



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

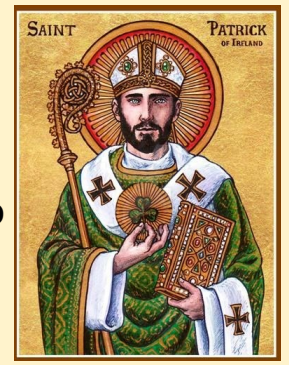
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Sunday 22nd May 2022 – 6th Sunday of Easter

PARISH MASS BOOK: Today's Mass—pages 273-276—Year C Volume 1

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 22 May	6th Sunday of Easter	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Gerard Howe Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Maria Foster (LD) Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 23 May	<i>6th of Eastertide</i>	Holy Mass St John's 8.30am —George & Mary Cott Gardening Team St John's 2-4pm
Tue 24 May	<i>6th of Eastertide</i>	Gardening St Patrick's 10.30am Funeral Service St Patrick's 11.00am for Rita Keenan Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Louisa Hill
Wed 25 May	<i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Harry Johnson Rosary St Patrick's 4.15pm Holy Mass (<i>Ascension Vigil Mass</i>) St Patrick's 7.30pm —Michael Meehan
Thu 26 May	The Ascension of the Lord	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Marie Green Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —Special Intention
Fri 27 May	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Pauline Walkden Church Cleaning St John's 10.30am —new volunteers warmly welcomed
Sat 28 May	<i>6th of Eastertide</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 8.30am —Margaret Howarth Parish Pilgrimage leaving St Patrick's 9.15am/ St John's 9.30am
Sun 29 May	7th Sunday of Easter	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Margaret Moreton <i>followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room</i> Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Walter Jordan Reid (A) Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(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: Anthony Rutter, Rita Draisey, Jean Eccleston, 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: Billy Conley, Tony Leyland

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Gibson, William Gill, John Forshaw, Frederick Hilton, Thomas & Mary Agnes Gannon, Robert Fairhurst, Margaret Oliver

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Michael Hall, Arun & Swany's Intentions, Herbert Frost, Jane Dunn, Special Intention, Mrs Lydia Chambers, Fathers Day Remembrance, Prayers answered, Joseph Howe

ROME PREPARATION MEETING: which was due to be held this Wednesday, has been postponed. A new date will be published soon. The meal at Franco's will still be going ahead on the published date.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLYWELL AND PANTASAPH: please pay any outstanding money this weekend. Thanks

PLATINUM JUBILEE CONCERT BY THE PARKSIDE COLLIERY

MALE VOICE CHOIR: At St John's Church, 7.30pm on Saturday 25th June. Refreshments at the Interval. Tickets price £5.00 available from the Sacristy after Mass. Proceeds to the Parish Restoration Fund.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION - 'KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY': From Sunday, 5th June, Pentecost Sunday, the Obligation is restored for every Catholic to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, unless prevented by illness or some other serious reason. Hopefully we all want to come to worship God on the Lord's Day, because we love Him. But human nature being what it is, we sometimes need to be reminded of this most basic duty. The Second Vatican Council taught that the Holy Eucharist is 'the source of the Christian life.' The Bishops of England and Wales have restored the Sunday Mass Obligation firstly because the Holy Trinity have a right to our worship. But also, making attendance at Mass the foundation of your family's weekly schedule is to build your home on a rock. You're giving your children something of immeasurable value which will carry them through life, good times and bad. So please do spread the good news and invite all our brothers and sisters to 'Come Home' at Pentecost.

ST JOHN'S GARDENS: Thank you for the donations of plants—these would still 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 GARDEN: We are looking for suggestions on how to use the garden more often in the future. If you have a suggestion, please would you have a word with Father O'Shea and John Graham.

TICKETS FOR OUR PARISH QUIZ NIGHT AND ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE NIGHT: are still available after Mass in both churches. Please support these events both in aid of the Refurbishment Fund.

RAFFLE PRIZES: We are still receiving prizes for both our parish social events. There are boxes at the back of church.

ST PATRICK'S CHOIR: Are recruiting! Practices are held on Tuesday evening after Mass. New members welcome.

CATHOLIC HERALD: It's a good thing to read regularly things which will help to deepen our faith and keep us informed about the Universal Church. The Catholic Herald is an excellent monthly magazine and is on sale at the back of the church. Please leave payment in the pot/basket provided.

ST PATRICK'S MAY CROWNING: Thank you to everybody who made Friday's Service such a special and memorable event. Thank you to Fr O'Shea and Fr Giorgio; Spig (our organist) and our choir for leading us in song; to all those who helped to prepare the church so beautifully and those who had a particular role on the day. Thank you also to Lauren O'Bern, one of our Parishioners, for photographing the occasion. Congratulations to Bethany Rigby, who was the 2022 May Queen, and her Crowning Group. Photographs of the event are available on the St Patrick's Facebook Page. Please have a look at the beautiful banners the children in our Primary School have made. These can be found in the Church Porch this weekend.

DO YOU NEED SOME CHAIRS? There are some redundant chairs upstairs at St Patrick's Presbytery that are in a good condition (they have been used in the past). We are looking to remove these, in exchange for a small donation to Church Funds. Please contact Josh (07713520717) for more information and to purchase. Collection only from the Presbytery.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle;
Be our safeguard against the wickedness & 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...

Friday 3rd June 7.00pm	Parish Jubilee Quiz Night at St Mary's Parish Hall. Quiz, Prizes Raffle and Fun.
Monday 6th June 6.30pm	Cleaning at St Patrick's —all materials provided. Many hands make light work!
Tuesday 7th June 7.30pm	Fr Andrew Unsworth will celebrate Holy Mass in celebration of his 20th Anniversary
Friday 10th June	Tribute Night. We welcome Elton and the Jets Tribute to Whelley Legion. The evening will also include food, raffle and a DJ.
Saturday 11th June 2.00pm	Knit and Natter in the Lappin Room—a fun afternoon. Wool & Needles can be provided!
Saturday 25th June	A concert in St John's by Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir. 7.30pm
Friday 1st July 6.30pm	Rome Social Meeting —Franco's Restaurant, Wigan
Saturday 16th July	St Patrick's Summer Party in the Garden—wine, cheese and cake



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