



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

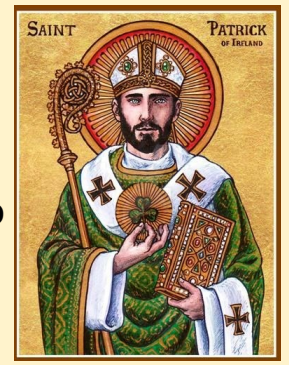
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Sunday 29th May 2022 – 7th Sunday of Easter

PARISH MASS BOOK: Today's Mass—pages 281-283—Year C Volume 1

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 29 May	7th Sunday of Easter	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Margaret Moreton followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room 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
Mon 30 May	<i>7th of Eastertide</i>	No Mass Gardening Team St John's 2-4pm
Tue 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gardening St Patrick's 10.30am No Mass
Wed 1 June	<i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	No Mass Funeral Service St Patrick's 2.00pm for William Conley
Thu 2 June	<i>St Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Anthony Leyland (LD) Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —Special Intention
Fri 3 June	<i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Brian Scott Parish Jubilee Quiz Night in St Mary's Hall at 7.00pm
Sat 4 June	<i>7th of Eastertide</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Jamey & Paul Fairhurst
Sun 5 June	Pentecost	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Jimmy & Paul Whyte (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Sr Josephine Mary 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: Thomas Houghton, 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: Terence Carney, Tony Leyland, Catherine Farrimond (née Gaskel)

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Joseph Mathew (A), Sosamma Mathew, Thomas Mathew, Michael Hall, Dr Marc Sherry (A), Michael Flynn (A), Peggy Flynn (A), Herbert Frost, Jane Dunn, Special Intention, Mrs Lydia Chambers, Fathers Day Remembrance, Prayers answered, Joseph Howe,

BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St John's—please remember Clementine Catherine Smith and her family in your prayers as we welcome her into our community.

SURVIVORS OF BEREAVEMENT BY SUICIDE(SoBS): is a national charity which supports people who have been bereaved by suicide. There is a new support group starting in Wigan run by volunteers, one of which is one of our parishioners. The group will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. If you would like to attend the support group, please contact Lisa and Dianne on 07943934411 or wigan@uksobs.org.

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.

THANK YOU: Yesterday’s day Pilgrimage to North Wales was a wonderful day. Thank you to John Graham for his hard work in organising such a successful event. For photographs, please see the Church Facebook Pages.

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.

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.


ST WILLIAM STATUE: The fine statue of our parish’s patron, which stood for many years over the entrance to St William’s church, has been saved and restored. Our thanks to Stephen Stokes for doing a splendid job. The statue is going to find a new home in St Patrick’s church, in a place where parishioners can pray and light votive candles. We’ll bless the statue, in its new location, during Mass next Sunday.

REFERENCES: From time to time parishioners give their Parish Priest’s name in a job application as someone who will write a reference for them. Please do speak to the priest first, so that he can put a face to your name. If you’re applying for a post in a Catholic School, do remember that from next weekend the Sunday Mass Obligation is restored, which means that a practising Catholic is someone who ‘attends Holy Mass every Sunday and Holyday of Obligation unless prevented by illness or for some other serious reason.’

FATHER ANDREW COMES HOME TO CELEBRATE: Next Tuesday, 7th June, Fr Andrew Unsworth will return to his home church - St Patricks - to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Andrew will offer the 7:30pm Mass with Fr O’Shea and other Concelebrating Clergy, followed by Refreshments in the Lappin Room. Our thanks to St Patrick’s Ladies’ Group for organising and funding the buffet. Everyone is welcome to the celebrations. If you would like to send Fr Andrew a card, there are some Ordination Anniversary cards now on sale in St Patrick’s Repository.

Dates for your diary...

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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