



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

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## Sunday 26th February 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Sun 26 Feb	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Brian Scott Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Therssamma Mathew Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 27 Feb	Monday of the 1st week of Lent	Holy Mass <b>St John's 8.30am</b> —Benefactors of the Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Tue 28 Feb	Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent	Stations of the Cross <b>St Patrick's 7.00pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Frank Charnock (A)
Wed 1 March	<b>St David, Bishop</b>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Peter & Margaret Murphy (A)
Thu 2 March	Thursday of the 1st week of Lent	Holy Mass (Y3 in attendance) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> Michael Pitcher (sick) Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Special Intention
Fri 3 March	Friday of the 1st week of Lent	Reception Stay and Pray <b>St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05-9.15am</b> - all welcome Stations of the Cross <b>St John's 9.30am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Jim Green (A)
Sat 4 March	Saturday of the 1st week of Lent	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Jackie Rooney (LD)
Sun 5 March	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Paul Caldwell (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Lisa Fairhurst (with Children's Liturgy) Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(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*

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Jack Everett, Barry Moran

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Marrow, Sylvia Devine, Vera Malley, Walter Fleetwood, Frank Charnock, Jim Green, Peter & Margaret Murphy, Fr. James Lappin, Paul Cunliffe, Alan Fairhurst, Stephen Foley, Thomas Bennett, Catherine Taylor, Robert Moran, Connie Topping, Edith McLoughlin, Ivor Charles Harris, Olive Watson, Elizabeth Harmer, Anthony Moses Woods, Agnes Houghton, David Arkwright.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Agnes Pendlebury, Jim Green (A), Special Intention (Arun & Swany), Jim Lawson (A), Sue Dewhurst.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** If you have any items for the parish newsletter please email them to Chris at the following email address by Thursday 8pm: [news\\_items20@aol.com](mailto:news_items20@aol.com) Thank you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We will follow the Way of the Cross during Lent at St Patrick's on Tuesdays at 7.00pm, before the 7.30pm Mass, and at St John's on Fridays at 9.30am, before the 10.00am Mass.

**FAITH REFRRSHER COURSE:** Our meeting this coming Wednesday will be back to its normal time of 6.30pm. Meeting Place: St John's Presbytery, 13 Powell Street, WN1 1XD. This week the subject will be: The Church – A human institution bearing a Divine Gift.

**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 3rd March 2023** Each year on the first Friday in March a worship service is written by the Christian women of a different country. This year the country is Taiwan. Please remember the Christian women of Taiwan in your prayers. We thank the Christian women of Taiwan for the service they have prepared and sincerely hope our prayers will support them through difficult times. O Lord guide and protect the people of Taiwan.

**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. 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.

**ST PATRICK'S 200 CLUB:** Please speak to Jackie Touhey at the back of the church if you already have a number(s). Sign-up sheets are available too. £1 a week with great cash prizes to be won - you have to be in it to win it! There is the option to pay weekly or in advance, and via cash or direct debit. All proceeds to Restoration Funds.

**ST PATRICK'S LADIES' GROUP:** Please note that our March meeting will be the meal this Wednesday, 1st March, at the Cherry Tree. We will meet at 2pm. For more information please speak to Katie Price or Anne Winstanley.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKS:** Now on sale at the back of the church, priced at £5. Using photographs of the Stations from St Patrick's Church, alongside the traditional prayers of St Alphonsus. The Book also includes a foreword from Fr O'Shea. Our thanks to Maureen and Lauren O'Bern for putting the publication together.

### Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 8th March <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Planning Meeting (1)</b> 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 <b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Planning Meeting (2)</b> 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	<b>St Patrick's Day.</b> 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	<b>St John's Big Clean.</b> 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	<b>Parish Walk</b> —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	<b>St John's Community Coronation Celebration</b> in the grounds and gardens—food, music, fun, stalls, games and chat. SAVE THE DATE. More details soon
Friday 12th May 7.30pm	<b>St John's Coronation Quiz</b> at The Swinley. More details to follow. SAVE THE DATE. All proceeds to the Restoration Fund.
Saturday 13th May	<b>Outdoor Coronation Party</b> at St Patricks. More details and Planning Meeting to follow.



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