



# The Parish of St William served by the Churches of St John & St Patrick

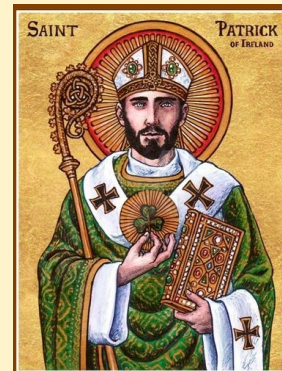
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## Sunday 28th April 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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### Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 28 April	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Ennio Pesce, followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Mary Mallin (A), SVP Meeting <b>St John's Campbell Room 12 noon</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 29 April	<b>St Catherine of Sienna, Doctor</b>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Michael Hall (A) Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b>
Tue 30 April	St Pius V, Pope	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Exam Success Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pat Pitcher (†B)
Wed 1 May	St Joseph, the Worker	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Eric Vincent Scandrett (A) 'The Hospice—Its Work and Ideals' Talk <b>St John's Campbell Room 2.00pm</b> Holy Rosary in May <b>St Patrick's 4.15pm</b> Faith Refresher Course <b>St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Mary Elizabeth McLoughlin
Thur 2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor	Holy Mass (Year 3 attending) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Joan McCricket (LD) Requiem Mass <b>St Patrick's 1.45pm</b> for Bob Mather St Patrick's Ladies' Group Meeting <b>The Lappin Room 7.00pm</b> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Special Intention
Fri 3 May	<b>Sts Philip and James, Apostles</b>	Reception Stay & Pray <b>St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am</b> Holy Mass (Y4 SJMS) attending) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Arun & Swany's Intentions First Friday Rosary <b>St Patrick's Church 12.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Mary Healy
Sat 4 May	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Louisa Hill First Saturday Rosary <b>St John's 10.00am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St John's 5.00pm</b> —Michael Pilling
Sun 5 May	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Emily Hawthorn (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —David Brogan Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

**CONFESSIONS:** For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays.

**MASS AT ST MARY'S:** This coming Wednesday there will be Holy Hour with Confessions from 10.30am and Mass, offered by Canon Montjean of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, at 12.00. He will also be saying Mass next Sunday at 10.30am.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Fr Peter Hannah, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Kevin Murphy, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Mallin, Michael Hall, Mary Elizabeth McLoughlin, Edna Valentine, Eric Vincent Scandrett, Peggy Dean, Cecilia Cox, Francis Xavier Myers, Walter Heyes Hill, James Winstanley, Agnes Dumican, Kieran McLoughlin, Beatrice Dalton, Mary Ann Thomas, Bernadette Burbridge, Margaret Green, Mary Connor, Cathryn Maye, Hilda Houghton, Mary Jane & Henry Gregory.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Anthony Frost (LD), Michael Hall (A), Special Intention, Bob Mather (LD), Eric Vincent Scandrett (A), William & Winifred Glover (B/days). Joan McCricket, Mary Elizabeth McLoughlin, Thomas McNulty, Andrea Fillingham, Andrew Mullins, Teresa & Stanley Shepherd, Mary Teresa Shepherd, Pat Pitcher, Walter Heyes Hill, Bob Mather, Gerard Howe.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:** please note that items for the newsletter should be emailed to news\_items20@aol.com by Thursday 8pm at the latest.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** this weekend there is a retiring collection for Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

**WIGAN & LEIGH HOSPICE TALK:** On Wednesday at 2.00pm Chris Swinton from Wigan & Leigh Hospice will be giving a talk in St John's Campbell Room about 'The Hospice – Its Ideals and Work'. We'll take this opportunity to present him with the proceeds from our retiring collection this weekend. Please make cheques payable to: 'Wigan & Leigh Hospice.'

**FAITH REFRESHER COURSE:** This Wednesday at 6.30pm we'll continue our exploration of 'The Holy Eucharist – What do Catholics Believe?' Everyone is welcome.

**MAY—THE MONTH OF MARY:** Holy Rosary will be recited throughout the month of May in both our churches: St Patrick's at 4.15pm on Wednesdays and St John's at 10.00am on Saturdays. NB Next Saturday is First Holy Communion at St John's so Rosary will be at 12noon.

