

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

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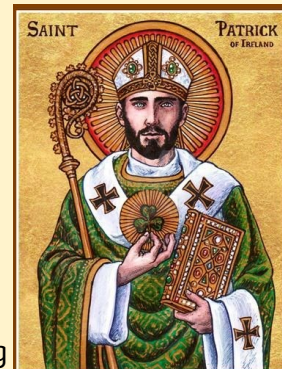
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Sunday 25th February 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

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| Sun 25 Feb | 2nd Sunday of Lent | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Tadgh Meehan Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Bob Fenney (A) Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm |
| Mon 26 Feb | Week 2 of Lent | Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Arun & Swany's Intentions |
| Tue 27 Feb | St Gregory of Nareck, Abbot, Doctor | Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Jack Everett Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Francis Barry Moran (A) First Belong to God Lenten Retreat St John's 7.30pm |
| Wed 28 Feb | Week 2 of Lent | Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Thressiamma Mathew Faith Refresher Course St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm Stations of the Cross St Patrick's 7.00pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Fr James Lappin (A) |
| Thu 29 Feb | Week 2 of Lent | Holy Mass (Year 6 attending) St Patrick's 9.15am —John Moreton Funeral Service St Patrick's 12.30pm for Peter Dominic Corcoran Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —Davis Kahn's Intentions |
| Fri 1 March | St David, Bishop | St Patrick's School Year 1 Stay and Pray 9:05-9:15am in the Infant Hall Stations of the Cross St John's 9.30am Holy Mass (Year 3 SMSJ attending) St John's 10.00am —Private Intention (AG) Funeral Service St Patrick's 11.00am for Paul Taylor First Friday Rosary St Patrick's 12.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Thomas McGann |
| Sat 2 March | Week 2 of Lent | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Kathleen Lyons First Saturday Devotion Rosary St John's 10.00am St Patrick's Men's Group Removal Morning 10.00am– 12 noon |
| Sun 3 March | 3rd Sunday of Lent | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Kathleen Ward Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —James Green (A), with Children's Liturgy Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm |
| CONFESSIONS: For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays. | | |
| BAPTISMS: This Sunday are at St Patrick's. Please pray for Freddie Brown and Madeline Brown and their families | | |

Please pray for those who are sick: Jean Ashton, Carol Green, Thomas Touhey, Lilian Goulding, Bernard Crehan, Beatrice Taylor, Fr Johnson, Kevin Murphy, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Elaine Harris, Stan Walmsley, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Caroline Vasquez, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Teresa Foster, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Thomas Touhey, Dorothy Smalley, Elaine Harris, Jean Kennedy. R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tadgh Meehan, Bob Fenney, Francis Barry Moran, Fr James Lappin, Margaret Jeffrey, Patrick O'Donnell, Thomas Stead, Catherine Bannister, Alice Penman, Michael Kenny, Barbara Charnock, Joseph Lowe.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Margaret Atherton (A), Dorothy Smalley (LD), Gerard Howe, Francis Barry Moran, Jean Kennedy (LD)



'St John's RC Church, Standishgate, Wigan'
'St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wigan'

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LENT 2024: There are a number of events happening in the parish listed below:

FAITH REFRESHER COURSE: This coming Wednesday at 6.30pm in St John's Presbytery we will be asking: 'Jesus- What should be my relationship with Him?' All are welcome.

FIRST BELONG TO GOD: the first Lenten retreat meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday in the Campbell Room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: take place on Wednesday at St Patrick's at 7.00pm and Friday at St John's at 9.30am. If you would like to pray these at home during the week, videos can be found on the home page of our parish website. Books containing the traditional prayers of St Alphonsus and images of St Patrick's Stations are available to buy, priced £5.

HOLY HOUR: Monday 18th March at 2pm in Sacred Heart Church Springfield. The Elderly & Housebound Group in the parish of St Edward the Confessor invite you to our annual Lenten Service. Meditation on the Way of the Cross will be followed by Exposition and Benediction during which there will opportunity for individual Confession. Refreshments follow.

LENTEN ALMS: If, of your charity, you would like to give something for the poor during Lent, you can do so by popping something in the Poor Box at the back of church. And God bless you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION: "Lent is the principal time of penance both for individual Christians and for the whole Church. It is therefore desirable to prepare the Christian community for a fuller sharing in the paschal mystery through the Sacrament of Penance during Lent." Times of Confessions can be found on the front of the newsletter.

