



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

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Sunday 19th February 2023 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 19 Feb	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Harry Howarth followed by <i>Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room</i> Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Agnes Pendlebury (LD) Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 20 Feb	<i>Week 7 in Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Mass St John's 8.30am —Benefactors of the Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Tue 21 Feb	<i>St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Michael English (A)
Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Margaret Lawson Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Michael & Mary Maye and Family
Thu 23 Feb	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Barry Moran (sick)
Fri 24 Feb	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Dame Paula Fairlee OSB
Sat 25 Feb	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Frank and Teresa Carty
Sun 26 Feb	1st Sunday of Lent	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Brian Scott Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Therssamma Mathew Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead
(+B) - birthday anniversary

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: Jack Everett, Anne Lawson, Chris & Kathleen Burke, Caroline Vasquez, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Teresa Foster, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran

Please pray for a 4 year old boy who was sadly diagnosed with multiple brain tumours

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael English, Mary Marrow, Margaret Jeffrey, Patrick O'Donnell, Tommy Stead, Catherine Bannister, Alice Penman, Michael Kenny, Barbara Christine Charnock, Joseph Lowe.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Francis Brown (LD), Dacre Brown Family, Michael Pitcher, Tadhg Meehan, Michael English, John, Jane & Terry Dixon, Paul Caldwell, Michael & Margaret McNulty. Barry Moran (sick), Jackie Rooney (LD), Julia Hughes (A), Frank Charnock (A).

FAITH COURSE: Do notice that because of Ash Wednesday, the meeting for our parish Faith Course will be at St John's Presbytery on Wednesday at the earlier time of 5.30pm. This week the subject will be: Jesus of Nazareth – Who do we say He is?

LENTEN SPIRITUAL READING: Lent will soon be with us, a traditional time for doing some spiritual reading. In his 'Ecclesiastical History of the English People', St Bede tells the stories of St Columba, St Aidan, St Cuthbert, St Augustine of Canterbury and many others who 'made this once an island of saints.' If you would like Fr O'Shea to order you a copy, pop £10 in an envelope and drop it in asap, together of course with your name and telephone number.

CAFOD: Family Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March. There will be an appeal in both churches on Sunday 26th February and envelopes will be available.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. (Initial allocation of £100,000). Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FEEDBACK FORMS: Some of the annual parishioner feedback forms are at the back of the church, if you would like to complete one. Your comments and suggestions on the links between home, school and church are greatly appreciated by Mrs Hobden and her staff.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IRISH NIGHT: Tickets are on sale again this weekend from the back of the churches; priced at £15 per person. Alternatively, please contact Josh (07713520717) to purchase and arrange collection from St Patrick's Presbytery. Donations of bottles and chocolates are now being gratefully received for the Irish Night. Please deposit these in the box at the back of St Patrick's Church - thank you, in advance, for your support. If you would like to donate but can't get to church, please give Josh a ring.

COFFEE MORNINGS: A big "thank you" to all those who supported our Coffee Morning last Sunday after the 11:00am mass . We raised £60:00 for our Parish Restoration Fund. It was so lovely chatting and catching-up!

THANK YOU: Thank you for your patience with the heating issues over the last few weeks at St Patricks. Our thanks to those involved in restoring heat to our church!

THANK YOU: To those who helped to clean St Patrick's Church last Monday. Our next cleaning date will be before Easter.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: If you have any items for the parish newsletter please would you email them to Chris at the following email address by Thursday 8pm: news_items20@aol.com Thank you.

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 8th March 6.30pm	Planning Meeting (1) at St John's in the Campbell Room to plan the Community Coronation Celebration to be held on Sunday 7th May. Please come to plan and help.
Wednesday 8th March 8.00pm	Planning Meeting (2) at St John's in the Campbell Room to plan the Coronation Quiz to be held on Friday 12th May. Please come to plan and help.
Friday 17th March	St Patrick's Day. Friday 17th March. 1:45pm Procession of St Patrick's Statues and Banners from School into Church; Holy Mass at 2pm. Could 8 volunteers please give their names to Josh if they would like to carry? Thank you.
Saturday 25th March 10.00am—2.00pm	St John's Big Clean. Following our previous successful day, we are calling all parishioners to join us to give our beautiful church a thorough clean—Please save the date.
Saturday 29th April During the day	Parish Walk —Darwen Tower. Meet at St John's carpark to leave at 10.15am or meet at Tockholes Carpark at 11.00am. More details to follow...
Sunday 7th May Early afternoon	St John's Community Coronation Celebration in the grounds and gardens—food, music, fun, stalls, games and chat. SAVE THE DATE. More details soon
Friday 12th May 7.30pm	St John's Coronation Quiz at The Swinley. More details to follow. SAVE THE DATE. All proceeds to the Restoration Fund.
Saturday 13th May	Outdoor Coronation Party at St Patricks. More details and Planning Meeting to follow.



'St John's RC Church, Standishgate, Wigan'
'St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wigan'

'St Patrick & St John Wigan'

