especially by His Passion and Death. The Fiats of Jesus and Mary help us in our Fiat to do God's will above our own.

Saint Joseph, the quiet man who does not speak in the Scriptures, can help us with his strength and his faithfulness as the husband of Mary and father on Earth to our Lord. During Lent, we can ask ourselves: how can we imitate Saint Joseph? First of all, his adoration and contemplation of Jesus; here he is a model for us to follow in our prayer, let's invite St Joseph with us in our prayers. We tend to panic and overthink, but Saint Joseph did not complicate things. He saw the task at hand and did everything he could to solve it with God's help. He was modest and always strived to do what was right, and from the little he had, he did everything to the best of his ability. He did everything not to call attention to himself, but to be obedient to the laws of the land and the laws of the faith. The needs of his family came first, and he was able to protect them from great adversity. If we stick to these things, then people will see God working through us just like St Joseph.

Saint Patrick's ability again came from his remarkable faith. As the Apostle to Ireland, he was able to overcome slavery and slander through his trust in the living God. That trust was used by God to turn him into the saint that he is and is a testament to the truth of the faith and God's redeeming love. As we face our trials, St Patrick is a great guide to fill us with holy hope and to banish whatever "snakes" are around us. He can help us with courage and perseverance.

Let us ask Our Lady, St Joseph, and St Patrick to pray for us so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

Donations for **Sanctuary Lamp candles** would be most welcome, suggested donation is £8 and envelopes to assign an intention to the candle can be found at the back of the church. This week the lamp in the main sanctuary is lit for the repose of the soul of Joan Leong.

M A X I M S O F S T P H I L I P N E R I

8th March

A diligent charity in ministering to the sick, is a compendious way to the acquisition of perfect virtue.

12th March

If in times of dryness in prayer we make acts of humility, self-knowledge, protestations of our own inability to help ourselves, and petitions for God's assistance, all this is real and substantial prayer.

M A R C H : T H E M O N T H O F S T J O S E P H

M E M O R A R E T O S T . J O S E P H

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

A C T O F C O N S E C R A T I O N T O S T . J O S E P H

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

FINANCE

Cash Collection

Contactless Machines

Gift Aid

Non Gift Aid

22nd February

£385

£491.80

£1,471.00

Donate by Bank Transfer

St Patricks Church

Sort Code: 80-02-29

Account Number: 00687306

BIC: BOFSGB21219

IBAN: GB65BOFS80022900687306

We would also be very grateful for any donations to our growing Oratory in Formation community.

Oratory Project

Sort Code: 83-06-08

Account Number: 21447970

BIC: RBOSGB2L

IBAN: GB90RBOS83060821447970

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Final vote on Assisted Suicide

This Tuesday (10 March) the Scottish Parliament will begin debating the final stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill. Please share your concerns with MSPs that sick and vulnerable people need special care and protection, not abandonment. The Bill is too risky for too many. Use the letter writing tool at <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

Special Collection

On Sunday 15 March there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund, which supports various good causes. Last year £32,067 was raised from this collection in the Archdiocese. Thank you for your support.

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent at 7:45pm. Concludes with a reflection from guest speaker. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

What's Happening at Mass

This Lent, deepen your union with God by exploring what God is doing with us at Mass. Speakers include Archbishop Cushley, Fr Jamie McMorrin, Grace Robertson, Fr Kevin Douglas, and Fr Andrew Garden. The day also includes Mass and a light lunch. The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, Date: Saturday 14 March 9:30am. Register: bit.ly/archmass

Feel called to the priesthood?

If you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, you are not alone. If you are considering this call, take that step and get in touch today. Contact our Vocations Director at frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk. Come and see where the Lord may be leading you.

Catechists for Special Needs

SPRED (Special Religious Development) groups need more catechists. Your role will be to share the Lord with adults with special needs at fortnightly term-time meetings. Catechists are trained by the Archdiocese and meet fortnightly for preparatory sessions. Interested? Contact Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Coordinator, at srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk

NEW DATE: Legion of Mary of the Edinburgh Curia Annual Acies Feast

The date for the Legion of Mary of the Edinburgh Curia annual Acies Feast is now Sunday, 22 March, at 3:00pm in St Andrew's Church, Ravelston, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. The Legionaries will renew their fidelity to Our Lady. Monsignor Jeremy Milne, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, will address the Legionaries.

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