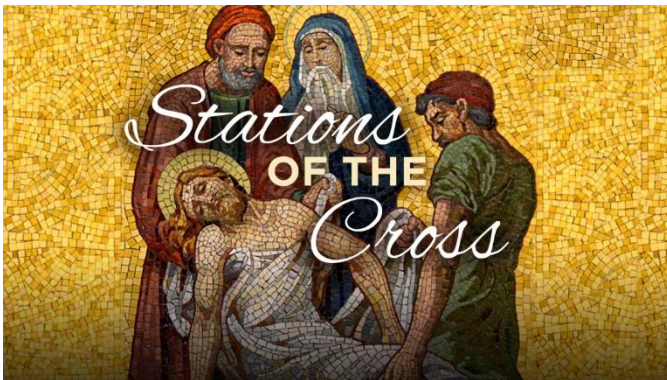


# Lent at Saint Patrick's

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, however, it is a day of **fasting** (ages 18-59yrs) and **abstinence** (14+yrs).

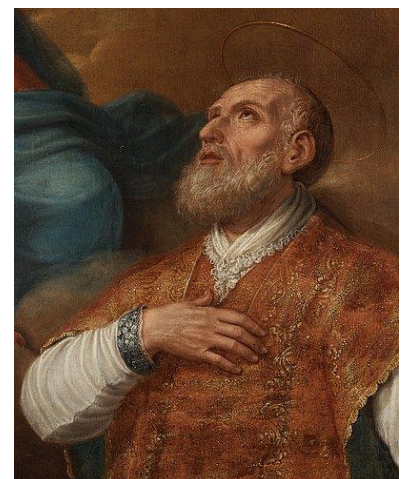
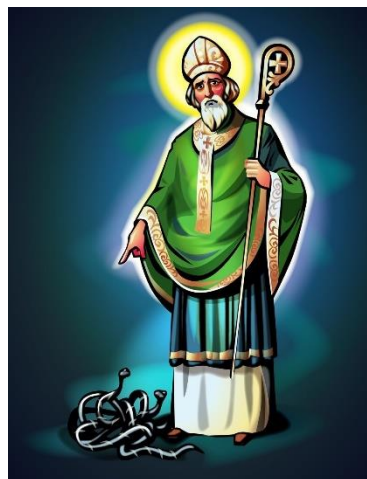
- Ash Wednesday Masses *with distribution of Ashes* : 7.15am, 12.30pm, and 5.45pm.
- After the 12.30pm Mass on Fridays in Lent, veneration of the **Relic of the True Cross**.
- Fridays of Lent 6.30pm-7.30pm **Stations of the Cross** (starting with a sermon-meditation upon the spirituality of **St John Henry Newman**).



- Each Sunday in Lent at 10.30am also **Stations of the Cross**.
- Each Saturday in Lent 10.45am **Lenten Talk** (the Commandments, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy etc). Followed by the usual 11.30am Exposition and Confessions, 12.15pm Benediction, 12.30pm Mass.

- **Vespers (Evening Prayer)** and **Benediction** each Sunday at 5.30pm (Sung in Latin, with English translation sheets provided)
- Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm **Musical Oratory** (singing and sermons) on the theme of *St Philip Neri "Hidden Hero"*
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of March 12.30pm Mass, transferred patronal feast day of **St Patrick**
- **Triduum to St Joseph**: 3 days of prayer; Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after the 11am Mass, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> before the 5.45pm Mass, and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> before the 5.45pm Mass. Devotions written by St John Henry Newman and the Litany of St Joseph etc.
- St Joseph's Solemnity Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm Mass & extra 5.45pm Sung Mass.

Confession is available every day of the year before Mass, and continues during Mass when possible; please don't hesitate to ask outside these times, on reasonable request.



# Edinburgh Oratory Project

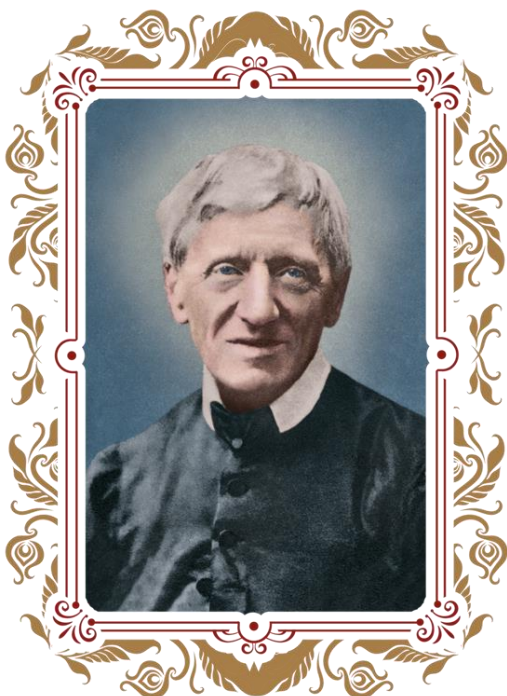
The **Edinburgh Oratory Project** is the first stage in a process towards fulfilling the dream of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman, who after the establishment of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England - in Birmingham and London - desired that Edinburgh should follow suit (this proved never to become possible). However, *The Project* came to St Patrick's (September 2023) in the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the first English speaking Oratory at Maryvale, and previously began its life in the Archdiocese (September 2022) during the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonisation of St Philip Neri; both providential signs of a Heavenly initiative at work.

The Oratory Project brings together two secular priests, with the permission of their respective Bishops, at the invitation of our own Archbishop, to live a life in common under the rule and inspiration of St Philip Neri. They should ideally live permanently in one place, their house and church becoming *The Oratory* in the fullness of time, as permanent shape takes place and mature roots give stability to the foundation. The next stage is called an "*Oratory-in-Formation*", which gives recognition to the progress and growth towards the final outcome as an independent "**Oratory of Pontifical Right**", becoming a fully fledged member of the Confederation of the Oratories of St Philip Neri. It may take the best part of a decade to reach this outcome and requires at least four members (two of whom must be priests). Oratorians are not members of a Religious Order, they do not profess vows, and are available for all sorts of apostolic works outwith being parochial clergy. Currently, both Priests here serve as Chaplains to the Royal Infirmary and Children's Hospitals.

**The Secular Oratory**, is for those who wish to associate themselves with the activities and spirit of *The Project* through *The Brothers of the Little Oratory*, meeting each Monday night at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Rectory (church house), after the 5.45pm Mass (which concludes with weekly public devotions in honour of St Philip Neri, including the veneration of his relic). All adult men are welcome to join in the house chapel (*The Little Oratory*), for the traditional set prayers, the two sermons, concluding with tea & cake at recreation.

While the men's prayer group is a fundamental feature of Oratorian life, reflecting the early life of St Philip Neri's lay apostolate, we have previously provided occasional *Children's Oratory*, and also *Ladies' Oratory*.

Financial Donations for the "Oratory Project" Account No. 21447970, Sort Code 83-06-08, are gratefully received. Our Benefactors are remembered in regular Holy Masses, and in our evening petitions. We also request your spiritual support with regular prayers for perseverance, and new vocations to join us.



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