



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

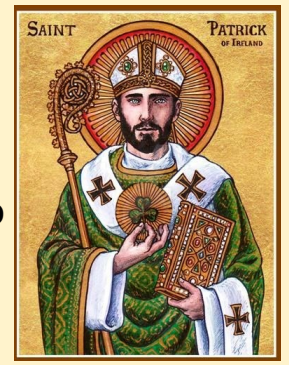
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## Sunday 12th March 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Sun 12 Mar	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Barbara Seddon (sick)</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> — <i>Pauline Walkden (A)</i> <i>followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 13 Mar	<i>3rd week of Lent</i>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 8.30am</b> — <i>George &amp; Mary Cott</i>
Tue 14 Mar	<i>3rd week of Lent</i>	Stations of the Cross <b>St Patrick's 7.00pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> — <i>Margaret Maye (A)</i>
Wed 15 Mar	<i>3rd week of Lent</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> — <i>Jim Lawson (A)</i> Faith Refresher Course <b>St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm</b>
Thu 16 Mar	<i>3rd week of Lent</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> (Year 5/6 attending)— <i>Ann Tieling (LD)</i> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> — <i>Special Intention</i>
Fri 17 Mar	 <b>St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary</b>	Year 5 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> — <i>Agnes Pendlebury (LD)</i> St Patrick's Day Procession from <b>School in to Church 1.45pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 2.00pm</b> — <i>Teresa Berry</i> Irish Night <b>Whelley Legion doors open 7.00pm</b>
Sat 18 Mar	<i>3rd week of Lent</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Margaret &amp; Stanley Long</i>
Sun 19 Mar	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Mother's Day Remembrance of loved ones</i> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> — <i>Alice Lonsdale (A)</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

**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:** 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

**Lately Dead:** Ann Tieling, Margaret Atherton, Cyril Forshaw

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pauline Walkden, Jeanne Keenan, Brian Rylance, Margaret Maye, Jim Lawson, Kieran Clossick, Vincent Clossick, Patricia Yeates nee Clossick, Patrick Gannon, Dorothy Jolley, Sarah Farrell, Elizabeth Griffin, Kevin Govan, Evelyn Rimmer, John Blake, Bernarde Purcell, Wilfred Mitchell, James Gavaghan, Ethel Devine, Mary Massey, Philomena Jones, Maureen Clossick, Michael McNulty.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** James Cleary (A), Charles Collier (A), Cecilia Cox (A), Alice Lonsdale (A), Emma Tun (A), Christine Summers (A).

**BAPTISMS:** this Sunday are at St Patrick's – Alby Benjamin Cooper & Zaniah-Lou Parkinson

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

**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:** We meet again this Wednesday at 6.30 in St John's Presbytery, 13, Powell Street. This week the topic will be: The Sacraments – Outward Signs of an Inward Grace.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:** It's good to go to Confession any time during the year but Lent is a special time of the Lord's Grace and Mercy. There are many opportunities for Confession across the Deanery in the next few weeks. Be assured of a warm and compassionate welcome from all of your priests. The light is on for you.

**WELCOME TO OUR NIGERIAN PARISHIONERS:** Both our churches have seen the arrival over the last few months of Catholics from Nigeria, several of them now working in the hospital. They are most welcome. Did you know that St Patrick is the patron saint of Nigeria as well as Ireland? There are still tickets available for the St Patrick's Night celebration this coming Friday. It would be great to see some of our new parishioners there. Please see Fr O'Shea if you would like a ticket (£15).

**THIS FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH:** Is St Patrick's Patronal Feast. Everyone is welcome to join the Procession from School, in to Church, which begins at 1:45pm. The whole school will be attending Mass at 2pm. **If you are carrying in this year's Procession, please could you assemble at 1:30pm outside the Presbytery please.** From 7pm, we have our Irish Night in Whelley Legion. You may like to wear something green!

**ST JOHN'S EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale from today at the back of church. First Prize—M&S Luxury Hamper, Second Prize—Afternoon Tea at Café Rosso, Third Prize—Large Easter Egg. Tickets priced £1 per strip. Thank you to all those who have donated prizes.

**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.

**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.

**ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY CORONATION CELEBRATION:** Due to a number of reasons, this date has changed. Please save **Saturday 8th July** as the new date Thank you.

**CHRISM MASS:** Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th April. St William's Parish are sharing a coach, with our neighbouring Parish of Marys, to the Cathedral for the Annual Chrism Mass. Price £5.00pp. The coach will pick up and leave St Patrick's Church by 5:20pm, then pick up and leave St Mary's and St John's Churches by 5:40pm. Please print your name and number on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to go. Payment will be taken on the coach.

**ST PATRICK'S EASTER RAFFLE:** Are now on sale, priced at £1 a strip, and available after all Masses. All proceeds to Restoration Funds. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes.

**ST PATRICK'S HOLY WEEK READERS:** If you would like to volunteer to read at one of the Holy Week Masses/Services, please would you see Josh for the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

**REPOSITORY SHOPS:** Both churches now has cards for Mother's Day and Easter in stock.

### Dates for your diary...

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.
Friday 31st March 2.15pm	<b>St Patrick's Primary School's Lent &amp; Holy Week Service</b> in Church. The children will lead us in Readings, Reflections and Hymns as we journey closer to Holy Week. All welcome.
Saturday 1st April 10.00am	<b>St Patrick's Coronation Planning Meeting</b> in the Lappin Room. A meeting to discuss arrangements for the Garden Party on Saturday 13th May.
Monday 3rd April 6.30pm	<b>Cleaning of St Patrick's Church</b> in preparation for Easter. All materials and refreshments provided. Many hands make light work. Please come and help.
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.



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'St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wigan'

'St Patrick & St John Wigan'

