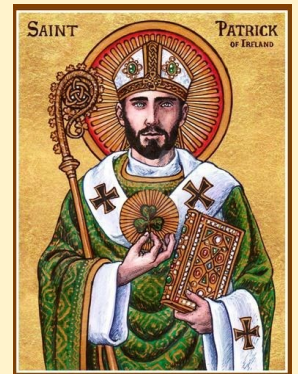




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Sunday 14th April 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 14 April	3rd Sunday of Easter	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — <i>Brian Darbyshire</i> Holy Mass St John's 11.00am — <i>Fr Barry McAllister (LD)</i> Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 15 April	3rd week of Eastertide	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Charles Collier</i> Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm
Tue 16 April	3rd week of Eastertide	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Marie Johnson (b'day)</i>
Wed 17 April	3rd week of Eastertide	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Arun & Swany's Intentions</i>
Thur 18 April	3rd week of Eastertide	Holy Mass St John's 9.15am — <i>Gerard Howe</i> St Patrick's Men's Group The Lappin Room 7.30pm
Fri 19 April	3rd week of Eastertide	◀ Year 2 Stay & Pray St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Christine Summers</i>
Sat 20 April	<i>Blessed James Bell of Warrington & John Finch of Eccleston</i>	Church Cleaning and Removal Morning St Patrick's 10.00am All welcome! Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St John's 5.00pm — <i>Paddy McAllister (A) & Fr Barry McAllister</i>
Sun 21 April	4th Sunday of Easter	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — <i>Terry Dixon</i> Open Forum Meeting St Patrick's after 9.15am Mass in the Lappin Room Holy Mass St John's 11.00am — <i>Mary Patricia Green (A)</i> SVP Meeting in the Campbell Room, St John's after 11am Mass Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
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CONFESSIONS: For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays.		
BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St Patrick's –please pray for Rico Winstanley Bascombe & Risha Winstanley Bascombe		

MASS AT ST MARY'S: This coming Wednesday there will once again be Holy Hour with Confessions from 10.30am and Mass, offered by Canon Montjean of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, at 12.00. He will also be saying Mass next Sunday at 10.30am. This Thursday (18th) at 7.00pm the Canons of the Archdiocese will pray Evening Prayer from the Office for the Dead for Fr Johnson. His body will then be received into St Mary's at 7.30pm for a Vigil Mass. His Requiem is at 12.30 on Friday. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for those who are sick: Fr Peter Hannah, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Kevin Murphy, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, , Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr John Johnson, Josephine Charles **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Collier, Hans Peter Schickhoff, Wallace Hill, Paddy McAllister, Mary Patricia Green, Cecilia Cox, Lavinia Connell, Gerard frost, James McGurrian, Olive Hall, Valerie Moran, Mary Pye, Margaret Irvine, Harold McIntyre, Rowena Salmon, Eddie Dennett.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Paddy McAllister (A) & Fr Barry McAllister (LD), Mary Patricia Green (A), Fr Johnson (LD), David Brogan, Mary Mallin (A), Thomas Maye, Gerard Howe, Pat Pitcher, Claire Pulford.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of work taking place at St Patrick's this week, the weekday Masses will be at St John's

FAITH REFRESHER COURSE: No meeting this Wednesday. Our next meeting will be at 6.30pm on April 24th at St John's Presbytery, when we will be talking about: The Holy Mass – What do Catholics Believe?

MANY THANKS: Heartfelt thanks to all those who cleaned and decorated St John's church so beautifully for a wonderful Quarant' Ore weekend. Our annual Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is always a highlight of the parish year. It is very pleasing to Our Lord and brings many blessings to the parish. Thank you also to the large team of helpers who prepared the church for Fr McAllister's Requiem on Thursday. God bless you all.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Hugh will be doing house visits for those who would like. If you would want to receive a visit then please fill in the sign up sheet which will be available at the back of Church.

WALK TO LADYEWELL: in remembrance of Fr Barry McAllister and Fr John Johnson. At the end of the walk Holy Mass will be offered by Fr Hugh at the Shrine at 4.30pm. Everyone is invited to make their way to the shrine for this Mass which will be offered for both Fr McAllister and Fr Johnson. It is too expensive to hire a coach for just an hour's stay at the Shrine. There is a list at the back of church for those to sign up who wish to come to the Mass. If you are able to offer a lift to others please indicate this on the sheet. The staff at the Shrine would like to know numbers so that they can prepare for our arrival and would like to offer tea and coffee after Mass. If you would like to walk to Ladyewell on that day please contact Chris Higgins on 0771252410 to book a place.

