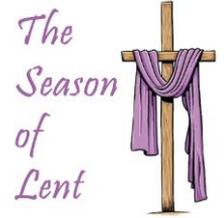




# The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

Third Sunday in Lent 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

<u>Monday</u>	St. Duthac & St. John of God
<u>Tuesday</u>	St. Frances of Rome
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. John Ogilvie
<u>Thursday</u>	St. Constantine
<u>Saturday</u>	Our Lady

**Archbishop Cushley** celebrates Sunday Mass at 9.30am every week, please visit <https://archedinburgh.org/watch-sunday-mass-with-archbishop-cushley> to watch.

**Lent 2021** Please note there are still resources available at the front door of the chapel house for adults and children including Stations of the Cross; Seven Last Words of Christ and the Meaning of Lent. These resources are also available on the website.

**Parish Stations of the Cross from St Patrick's** Will be live on Facebook at 3pm every Friday during Lent and available to watch at a later date.

**INSPIRE - Lent Talks** register now for the Archdiocese's INSPIRE series for Lent. Guest speakers will guide you prayerfully through the season. On Zoom, 7-8pm.

**TALK 3:** Prayer as a Relationship Reflected in St Teresa of Avila, with Sr Sally Rollo. 7pm, Tue 16 March.

Register: [bit.ly/LentRollo](https://bit.ly/LentRollo)

**TALK 4:** Praying the Passion according to St Mark, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. 7pm, Tue 23 March.

Register: [bit.ly/LentCushley](https://bit.ly/LentCushley)

## **Pro-Life Stations of the Cross**

organised by the Archdiocesan will take place each Monday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. The Stations will be followed by a short reflection by one of our priests. Register on Eventbrite: [standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com](https://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com)

## **SCIAF WEE BOX - UPDATE**

This year we are telling Vaida's story. She appears on the WeeBox and she started to feel numbness in her legs and ended up paralysed. There were no services for children with disabilities in the village where she and her family lived in South Sudan. There was no way of diagnose if what had caused her paralysis and no way of treating it.

Thankfully there was hope. Our partner in South Sudan provided her with the healthcare she urgently needed. Vaida can now walk on crutches and has a tricycle she rides around her village and uses to travel to school.

With your help this Lent, families living in the poorest countries won't lose their determination and courage.....they won't lose hope. Please help to give children like Vaida the chance to live a full life.

## **Friday SCIAF Day of Prayer**

Loving God, thank you for the beauty of your creation and for all the good things you graciously give us. We pray for more understanding of the differences between peoples and a recognition that we are all one in Christ. Thank you for making us all unique but all created in your image. Help us to look to Jesus as an example of someone who broke down barriers that excluded. Give us the strength and wisdom to work together and bring about positive change for those who are suffering. God of compassion, hear our prayer. Amen.

**Next Weekend** there is a Special Collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). Please, use a Gift Aid Envelope if you have one.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Reflection**

Our first reading today from Exodus gives the account of the giving of the Ten Commandments. They cover every aspect of our lives and as such direct our actions in accordance to our relationship with God. Since God provides and cares for us in every way, so to we need not covet more than we have received from God. Obedience to those Commandments makes for a prudent and wholesome life with God and with our neighbour.

The incident of the purification of the Temple in our Gospel today (John 2:13-25) appears in all four Gospels. Apart from its length, John's version is placed at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. What is striking about this scene is the fact that the activity of the people and the money changers was not in itself evil or even corrupt. Being Passover, people required animals for the Temple offering, each according to their means. People could not use Roman coins since they had the image of the Emperor, so they exchanged their coins for another currency, which was allowed in the Temple. The significance of this scene is the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the Jews, who insist on a "sign" to back up Jesus' action in up-ending the traders' tables. The importance of this action is that Jesus here strongly indicates that his Body will from now on replace the Temple. Because of his sacrifice on the Cross there will be no longer be a need to worship in the Temple – He will become the source and focus of all worship. Jesus Christ is the new gift that replaces the former gift.

Today's liturgy then challenges us to consider the significance of God's foolishness enacted in the Crucifixion. As we move more intently on our Lenten journey we are asked to focus on the cross and its significance.

**Novena to St. Patrick** starts on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the novena at the front door of chapel house or on our website.

**St. Patrick's Day** a great selection of cards etc are available from the front door of the chapel house.

**Year of St. Joseph** Please consider joining the whole parish in praying the novena to St. Joseph from 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March. In the prayer book you will find the novena.

**St. Joseph's Prayer Book** over the past two weeks thirty volunteers have travelled throughout the parish delivering the prayer books, a very big thank you to them - it is very much greatly appreciated. The prayer book has been issued to assist us in our prayers during this pandemic and Lent, also to assist us in this year dedicated to St. Joseph. If you did not receive a book please register online via the parish website or complete a registration form, which you will find at the front door of the chapel house. There are extra copies of the prayer book also at the front door. Finally, many thanks to the anonymous donation of £500 (Gift Aided) towards the cost of the prayer books.

### **Mother's Day is next Sunday**

There are a great selection of cards available at the front door of the chapel house.

**Archdiocesan YouTube channel** If you miss any event from the Archdiocese find it at [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube). Latest upload is 'Fire & Water: The Power of the Sacraments, a talk by Sr Anna Marie McGuan.

**Baptisms** The next course will be this Tuesday. If you wish your child baptised after the lock down, please email the parish office and book a space for this.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** the new financial year begins on April 11<sup>th</sup> and we have issued envelopes for those who managed to use them during the lockdown. If you did not receive new envelopes through the door would you please use your old envelopes from last year. The date on the envelope is not important but the number on it is what we require. If for whatever reason you cannot use your old envelopes then please contact the chapel house, thank you.

**Annual Financial Statements** are available at the front door of the chapel house. If you have had a chance to review it you will see that our offertory income decreased by £10,518 last year. This is understandable due to the church building being closed for several months last year and only 20/50 at Sunday Masses from August to December. Offertory Envelopes / Standing Orders: if you are in a position to increase your contributions by taking out a Standing Order / Offertory Envelopes or giving a little more in cash it will be greatly appreciated. You will find Gift Aid declarations at the front door of the Chapel house. Whatever you give is very much appreciated during these difficult and challenging times.

**In your prayers** Please continue to remember all our sick and housebound, not forgetting carers and family members who look after them.

**Thank you** to the volunteers who have kindly agreed to paint the statue of St Joseph and the wrought iron plant holders/stands. Your generosity of time is greatly appreciated.

### **The re-opening of Churches**

As soon as we receive further details from the First Minister, we will inform you.

**Kilsyth Community Council** invites you to a meeting, tomorrow, Monday at 6:30pm, to discuss the Community Hub for Kilsyth. To register contact: [bill.crail@gmail.com](mailto:bill.crail@gmail.com)

### **May the Angels lead them into**

**Paradise.....** Please remember in your prayers Maureen MacAskill who died last Sunday and Ina Barrie who died on Tuesday. We also remember at this sad time their families.