



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

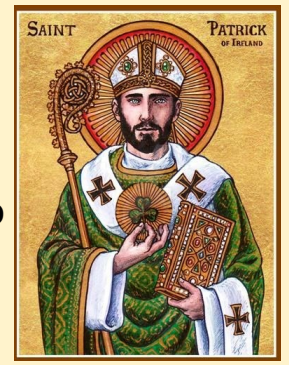
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## Sunday 1st May 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

PARISH MASS BOOK: Today's Mass—pages 265-268—Year C Volume 1

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

Sun 1 May	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Thomas McNulty</i> Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> — <i>Vittorio Vaccaro (A)</i> Confessions <b>St John's 3.45-4.15pm</b> Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 2 May	<i>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor</i>	No Mass Gardening Team <b>St John's 2-4pm</b>
Tue 3 May	<b>St Philip and James, Apostles</b>	No Mass
Wed 4 May	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	No Mass Holy Rosary <b>St Patrick's 4.15pm</b>
Thu 5 May	<i>3rd of Eastertide</i>	No Mass St Patrick's Ladies Meeting <b>The Lappin Room 7.00pm</b> No Mass
Fri 6 May	<i>3rd of Eastertide</i>	No Mass
Sat 7 May	<i>3rd of Eastertide</i>	No Mas
Sun 8 May	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Winifred Hurst</i> Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> — <i>Parishioners</i> <i>Followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room</i> Confessions <b>St John's 3.45-4.15pm</b> Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> — <i>Christine Clarkson (LD)</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(A) - anniversary  
(LD) - lately dead

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

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:** Jean Eccleston, Lorraine Clossick, Brian Connolly, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Maureen O'Bern, Mary Moreton, John Heyes, Celia Marshall, Teresa Foster, Georgia Fradley, Joanna Lee, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran

**Please remember those who have died recently:** Colin Hurst, Joseph Ratchford, Michael Hall, Charles McDonnell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vittorio Vaccaro, James Winstanley, Agnes Dumican, Kieran McLoughlin, Beatrice Dalton, Mary Ann Thomas, Bernadette Burbridge, Margaret Green, Mary Connor, Irene Rigby, Cathryn Maye, Hilda Houghton, Teresa n Richardson, Mary Jane & Henry Gregory

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Marie Foster (LD), Christine Summers (LD), Arun & Swany, The Souls in Purgatory, Maurice Leonard, Helen McGann, Good outcome on health check, Special intention, Mary Gavaghan, Gerard Howe, Frank & Teresa Carty, Frank Carty, James Sinclair, Jimmy & Paul Whyte.

**PARISH WALK TO DARWEN TOWER:** was a great success—the weather was great and the company even better. It was lovely to see so many parishioners relaxing together—over 30 in total! Photos can be found on both Facebook pages.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLYWELL AND**

**PANTASAPH:** A day pilgrimage has been organized for **Saturday 28th May.** The coach will leave Wigan (St Patrick’s and St John’s churches) after morning Mass.

The first stop will be to St Winifred’s Well, where Fr O’Shea will lead a blessing with Holy Water from the well. The second stop will be Pantasaph Friary where a rosary procession will take place to the grotto. Finally, a few hours will be spent in Llandudno before returning home at about 5.30pm. The price for the day will be a maximum of £20 but reducing to a minimum of £12.50 depending on numbers. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of both churches ASAP so that numbers can be ascertained. Numbers are now limited so sign up today! Thank you.

**GARDENERS: St John’s**—we continue to meet weekly on Mondays. Donations of annual/perennial plants would be greatly appreciated—there is plenty of spaces still to fill—please leave near the outside tap situated in the main entrance carpark. Thank you in advance! **St Patrick’s**—we will be meeting fortnightly as we progress into Summer. We meet this week (10th May at 10.30am. Entrance via the Side Gate on Patrick Street - all are welcome.

**GETTING READY FOR ROME:** Two meetings have been arranged for those travelling on our forthcoming pilgrimage to Rome in October. The first is a general meeting and ‘presentation’ in the Campbell Room at St John’s on Wednesday 25th May when there will be our first opportunity to meet and ask questions. The second will be a meal at Franco’s Restaurant on Friday 1st July at 6.30pm. More details to follow but save the dates...

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:** If you are able to donate a prize for the Quiz Night Raffle please leave it in the box at the back of St John’s Church. Tickets will be on sale next weekend. Thank you.

**ST PATRICK’S LADIES’ GROUP:** Photographs of our April Social to Francos have been uploaded to the St Patrick’s Facebook Page this week, if you haven’t seen them already.

**ST PATRICK’S MAY CROWNING BEARERS:** We need 8 volunteers to help carry the Statue of Our Lady and our Walking Day Banners in the Procession. If you are available on the day and would like to help, please let Josh know.

**EASTER PHOTOGRAPHS:** Photographs of St Patrick’s 2022 Easter Display are available at the back of the church. They would make a lovely addition to your prayer book or to put in a frame at home. Please help yourself.

**ELTON AND THE JETS TICKETS:** An evening of music, fun, dancing, prizes and food. Tickets are on sale this weekend - priced at £10. If you are unable to purchase from church but would like to attend, please contact Josh (07713520717) to arrange collection from St Patrick’s Presbytery. All proceeds to Restoration Funds.

**ST PATRICK’S WEDNESDAY ROSARIES:** During the month of May, the Holy Rosary will be prayed at St Patrick’s Church, each Wednesday, at 4:15pm. Josh will lead the first one, would three others like to volunteer to lead on the remaining Wednesdays? All are welcome to attend.

**PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

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 14th May	<b>First Holy Communion Mass for the children of St Patrick’s Primary School</b>
Saturday 28th May	<b>Parish Pilgrimage to Holywell and Pantasaph</b>
Friday 20th May (pm)	<b>May Crowning at St Patrick’s 1.45pm</b>
Wed 25th May 7.00pm	<b>Rome Preparation Meeting</b> The Campbell Room, St John’s 7.00pm
Friday 3rd June 7.30pm	<b>Parish Quiz Night</b> at St Mary’s Parish Hall. Quiz, Prizes Raffle and Fun. More details to follow.
Tuesday 7th June 7.30pm	<b>Fr Andrew Unsworth will celebrate Holy Mass</b> in celebration of his 20th Anniversary
Friday 10th June	<b>Tribute Night.</b> We welcome Elton and the Jets Tribute to Whelley Legion. The evening will also include food, raffle and a DJ. Tickets are priced at £10 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis after Masses on Sunday, 1st May.
Saturday 25th June	A concert in <b>St John’s</b> by Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir. 7.30pm
Friday 1st July 6.30pm	<b>Rome Social Meeting</b> —Franco’s Restaurant, Wigan



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