**WALK TO LADYEWELL—CALLING ALL DRIVERS!!!:** on the Feast of the Visitation (Friday 31st May) in remembrance of Fr Barry McAllister and Fr John Johnson. We now have 15 walkers who will be leaving The Lady Chapel at St John's at 8.00am. They hope to arrive at Ladyewell by 4.00pm. Mass will be offered at the Shrine for both Fr McAllister and Fr Johnson at 4.30pm. We are very honoured that the shrine is remaining open so late for us (and they are even offering us tea and coffee after the Mass!) A coach is proving to be very costly for such a short visit so we are asking people to drive up for Mass. There are sheets at the back of both churches. If you are able to offer others a lift please indicate this on the list too.

**LOURDES 2024:** Our balances are due THIS TUESDAY 30th April. Cheques are payable to Northern Star Travel Ltd, and should be sent to Northern Star Travel, 46-48 Long Street, Middleton, Manchester. M24 6UQ. Alternatively, bank transfer details are Northern Star Travel Ltd Sort code: 77-19-09 Account number: 00031486.

**NORTH WALES DAY PILGRIMAGE:** Lists for 15th June are in back of churches. John Graham will collect money (£16.00) at the back of churches on Sunday 5th May and Sunday 12th after morning Masses. Thanks.

**LEEDS MALE VOICE CHOIR:** are presenting a concert at St John's on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm. They are a vibrant and dynamic choir and will be performing an eclectic and uplifting mix of music fit for a summer evening. Admission is by donation and all the proceeds going to the parish. If reading this on the website click the link - [Leeds Male Voice Choir - Singing Men from Leeds - TICKETS](#)

**ST JOHNS RED BOXES:** Thank you to all parishioners who have donated through their red boxes or directly to Missio, to raise a fantastic total of £1977.69 for 2023. Missio are very grateful to everyone for their support in growing church communities in mission areas across the world. Thank you once again.

**ST PATRICK'S RED BOXES:** In 2023, a wonderful £744.32 was raised through the Mill Hill Missionaries' Red Boxes. Please see the thank you poster at the back of the church. If you would like to become a Red Box Holder, please see Rita Curry.

**WITH GRATEFUL THANKS:** We would like to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, a recent generous donation made in loving memory of the late Elaine Harris. Please remember Elaine and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**LAST WEEK:** a group of priests from the Archdiocese of Liverpool met Pope Francis in Rome. Fr Hugh, Fr Andrew Unsworth and Fr Anthony Kelly, both originally from our Parish, were part of the group. A photograph can be found on our Facebook Pages.

**RING FOUND:** in St Patrick's, Church. If you have lost one and think it may be yours, please speak to Josh.

**WIGAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY ALLIANCE - LEARN TO TEACH LOCALLY:** Please see the poster in the porch, if you are interested in applying for this Initial Teaching Training Programme. The lead school for WCPA is Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School. Contact details and how to apply - through UCAS - are available on the school website, or use the contact details on the poster. Open Evenings are taking place (from 4pm-6pm) on Mondays: 13th May; 3rd June; 17th June; 1st July and 8th July.

**THANK YOU:** to those who helped beautify and prepare St Patrick's last Saturday and to all those who supported the removal of items to the skip. Your kindness, support and generous offering of your time is greatly appreciated.

**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL FOR PEACE:**

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle;  
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray  
and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God  
thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits,  
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Dates for your diary...*

Saturday 11th May 10.30am	<b>St Mary and St John's First Holy Communion Mass</b> at St John's
Sunday 12th May	<b>May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady</b> at the end of the 11.00am Mass at St John's
Saturday 18th May 10.00am	<b>St Patrick's First Holy Communion Mass</b> at St Patrick's
Friday 24th May 1.45pm	<b>Procession of Our Lady's Statue</b> , from St Patrick's School into Church, and Crowning
Friday 24th May 6.30pm	<b>Lourdes Preparation Meeting</b> in the Campbell Room at St John's
Sunday 26th May 12 noon	<b>Friends of St John's Meeting and Jubilee Planning</b> in the Campbell Room
Sunday 2nd June	<b>Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction</b> at the end of 11.00am Mass at St John's
Sunday 2nd June 5.00pm	Trip to <b>Opera by Candlelight</b> at St George's Hall, Liverpool (see Ruth for details)
Saturday 8th June 10.00am	<b>St William's First Holy Communion Mass</b> at St Patrick's Church
Saturday 15th June	<b>Parish Day Pilgrimage to Holywell, Pantasaph and Llandudno</b> £16 per person
Saturday 6th July 2.00pm	<b>St Patrick's Summer Party in the Garden.</b> Raffle, music and lots of fun! Save the date
Saturday 13th July	The <b>Priestly Ordination of Martin Fyles</b> at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Save the date.