LOURDES 2024: Our balances are due by 30th April. Cheques are payable to Northern Star Travel Ltd, and should be sent Northern StarTravel, 46-48 Long Street, Middleton, Manchester. M24 6UQ. Alternatively, bank transfer details are Northern Star Travel Ltd Sort code: 77-19-09 Account number: 00031486. There will be a Lourdes Meeting on Friday 24th May at 6.30pm in the Campbell Room at St John's

RESTORATION WORK STARTS – AND AN APPEAL FOR CHURCH CLEANERS: This week preliminary work begins on the restoration of the roof at St Patrick's. At last! The start of the work will necessitate the closure of the church this week, including for Private Prayer. Holy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, at 9:15am, as usual. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. The church will need a good clean to get it ready for Sunday. Anyone who is available to help at 10.00am this Saturday (20th) will be warmly welcomed. Also furniture is being removed. The skip will be arriving at 10:30am and leaving later that morning. We will need to work quickly when discarding with the unwanted items! With regards to the cleaning, we are anticipating some plaster removal and a lot of dust during the works this week. All cleaning materials and refreshments provided. Your presence and help would be very welcome and greatly appreciated.

PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST PATRICK'S: As the church is closed this week due to preliminary roof works, there will be no opportunity for private prayer during the day. This will resume on Monday 22nd April from 8:30am.

ST PATRICK'S LATEST 200 CLUB WINNERS AND EASTER BONUS DRAWS: Weekly Draw Winners: 11th February - Number 140; J. Winstanley; 18th February - Number 131; A. Winstanley; 25th February - Number 26; A. Meehan; 3rd March - Number 153; D. Holding; 10th March - Number 49; L. Edwards; 17th March - Number 147; St Patrick's Primary School's Kitchen Staff; 24th March - Number 71; Y. Unsworth; 31st March - Number 78; E. Harris. Easter Bonus Ball Winners: 1: Number 151; M. Hammill; 2: Number 107; B. Bradshaw; 3: Number 79; D. Breheny; 4: Number 72; M. Horkan and 5: Number 42; F. Horkan. Please see Jackie to collect your winnings. New members welcome - you have to be in it, to win it! From the next draw, the weekly prize money will increase to £50.

ESCORTED TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO: 16th June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

ST PATRICK'S OPEN FORUM MEETING: will be in The Lappin Room at St Patrick's on Sunday 21st April after the 9.15 Mass. Please send any items for the agenda by 16/04 to John Graham via email: john.graham1950@yahoo.co.uk or text: 07963163335. Thanks.

Dates for your diary...	
Wednesday 1st May 2.00pm	Talk: 'The Hospice—Its work and Ideals' by Chris Swinton St John's Campbell Room
Thursday 2nd May 7.00pm	St Patrick's Ladies' Group meeting in the Lappin Room. All ladies welcome.
Saturday 11th May 10.30am	St Mary and St John's First Holy Communion Mass at St John's
Sunday 12th May	May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady at the end of the 11.00am Mass at St John's
Saturday 18th May 10.00am	St Patrick's First Holy Communion Mass at St Patrick's
Friday 24th May 1.45pm	Procession of Our Lady's Statue , Banners and Children's Artwork from St Patrick's Primary School into Church, followed by 2pm Crowning Service.
Sunday 26th May 12 noon	Friends of St John's Meeting and Jubilee Planning in the Campbell Room
Sunday 2nd June	Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction at the end of 11.00am Mass at St John's
Sunday 2nd June 5.00pm	Trip to Opera by Candlelight at St George's Hall, Liverpool (see Ruth for details)
Saturday 8th June 10.00am	St William's First Holy Communion Mass at St Patrick's Church
Saturday 13th July	The Priestly Ordination of Martin Fyles at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Save the date.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER: please note that items for the newsletter should be emailed to news_items20@aol.com by Thursday 8pm at the latest. Thank you