



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

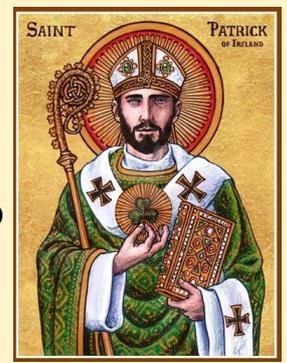
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Sunday 28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel! And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.



Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 28 Mar	Palm Sunday	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Fr Ron McGivern Anthony Edwin Cordeia Parishioners
Mon 29 Mar	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Mass St John's 8.30am	Mary Elizabeth & Thomas Stevens (A)
Tue 30 Mar	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Confessions St Patrick's 6.45-7.15pm Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm	Jane & Terry Dixon (A)
Wed 31 Mar	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	Mass St John's 10.00am Station of the Cross via St Patrick's Facebook Page 7.30pm	Betty Lloyd
Thur 1 April	Maundy Thursday	Morning Prayer St John's 9.00am Mass of the Lord's Supper St Patrick's 6.00pm	Gerard Frost
Fri 2 April	Good Friday	Morning Prayer St John's 9.00am Commemoration of the Lord's Passion St Patrick's 3.00pm Station of the Cross via St John's Facebook Page 7.30pm	
Sat 3 April	Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer St John's 9.00am Easter Vigil St Patrick's 6.00pm	Lisa Fairhurst
Sun 4 April	Easter Sunday	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Easter Remembrance of Loved Ones Alma Corrie Parishioners

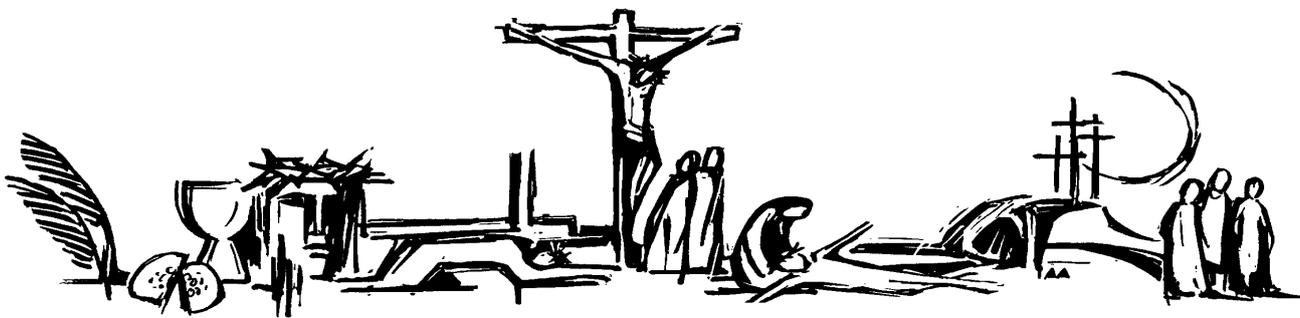
Please pray for the sick *Please remember in your prayers our sick relatives and friends:* Brian Scott, Albert Winstanley, Fr John Kearns CP, Paul Fairhurst, Karen Parry, A Sick Person, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran, Michael Nieland, Arthur Harrison-Scott

Please remember those who have died: Phyllis Edwards, Mary Meadows, Mary Eileen Hooson.



ANNIVERSARIES (Both Churches) Mark Chadwick, Mary Elizabeth & Thomas Stevens, John, Jane & Terry Dixon, William Dobson, Michael Connell, Robert Moran, Valerie Mavis Moran, Rita Breheny, Gillian Aspinall, Patricia Farrell, Frank Clossick, Rose Ann Gavaghan, Vincent King, Clifford Daniels, Susan Goulding, Steven Lynch, Margaret Hughes

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Phyllis Edwards (LD), Mary Siney (LD), Louise Caldwell (Sick), Jean Moran (LD), Phyllis Edwards (LD), Edna Marshall (A)



HOLY WEEK: The word “Triduum” comes from the Latin word meaning “three days,” and encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. It begins at sundown on Holy Thursday, reaches a high point at the Easter Vigil, and concludes with evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday. The liturgical celebrations during the Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, Catholics are encouraged to observe the entire Triduum by attending all of the liturgies.

