



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

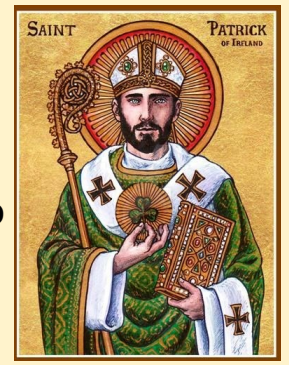
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## Sunday 22nd January 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sun 22 Jan	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Thomas &amp; Mary Collier</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> — <i>Brian Pendlebury</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	(A) - anniversary (LD) - lately dead (†B) - birthday anniversary
Mon 23 Jan	<i>Week 3 in Ordinary Time</i>	No Mass	
Tue 24 Jan	<i>St Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor</i>	No Mass	
Wed 25 Jan	<b>The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle</b>	No Mass	
Thu 26 Jan	<i>St Timothy &amp; St Titus, Bishops</i>	No Mass	
Fri 27 Jan	<i>St Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	Year 4 Stay and Pray <b>St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05-9.15am</b> - all welcome No Mass Rome Reunion Meal <b>Papa Luigi, Wigan Lane 7.00pm</b>	
Sat 28 Jan	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor</i>	No Mass	
Sun 29 Jan	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Gerard Howe</i> <i>followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> — <i>Dom Sebastian Wolff OSB</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	

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

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death.

For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners,

so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.' *St Thomas Aquinas*

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:** Anne Lawson, Chris & Kathleen Burke, Caroline Vasquez, Sheila Parkinson, Agnes Pendlebury, 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:** Joan Sayer, John Wilkinson, Molly Birch, Terry Chadwick, Catherine Brown, Paul Cunliffe, Catherine Bennett, Kenneth McHugh, Kirsty Onuoha, Harriet Rimmer, Margaret Connell, Mairaed Meehan, John Gavaghan, Gerard Fairhurst, Rosemary Doherty.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Marie Cusani

**CONFIRMATIONS - LIVERPOOL CALLED 2023:** Any young person in Year 8 who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) The website for registration opens 16th January and closes 17th March. While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament of Confirmation in RE classes.

**ST PATRICK'S OPEN FORUM MEETING:** Wednesday, 1st February, at 7pm in the Lappin Room. A chance to gain updates and plan events for the year ahead. If you would like to send an item for the agenda, please email Father O'Shea at [stwilliam@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stwilliam@rcaol.org.uk). Alternatively, please write down your suggestions and either post through the Presbytery letterbox, hand to Father O'Shea, Josh or John Graham. All welcome!

**ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS:** Thank you to all those who helped to make the first Community Coffee Morning last Thursday a success. The Year 5 Children who assisted were brilliant and enjoyed both serving and being with parishioners. Thank you to the adults who helped in the Kitchen and all who attended. The next Community Coffee Morning, which will be supported by a group from Year 6, will be held on Thursday 9th February, after the 9:15am Mass. All are most welcome.

**ST PATRICK'S STAY AND PRAY:** Each Friday in term time, St Patrick's Primary School will be holding a Stay and Pray in the Junior Hall from 9:05-9:15am. This week, Year 5 will lead with the Theme of 'Witness'. All welcome to attend.

**ST PATRICK'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking to re-start the Children's Liturgy in 2023. Before this can begin, we must ascertain how many volunteers we have to run the Liturgy and then apply for necessary DBS Safeguarding checks. If you would like to volunteer, please give your name to Fr O'Shea or Josh.

**ST PATRICK'S BAKE SALE:** On Saturday 11th February, from 2-4pm, there will be a Bake Sale in the Lappin Room, organised by the St Patrick's Ladies' Group. Drop in to purchase a cake, have a cuppa and enjoy a chat. Everyone welcome! All proceeds to Restoration Funds. If you are baking, please can you let Katie know please. Thank you.

**KNOCK & CROAGH PATRICK PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Next month, I am returning to the West of Ireland for a Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and to climb Croagh Patrick (on this mountain, in 441AD, Saint Patrick fasted for 40 days and converted many Pagans to Christianity). This year's climb will be made In Thanksgiving. If you would like me to take your prayer intentions over, please either leave them in the box at the back of St Patrick's Church, hand to Fr O'Shea or give to me personally. Thanks, Josh.

**SCHOOL/CHURCH VISITS:** Earlier this month, St Patrick's Year 1 visited church to look at the different features. This supported them in their RE Learning. Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Father O'Shea this week, for a Question and Answer Session about his role in the community; again to support their RE Learning. In December, we welcomed Year 5 children from Britannia Bridge Primary in Ince. The Class visited to look at the stained glass windows in St Patrick's Church and have used the Scenes and Saints in the Windows as a basis for their work in Art lessons. All groups of children were wonderful ambassadors for their schools and we thank staff and parishioners for supporting these visits.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY IRISH NIGHT:** As part of our Patronal Feast celebrations, we are pleased to confirm the details for our much-loved Irish Night. This year, it's going to be an extra special party because it's on ST PATRICK'S DAY (Friday 17th March)! As in previous years, it will be held at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club and, following their wonderful sets last year, we are delighted to be welcoming back Irish singer, Michael Coyne, and the Dancing Price Family. There will also be music from Paul (our DJ), Hot Food and a Raffle. Tickets will be priced at £15 per person and on sale, after Masses, from Sunday, 12th February. Please save the date, spread the word and join us as we celebrate our beloved Saint Patrick in style!

### Dates for your diary...

Thursday 2nd February	3pm - St Patrick's Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents in the Junior Hall.
Thursday 2nd February	<b>St Patrick's Ladies' Group</b> 7pm in the Lappin Room. All ladies welcome.
Friday 17th March	<b>St Patrick's Day.</b> Details about the Procession and Holy Mass for St Patrick's Patronal Feast to follow. Please save the date as our much-loved Irish Night will also be held on St Patrick's Day this year. More details in the next few weeks!



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

'St Patrick & St John Wigan'