ST JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: On Sunday 24th March at 6.30pm our Children's Liturgy Group will lead a Lenten Reflection in Church. It will include prayer, music and drama. All are very welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST: was on Friday. Collections will take place today. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST: falls on a Sunday this year. We will, therefore, be celebrating slightly earlier! On Friday 15th March, we will hold our Procession of St Patrick's Statue, Banners and Art Work - from St Patrick's Primary School into Church - at 1:45pm; before the celebration of Holy Mass at 2pm. The whole school will be attending. If you would like to carry in the Procession, please speak to Josh. The festivities continue later in the evening...

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT - FRIDAY 15TH MARCH: As in previous years, it will be held at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club and we are delighted to be welcoming back Irish singer, Michael Coyne as our Headline Act. There will also be dancing, music from Martyn (our DJ), hot food and a Raffle. Tickets are on sale now, priced at £10, contact Josh on 07713520717

DONATIONS OF BOTTLES, CHOCOLATES AND EASTER EGGS: Are being gratefully accepted for the upcoming Raffles at St Patrick's (on St Patrick's Night and the Easter Raffle). Please leave in the boxes at the back of St Patrick's Church. Tickets for the Easter Raffle will be on sale soon.

OUR FIRST PARISH SVP MEETING: will be held on Sunday 21st April after the 11.00am Mass at St John's in the Campbell Room. If anyone is still interested in joining please speak to Chris (07712552410).

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: a pilgrimage to Fatima & Nazare are being organised by Chris Sykes from St Benedict's, Warrington. Sunday 1st June - Saturday 7th June, £800.00 (Sharing) Flying from Manchester. For more information contact Chris Sykes 07587046985 or chrissykes2@hotmail.com

PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES AND WALSINGHAM: These pilgrimages are now full. Thank you.

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER: the second group of children from St Patrick's Primary School, who will make their First Confessions this week.

THEATRE TRIPS: So that we can confirm the tickets for the Mikado and A Night at the Opera by Candlelight, please could you pop your ticket money in an envelope, marked with your name, contact number and the theatre event you are attending, and either pass the envelope to Ruth or post through the letterbox of either presbytery by 10th March 2024. Thank you! Ticket prices: The Mikado: £13; A Night at the Opera: £39

FR JAMES LAPPIN RIP: Please remember Fr Lappin in your prayers this Wednesday, 28th February, on the anniversary of his death. A full biography of St Patrick's beloved, longest-serving former Parish Priest - alongside various pictures from the archives - will be uploaded to the St Patrick's Facebook Page. May he rest in peace.

Dates for your diary...

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| Thursday 7th March 7.00pm | St Patrick's Ladies' Group Meeting in the Lappin Room. Subs are £2 and payable on the door. |
| Saturday 9th March 10.00am | The Big Clean. St John's Church. All welcome! |
| Saturday 9th March | Archdiocesan Environmental Conference —Starts with Holy Mass at St Patrick's 9.15am Further information can be found and places secured through the link on our parish website. |
| Monday 11th March 6.30pm | Church & presbytery cleaning. St Patrick's. All welcome. |
| Friday 15th March 7.00pm | St Patrick's Night 2024 —save the date—more details to follow... |
| Monday 18th March 7.00pm | St Patrick's Mens' Group Meeting in the Lappin Room |
| Thursday 21st March 7.00pm | St Patrick's Mens' Group social at Ella Restaurant , to celebrate our Patronal Feast. Please see John Graham to book on. A £5 deposit will be required by Thursday 14th March. |
| Saturday 23rd March 2.00pm | Trip to see The Mikado at Bolton Little Theatre (see Ruth for details) |
| Tuesday 16th April 6.00pm | Planning meeting for the Jubilee Year in the Campbell Room at St John's |
| Friday 31st May 2024 | Day Walk to Ladyewell from St John's Church. Holy Mass on arrival. More details soon... |
| Sunday 2nd June 5.00pm | Trip to Opera by Candlelight at St George's Hall, Liverpool (see Ruth for details) |