LAUDS—MORNING PRAYER AT ST JOHNS DURING THE TRIDUUM: *“At daybreak you hear my voice; at daybreak I lay my case before you and fix my eyes on you.”* (Psalm 5:3) The word “Lauds” comes from the latin meaning “praise”, and celebrates the goodness of God as the new day arises. Lauds is the **morning prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours**. It is a prayer made from a hymn, a reading and several psalms, which enables us to consecrate ourselves to God at the beginning of our day. As yet still untouched by any preoccupations of the day, this ancient and very complete prayer, allows us to put ourselves in the hands of the Lord and thank Him for all his blessings. Lauds is the morning prayer the most prayed in the world: all religious communities, monasteries and all priests commit, by respecting the rule of Saint Benedict, to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. It is a magnificent prayer, generally prayed in community so why not join us in St John’s at 9.00am on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday to begin these holiest of days in praise of God?

CHRISM MASS: Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the Mass on Wednesday at 6.00pm in the Cathedral. The number of concelebrating priests is limited to deans and hospital chaplains only. The Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral. Anyone who wishes to be present – and who can do so without infringing current Covid regulations – may register their attendance with Claire Hanlon (c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk or 0151 709 9222). Unfortunately, at this time, the Cathedral will not be able to accommodate everyone who may want to attend, and therefore once the capacity is reached it will not be possible to take any further bookings, and parishioners will be directed to the appropriate social media platforms and the live stream. Registration will be on a first-come-first served basis.

ST PATRICK’S STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRAYER BOOK: Small number of copies remaining (£5), please contact Josh on 07713520717 or purchase at the sign-in table in the porch. A wonderful addition for prayer during Holy Week.

ST JOHN’S CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to all those who took part, and thank you to those who helped with the cleaning of the sanctuary lamps!

ST PATRICK’S CLEANING: Tomorrow (Monday 29th March - 6:30pm). Many hands make light work, please come and help beautify our church and presbytery ready for Holy Week - all resources are provided.

ST PATRICK’S STEWARDS: Please collect the next rota from the back of church, including the Holy Week rota. Thank you.

ST JOHN’S ANNIVERSARIES: Please continue to send anniversaries of deaths at St John’s—place them in an envelope marked ANNIVERSARIES and hand it in at church, alternatively you can email Chris at cjhiggins72@aol.com.

ST JOHN’S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxes are available at the back of church for people who use them and start on April 11th. Some numbers may have changed so please do not alter the number on the envelope. If anyone wants to gift aid by envelope there are yellow forms at the back of church and they can be pushed through the presbytery door. If people see envelopes for a friend or neighbour who isn’t able to come to church at the moment, would they take them and push them through their letterbox. Thanks.

ST JOHN’S MASS CARDS: Our new Mass cards, featuring images from St. John’s Church, are now available at the back of church priced 50p. There are two designs: one is a sympathy card and the other a general Mass intention card. I’m sure you’ll agree that the quality is exceptional and the images reflect the beauty of our magnificent church!

ST PATRICK’S WAVE OF LIGHT: On Tuesday, the anniversary of the First Coronavirus National Lockdown, St Patrick’s Church joined the Wave of Light across the UK. At the start of the 7:30pm Mass, Fr O’Shea gave a short reflection and prayed for those who had died from the Parish. For photographs of our participation, please see the St Patrick’s Facebook Page. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.



‘St John’s RC Church, Standishgate, Wigan’
‘St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Wigan’

‘St Patrick & St John Wigan’ **YouTube**