



The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th July 2021

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17 th Sunday in Ordinary	
6pm	Vigil Mass
8:30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
10:45am	Holy Mass
12noon	Holy Mass
Monday - St. Joachim and St. Anne	
8am	Holy Mass
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	
8am	Holy Mass
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	
6pm	Expo & Confessions
7pm	Vigil Mass
Thursday - St. Martha	
8am	Holy Mass
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Friday - St. Peter Chrysologus	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Saturday - St. Ignatius of Loyola	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
10-10.30am	Confessions
5.15pm	Confessions
6pm	Vigil Mass
Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses.	

Booking for Sunday Masses call the designated number - **07570726268** Times to call: Mon to Fri 12-2pm / Mon 6-7pm.

Thank you for your generosity. Last weekend's cash offertory collection £785.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly and housebound.

Parish Draw the last draw of the year will take place this Thurs 29th July. Can all monies be handed in this week, please? The 'Big Draw' will also be held on the same day. If there are any outstanding monies due in order to enter this draw, again, please hand in this week.

Continuing word of thanks to all those volunteers who continue to steward and wipe down at all our Masses. Your presence and willingness are greatly appreciated.

Parish Mailing by now most of you will have received a letter from the parish office giving you an update on parish life and Parish Draw. It has been very heartening that we have had a wonderful response to the mailing. Many parishioners have responded to the appeal and we have over **50** new numbers requested, so far, for the new Draw that starts next month. Please do think about taking a number(s) if you are not already a member or perhaps additional numbers if you are already a member. Prizes to be won £300; £100; £50 bi monthly and £1,000; £500 x 2; £100 x2, yearly. Standing Order Forms and details are in the display unit at the back of the church.

Safeguarding webinar The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image* v2 and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25 July is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, in which we are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes. All are encouraged to make a visit or call an elderly person living alone in the community, naturally observing relevant Covid guidelines.

First reading **2 Kings 4:42**
A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Second reading **Ephesians 4:1**
I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel **John 6:1**
Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.