



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

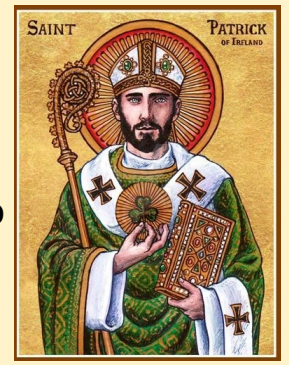
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## Sunday 12th September 2021 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Mark 8:27-35

### Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 12 Sep	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am—Michael Gannon Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am—Parishioners Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm—Marion Higgins (A) Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm
Mon 13 Sep	<i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 8.30am—Michael Maher
Tue 14 Sep	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's</b> 6.15-7.15pm Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 7.30pm—Linda Belshaw
Wed 15 Sep	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's</b> 8.45-9.45am Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am—Kathleen Williams Funeral Service <b>St Patrick's</b> 12 noon for William 'Eric' Jones
Thur 16 Sep	<i>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs</i>	Requiem <b>St Patrick's</b> 11.00am for Brian Darbyshire
Fri 17 Sep	<i>St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am—Special Intention
Sat 18 Sep	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am—Fr Ron McGivern (A)
Sun 19 Sep	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am—Mary & Ernest Halliwell Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am—Parishioners Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm—Sylvia & Joe Devine Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm

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

(A) - anniversary (LD) - lately dead

***Please remember in your prayers our sick relatives and friends:***

Celia Marshall, Teresa Foster, Georgia Fradley, Brian Darbyshire, Joanna Lee, Colin Benfold, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran

***Please remember those who have died:***

William 'Eric' Jones, Jack Deakin,



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marjorie Smith, Fr Ron McGivern, Anthony Winstanley, Dean Fairhurst, Mary Jane Gregory, Walter Heyes Hill, Micheal Gannon, Joseph Ellis Green, William Foster, Margaret Gallagher, Kathleen Brindle, Rosalind Yates

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Jack Deakin (LD), Michael Maher, Betty Lloyd, A sick person, Brian Scott, Gerard Howe, Robert Collier.

**PRECAUTIONS DURING THE ONGOING PANDEMIC:** A reminder to everyone that face-coverings remain MANDATORY in church. We urge everyone to think about safeguarding the health of the whole parish community.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Lexi-Faith France & Kodi-Rae France, baptised at St Patrick's today. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.

**TRADITIONAL MASS:** Before the pandemic began Mass in its Traditional Form was celebrated at St John's on Thursdays at 7.30pm. With the Archbishop's permission Fr O'Shea hopes to resume celebrating the Thursday evening Mass in a few weeks time. We hope there will be a good weekly attendance and also several people willing to serve the Mass. If you have not served the Traditional Mass before but would like to learn, please contact Fr O'Shea.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Adoration of Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament puts Jesus at the heart of a community and helps to strengthen faith in this wonderful gift. It is very often a powerful cause of renewal in parishes which embrace it. With these things in mind we're going to increase the opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. First of all, at St Patrick's, we will have an hour of Adoration every Tuesday from 6.15pm until 7.15pm. It will end with Benediction at 7.05 and of course Mass is at 7.30pm. On Wednesday the Adoration at St John's will begin a quarter of an hour earlier than previously ie at 8.45am until 9.45am, ending with Benediction at 9.35am.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Our parish's Quarant'Ore (Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) will be at St Patrick's from the morning of Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> until the evening of Sunday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, the feast of Christ the King.

**ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** A 7-night pilgrimage to Rome, flying from Manchester. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>—Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022. More details soon. If you are interested—save the date!

**CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS:** Altar Servers, you can now start serving again. Do spread the news. We're all looking forward to seeing you serving once more. Any young people (who have made their First Holy Communion) are welcome to join the servers' team. If you'd like to become an altar server, please speak to Fr O'Shea.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Last weekend we resumed taking the collection at Mass in the traditional manner. Understandably parish income has suffered greatly during the lockdowns and since. Hopefully passing the baskets round in the normal way will help. Collectors, would you pass on the news? Many thanks for you continuing generosity.

**GARDENING TEAMS:** **St John's Gardening Angels** meet every Monday 2-4pm. All are welcome to come and help. **St Patrick's Gardeners** will resume on this week, 14<sup>th</sup> September. 10.30am. Please use the side gate.

**ST PATRICK'S APF MISSIONS:** Autumn magazines are now available from the red tub at the back of church. If you would like to sign up to support the Missions, please speak to Rita Curry. If you had a red box for St William's Church and wish to continue collecting, please let Rita know your details so a transfer can be arranged. If you have emptied your box and wish to hand in its contents, please bring to Mass with you and hand to either Rita, Sheila or Josh.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANING:** The team will be cleaning St John's Church after the 10.00am Mass this coming Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. It's a big church to clean so anyone who would like to join in will be made most welcome. Cleaning instruments and materials will be provided!

**ST PATRICK'S READ AND RHYME TIME:** Stories, Rhymes and Songs - fun for babies, toddlers and carers. Free sessions on Friday mornings (Term Time), from 9am to 10am, at St Patrick's Presbytery. Numbers are limited, please contact Maureen to book a place: 07845170856. Begins on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**WELCOMERS:** **St Patrick's**—new version of the rotas are at the back of church. **St John's**—please sign up on the rota at the back of church for October and November. New volunteers always welcome at both churches!

**SAINT PATRICK STREET:** This week, work started to tend to the overgrown land on Patrick St. It is going to be quite a big job. Our thanks to our local Councillors, Jim Moodie and Janice Sharratt, for their assistance and support



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