

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

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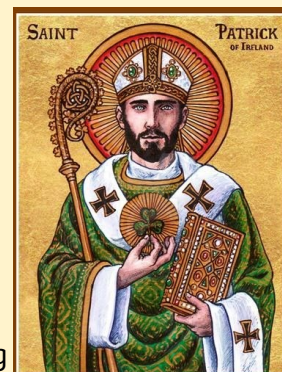
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## Sunday 3rd March 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Sun 3 March	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Kathleen Ward Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —James Green (A), with Children's Liturgy Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	
Mon 4 March	St Casimir	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Emma Scott	
Tue 5 March	Week 3 of Lent	St Patrick's Church Porch open 8.30am–3.30pm	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Annamma Mathew Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15–7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Tony Chambers (LD) First Belong to God Lenten Retreat <b>St John's Presbytery 7.30pm</b>
Wed 6 March	Week 3 of Lent		Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45–9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Lissy Faith Refresher Course <b>St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>St Patrick's 7.00pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Michael Leonard (A)
Thu 7 March	Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs		Holy Mass (Year 5 attending) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —George & Mary Cott <b>St Patrick's</b> Ladies' Group Meeting in the Lappin Room 7.00pm Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Rita Travis (A)
Fri 8 March	St John of God, Religious		St Patrick's School Year 6 Stay and Pray <b>9:05–9:15am in the Infant Hall</b> Stations of the Cross <b>St John's 9.30am</b> Holy Mass (Year 3 SMSJ attending) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Alice Lonsdale (A) Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Kevin & Sean McLoughlin
Sat 9 March	St Frances of Rome, Religious		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Kathleen Bates. This marks the start of the <b>Environmental Conference</b> (10.00am) and will be concelebrated by Bishop John Arnold, Salford Diocese, and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. <i>All are Welcome!</i> The Big Clean <b>St John's 10.00am– 2.00pm</b>
Sun 10 March	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —John Dixon Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Margaret Atherton (A), followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b> <div>(A) - anniversary (LD) - lately dead (tB) - birthday remembrance</div>	
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays.			
<b>BAPTISMS:</b> This Sunday are at St Patrick's. Please pray for Noa-Alicia Dickinson and her family.			

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**Please pray for those who are sick:** Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Johnson, Carol Green, Beatrice Taylor, 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, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Green, Sylvia Devine, Vera Malley, Walter Fleetwood, Teresa Higgins, Alice Lonsdale, Pauline Walkden, Michael Leonard, Alice Lonsdale, Joshua Seddon, Paul Cunliffe, Alan Fairhurst, Stephen Foley, Thomas Bennett, Catherine Taylor, Connie Topping, Edith McLoughlin, Ivor Harris, Olive Watson, Elizabeth Harmer, Anthony Woods, Agnes Houghton.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** John McDonough & Family, Special Intention (DM), Alice Lonsdale (A) Michael & Margaret McNulty, Tony Chambers (LD), Elaine Harris (LD), Parents bereaved by suicide, Margaret Maye, John Dixon, Lola Lavin, Andrzej Suktus, Emily Henthorn.



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**FAITH REFRESHER COURSE:** This Wednesday, at 6.30pm in St John's Presbytery we'll be meeting to discuss -The Catholic Church: "Behold I am with you all through the days that are coming, until the consummation of the world." All are welcome.

**FIRST BELONG TO GOD:** the second 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.

**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. Our CAFOD collection is still open for donations. The Brick have an URGENT appeal at the moment. They are in need of: cereal, long life milk, tinned desserts, biscuits, snacks, savoury rice/noodles, tinned meat, baby food. If you can help please leave in the boxes at the back of church. God bless you.

**CHRISM MASS AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL:** At this Mass on the Wednesday of Holy Week, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the Archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He also invites the priests of the Archdiocese to renew their Commitment to Priestly Service. If you would like to travel by coach to this Mass, a coach will be leaving Wigan (St John's and St Patrick's) at 5.30pm. Mass is at 7.30pm Please sign the sheet at the back of Church ASAP—the cost will be split between those travelling).

**FAMILIES OF PARISHES:** This Sunday you'll hear at Mass a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop regarding 'Families of Parishes'. This is the proposal that certain parishes are asked to work together and support one another more in the future. We have also received a letter on the same subject from the Dean, Fr Gordon Abbs, and the Chair of the Wigan & Leigh Deanery Synodal Council, Linda Morris. This letter contains details of the proposed grouping of parishes in our part of the Deanery. Copies of the letter are available at the back of church for you to read.

**QUARANTORE:** This year our parish 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St John's Church on the weekend of Saturday 6th—Sunday 7th April. More details to follow, but save the date...

**ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST:** We will, be celebrated on Friday 15th March, we will hold our Procession of 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 and will be held at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club and we are delighted to be welcoming back Irish singer, Michael Coyne. There will also be dancing, music from Martyn, hot food and a Raffle. Tickets are on sale priced at £10, contact Josh on 07713520717.

**THE NOVENA TO ST PATRICK:** Begins this Friday, 8th March. Please take a copy of the Novena from the back of the church as we prepare to celebrate our Patronal Feast. Each day will also be uploaded to the Church Facebook Page.

**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.

**THE BIG CLEAN:** After several weeks of restoration work at St John's, the church is in need of a good dust and clean, so if you can spare some time next Saturday, 9th March, 10am—2pm, please come and support us. Refreshments guaranteed...

**THEATRE TRIPS:** The price for the coach for The Mikado will be £11. The price of the coach for Opera Highlights tbc. soon.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024:** was on Friday, 1st March. This traditional international, inter-church organization is led by women across the world. A service is planned each March. The service this year was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on the following theme: 'I Beg You Bear With One Another in Love' Please pray for peace around the world.

**AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL:** Archbishop Malcolm wishes to join his voice to that of the Cardinal in calling for a day of prayer in Liverpool Archdiocese in parishes and schools for the Holy Land next Friday 8 March 2024. There will be the usual silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 4pm. Archbishop Malcolm will offer Holy Mass at 5pm for the intention of peace in the Holy Land and invites all who would like to join him for that time of prayer.

**WELCOME ROTAS:** St Patrick's are at the back of Church. St John's—please sign the rota at the back of church.

**CASTLERIGG MANOR:** (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated.

Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

**APOLOGIES:** The Second Collection for CAFOD was accidentally missed at last Sunday's 9:15am Mass. A replacement Retiring Collection will take place as you leave the Mass today. Any envelopes handed in last week have been retained to add to this week's collection.

### *Dates for your diary...*

Monday 11th March 6.30pm	Church & presbytery cleaning. <b>St Patrick's</b> . All welcome.
Monday 18th March 7.00pm	<b>St Patrick's Mens' Group</b> Meeting in the Lappin Room
Thursday 21st March 7.00pm	St Patrick's Mens' Group social at <b>Ella Restaurant</b> , 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 <b>The Mikado</b> at Bolton Little Theatre (see Ruth for details)
Sunday 24th March 6.00pm	Lenten Reflection led by our Children's Liturgy Group <b>St John's Church</b>
Tuesday 16th April 6.00pm	Planning meeting for the Jubilee Year in the Campbell Room at St John's
Sunday 21st April 12 noon	SVP Meeting—St John's Campbell Meeting after 11.00am Mass