



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

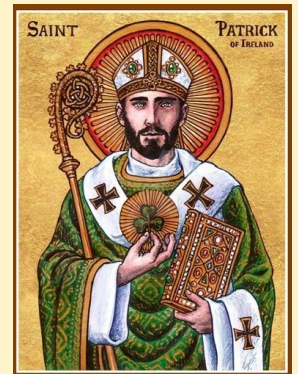
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## Sunday 21st April 2024 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Sun 21 April	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Terry Dixon Open Forum Meeting St Patrick's <b>after 9.15am Mass in the Lappin Room</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Mary Patricia Green (A) SVP Meeting in the <b>Campbell Room, St John's after 11am Mass</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 22 April	4th week of Eastertide	St Patrick's porch open 8.30am-3.30pm	Holy Mass <b>St John's 8.30am</b> —Exam Success Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b>
Tue 23 April	<b>St George, Martyr</b>		Year Reception Stay & Pray <b>St Mary and St John's School 2.45pm</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Ucha & V.O. Stephens
Wed 24 April	<i>St Adalbert of Prague</i> Bishop, Martyr		Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —John & Margaret Moreton Faith Refresher Course <b>St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm</b>
Thur 25 April	<b>St Mark, Evangelist</b>		Requiem Mass <b>St Patrick's 11.00am</b> for Josephine (Josie) Charles Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —The Gaskell Family
Fri 26 April	4th week of Eastertide		Year 1 Stay & Pray <b>St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am</b> Holy Mass (Y5 SMSJ attending) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Cecilia Cox (A)
Sat 27 April	4th week of Eastertide		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Agnes Darbyshire Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St John's 5.00pm</b> —Fr Johnson
Sun 28 April	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Ennio Pesce, followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Mary Mallin (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(A) - anniversary  
(LD) - lately dead  
(tB) - birthday remembrance

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

**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.

**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:** Audrey Loughnane, Bob Mather **RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Charles Collier, Hans Peter Schickhoff, Wallace Hill, Paddy McAllister, Mary Patricia Green, Cecilia Cox, Lavinia Connell, Gerard frost, James McGurrin, 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.

**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.

**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL FOR PEACE:** We say this prayer at the end of each Mass for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Copies can also be found at the back of church.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The changes in Mass times this week.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** next weekend there will be a retiring collection for Wigan and Leigh Hospice. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

**FAITH REFRESHER COURSE:** Our next meeting will be at

6.30pm, this Wednesday, April 24th at St John's Presbytery, when we will be talking about: The Holy Mass – What do Catholics Believe?

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** A North Wales day pilgrimage to Holywell, Pantasaph and Llandudno on Saturday 15th June. Following the very enjoyable pilgrimage two years ago John has booked the day again. The cost will be £16.00. Lists will be at the back of Church very soon...

**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:** on Friday 31st May in remembrance of Fr Barry McAllister and Fr John Johnson. May they rest in peace. 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 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 07712552410 to book a place.

**LOURDES 2024:** Our balances are due by NEXT TUESDAY 30th April. Cheques are payable to Northern Star Travel Ltd, and should be sent to Northern Star Travel, 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.

**ST JOHN'S EASTER RAFFLE:** Congratulations to Phil Bullen who won the hamper. We raised £260. Thanks for your support.

**ST PATRICK'S OPEN FORUM MEETING:** today in the Lappin Room after Mass. This is a chance to gain updates, plan events and ask questions. This is open meeting and one we warmly invite and encourage all parishioners to attend. Thank you to those who submitted items for the agenda.

**GRATEFUL THANKS:** We would like to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, recent generous donation made in loving memory of the late Thomas Touhey and Elaine. Please remember Tommy, Elaine and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

**THANK YOU:** to those who supported the arrival of those completing the preliminary work on St Patrick's roof and inside the church this week. The workers complimented the warm and friendly welcome they received. Our thanks also to those who helped to clean and beautify the Church ready for Holy Mass this weekend and to those who supported the emptying of the repository to provide access for the cherrypicker. Progress reports to follow... Please keep the restoration in your prayers.

**THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER RESUMES...** St Patrick's porch reopens this Monday, 22nd April, and remains open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-3:30pm. Do try to take advantage of this time of prayer, with the Risen Lord. Our thanks to those who open and close the Church each day to make this possible.

**HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS:** are available in our repositories. Please come and have a look.

**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL FOR PEACE:**

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle;  
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray  
and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God  
thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits,  
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Dates for your diary...*

Wednesday 1st May 2.00pm	Talk: <b>'The Hospice—Its work and Ideals'</b> 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	<b>St Mary and St John's First Holy Communion</b> Mass at St John's
Sunday 12th May	<b>May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady</b> at the end of the 11.00am Mass at St John's
Saturday 18th May 10.00am	<b>St Patrick's First Holy Communion</b> Mass at St Patrick's
Friday 24th May 1.45pm	<b>Procession of Our Lady's Statue</b> , Banners and Children's Artwork from St Patrick's Primary School into Church, followed by 2pm Crowning Service.
Friday 24th May 6.30pm	<b>Lourdes Preparation Meeting</b> in the Campbell Room at St John's
Sunday 26th May 12 noon	<b>Friends of St John's Meeting and Jubilee Planning</b> in the Campbell Room
Sunday 2nd June	<b>Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction</b> at the end of 11.00am Mass at St John's
Sunday 2nd June 5.00pm	Trip to <b>Opera by Candlelight</b> at St George's Hall, Liverpool (see Ruth for details)
Saturday 8th June 10.00am	<b>St William's First Holy Communion Mass</b> at St Patrick's Church
Saturday 13th July	The <b>Priestly Ordination of Martin Fyles</b> at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Save the date.