



The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

Second Sunday in Lent 28th February 2021

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday St. Casimir
Saturday Our Lady

Lent 2021 Let us try to keep up our plans and intentions to enter into spirit of the season, by participating in the three chief exercise: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving. To assist you in your prayer life during Lent, there are a variety of resources available on our own website and the Archdiocese for all ages including children. For those who do not have access to a printer there are paper copies at the front door of the chapel house.

SCIAF WEE BOX - UPDATE

Wee Boxes are available from the Chapel house porch. If you would like a Wee Box delivered please contact the chapel house. We are very fortunate again this year to have UK Aid Match. This means that every £1 donated before 11th May will be matched by the UK government. The money will go to South Sudan, where a generation of children with disabilities are locked out of an education and trapped in a cycle of poverty. They may have no access to support services or hospitals for treatment. They may face stigma and exclusion. Thank you for continuing to support SCIAF in these difficult times. For more details on SCIAF see their website at: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/resources/571-your-wee-box-social-media-pack>

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.

World Day of Prayer this Friday

The theme this year is Build on a Strong Foundation (Matthew 7:24-27). See website for further details.

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 2: Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours, with Brother Joseph Carron. 7pm, Tue 02 Mar. Register: bit.ly/LentCarron.

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

TALK 4: Praying the Passion according to St Mark, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. 7pm, Tue 23 March. Register: bit.ly/LentCushley

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, 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. You can register now on Eventbrite: standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com

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

Baptisms The next course will be Tuesday, 9th March. If you wish your child baptised after the lock down, please email the parish office and book a space for this.

St. Joseph's Prayer Books

Our team of thirty volunteers are still busy delivering one thousand four hundred prayer books!

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

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

Archdiocesan Directory is available from the front door of the chapel house, priced £3.

Fundraising 2021 Ask yourself this question? Do you shop online? If the answer is YES, then you can now help to raise funds for St. Patrick's Parish, Kilsyth. It's FREE, you shop online as normal and the Parish gets a donation every time you spend, it doesn't matter if it is a small or large purchase every penny counts. So far 31 people have helped us raise over £64, we thank you for your support. It is so easy to join all you need is an email address and you are good to go. Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to create an account. Over 4,300 retailers take part in this. So what are you waiting for sign up now and support your parish.

Financial Statements for 2019 & 2020 are available from the front door of the chapel house.

Last Weekend Cash Collections. Once again thank you for your ongoing generosity. Offertory: £342 and Fabric: £45.90.

HELP!

We are looking for volunteers to paint the statue of St Joseph and the wrought iron plant holders/stands. If it helps you are welcome to take the plant holders/stands home to do. If you can assist us, please contact Fr Daniel at the chapel house.

2nd Sunday of Lent Reflection How much faith and trust do I have in what God is doing and in what God asks of me? Faith and trust are the themes that come through in our readings today.

In today's Gospel reading (Mark 9:2-20) – Mark's version of the Transfiguration of Jesus – we hear of the lack of faith, or rather the limited faith that the disciples had in Jesus' actions and words. Prior to this incident, Jesus has told his disciples the reason he has to go to Jerusalem. Jesus' news initiated a negative response from Peter, which leads to Jesus' rebuke of Peter who was trying to stop Him. He then goes on to tell them the conditions that any disciple of his needs to adhere to: denial of self and the taking up of one's cross (Mk 8:34-38). So the disciples enter into the Transfiguration experience unsure of and questioning Jesus' intentions and mission. They fail to understand his destiny, and find themselves lacking the faith necessary to trust in his words. Even though they hear the words coming from the cloud during Jesus' transfiguration – **“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him”**, they fail to listen and believe. This is further highlighted when Jesus, Peter, James and John come down from the mountain and meet the other disciples who had failed to cure the epileptic and possessed young boy. Jesus tells them **“everything is possible for the one who has faith”**.

We are challenged then today to look at the level of our faith as a response to God's almost inexplicable ways which sometimes touch our lives. In these times when we find that God is asking us to do something that seems impossible, it is not explanations that are required, but faith and trust. The type of trust we hear Paul refer to in our second reading: **“with God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.”** (Roman 8:31) This is the faith to which we are called to renew and deepen this Lent.

Mother's Day is on the 14 March

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

The re-opening of Churches

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

Kilsyth Community Council invites you to a meeting on Monday 8 March at 6:30pm, to discuss the Community Hub for Kilsyth. To register contact: bill.craill@gmail.com