



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

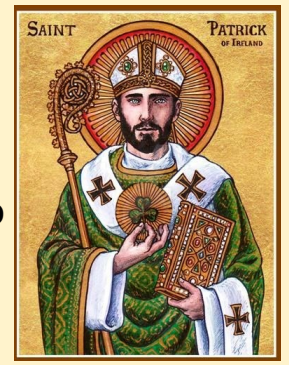
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## Sunday 5th March 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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>
Mon 6 March	Monday of the 2nd week of Lent	Holy Mass <b>St John's 8.30am</b> —David Arkright
Tue 7 March	Sts Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	Gardening <b>St Patrick's 10.00am</b> All welcome Stations of the Cross <b>St Patrick's 7.00pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Family & Friends dealing with illness
Wed 8 March	St John of God, religious	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Brian Pendlebury Planning Meeting 1 (Coronation Community Event) <b>St John's 6.30pm</b> Planning Meeting 2 (Coronation Quiz) <b>St John's 8.00pm</b>
Thu 9 March	St Frances of Rome, religious	Holy Mass (Y6 in attendance) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> John, Jane & Terry Dixon (A) Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Benefactors of the Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Fri 10 March	Friday of the 2nd week of Lent	Year 6 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> Requiem Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —for John Francis Everett
Sat 11 March	Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Michael & Margaret McNulty (A)
Sun 12 Mar	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Barbara Seddon (sick) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Pauline Walkden (A) followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room 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:** 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 those who have died recently:** Bob Fenney, Ann Teeling (née Graham), Jack Everett, Barry Moran

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alice Lonsdale, Jeanne Keenan, John, Jane & Terry Dixon, Michael & Margaret McNulty, John Dixon, Ann Bennett, Wendy Orritt, John Taylor, Sheila Thomas, Lilian & William Alcock, Margaret & Stanley Long

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Ellen O'Loughlin (A), Mary Noy (A), Mark Chadwick (A), Bob Fenney (LD), Family & friends dealing with illness, Barry Moran (sick), Margaret Maye (A), Barbara Seddon (sick), Michael Pitcher Jnr (sick), Craig Dumican (LD), Ann Tieling (LD), Margaret & Stanley Long (A)

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](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:** We meet again this week at 6.30pm in St John's Presbytery. The subject this week is: The Church – Teaching, Guiding and Sanctifying.

**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.

**TRADITIONAL MASS:** You no doubt will have heard of the 'Rescript' issued by the Holy See last week further restricting the celebration of the Traditional Mass. It makes it clear that the Mass may not be offered in a parish church without the Vatican's approval. Archbishop McMahon contacted me on Saturday to communicate the decision formally and to discuss the way forward. The good news is that he has given his permission for us to continue celebrating the Traditional Mass at St John's in the presbytery's Campbell Room, once an altar has been created there. Until then, we have his permission to continue offering the Mass in the church. These are sad times but we are grateful to the Archbishop for his understanding and for this pastoral solution to the situation. Continue to pray for him and for the Holy See.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY IRISH NIGHT:** Next week is the last chance to buy tickets at church; priced at £15 per person. Alternatively, please contact Josh (07713520717) . Thank you to everybody who has donated prizes for the raffle.

**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.

**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.

**NOVENA TO ST PATRICK:** In preparation for St Patrick's Patronal Feast Celebrations, our Novena to St Patrick will begin this Wednesday, 8th March. Printed copies of the Novena are available from the back of the Church this weekend - please take one. It will also be uploaded to the St Patrick's Facebook Page.

**ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST:** Friday 17th March. The Procession of St Patrick's Statue and Banners from School in to Church will begin at 1:45pm; before Holy Mass at 2pm. Parishioners are invited to join the Procession - more details in next week's newsletter. We are delighted that Claire Ormshaw-Heddle will be singing during the Mass. All are welcome.

**FR LAPPIN'S ANNIVERSARY:** Tuesday 28th February was the 37th Anniversary of St Patrick's longest-serving Parish Priest's death. A full biography, alongside a number of archive photographs, have been uploaded to the St Patrick's Facebook Page this week if you would like to have a look at them. Please remember him in your prayers.

**ST PATRICK'S EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets for our Easter Raffle will be on sale from next weekend. Any donations of Easter Eggs are greatly appreciated. If you've won a hamper and no longer need the actual basket, please could you return it.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2023-24:** are now at the back of church ready to collect. If any of our current gift aid parishioners are no longer tax payers please can you inform Fr O'Shea as soon as possible. Any parishioners who are tax payers that would like to sign up to gift aid their weekly offertory donation, please complete the form found at the back of church or speak to Fr O'Shea.

**ST JOHN'S REPOSITORY:** 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.
Holy Saturday 8th April 12 noon	<b>Święconka at St Patrick's Church</b> - We are delighted to welcome our Eastern European Parishioners and Friends for their Traditional Blessing of the Baskets. There will be a Retiring Collection towards Parish Funds. All are welcome - please spread the word.
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



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

'St Patrick & St John Wigan'

