



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

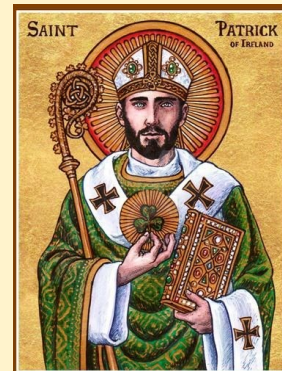
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## Sunday 7th April 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 7 April	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<p><b>Quarant'ore</b>— Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues at <b>St. John's</b> until <b>10.00pm</b></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b>—<i>Darren Aspey</i></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b>—<i>John Kehoe (LD)</i>, with Children's Liturgy</p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b>—<i>Parishioners</i> <b>NB No Zoom Rosary today</b></p> <p>Night Prayer and Benediction <b>St John's 9.30pm</b></p>
Mon 8 April	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	<p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b>—<i>Jack Everett</i></p> <p>Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b></p>
Tue 9 April	2nd week of Eastertide	<p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b>—<i>Gerard Howe</i></p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b>—<i>Thomas Touhey (LD)</i></p>
Wed 10 April	2nd week of Eastertide	<p>Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b>—<i>Margaret Howarth</i></p> <p>Faith Refresher Course <b>St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm</b></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b>—<i>James Sinclair</i></p>
Thur 11 April	<i>St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr</i>	<p>Holy Mass (Year 6 attending) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —<i>Brian Scott</i></p> <p>Requiem Mass <b>St Johns 12 noon</b> for Fr Barry McAllister</p> <p>St Patrick's Men's Group <b>The Lappin Room 7.30pm</b></p> <p>Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b>—<i>Benefactors of the Lancashire Infirmary Secular Clergy Fund</i></p>
Fri 12 April	2nd week of Eastertide	<p>Year 3 Stay &amp; Pray <b>St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am</b></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —<i>Annie Hooson</i></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —<i>Jean Eccleston</i></p>
Sat 13 April	<i>St Martin I, Pope, Martyr</i>	<p>Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —<i>Kevin Mulligan (sick)</i></p> <p>Parish Ramblers Walk Starting at <b>Haig Street Carpark at 1.00pm</b></p> <p>Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St John's 5.00pm</b>—<i>Special Intention</i></p>
Sun 14 April	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	<p>Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b>—<i>Brian Darbyshire</i></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b>—<i>Fr Barry McAllister (LD)</i></p> <p>Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b>—<i>Parishioners</i></p> <p>Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b></p>
<p><b>CONFESSIONS:</b> For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays.</p>		
<p><b>BAPTISM:</b> this Sunday is at St Patrick's –please pray for Orla Grace Roberts and her family.</p>		

St Patrick's Church porch open 8.30am-3.30pm

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

**MASS AT ST MARY'S:** Canon Montjean of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest will be celebrating Mass at St Mary's this week on Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup>) at 12.00 and again next Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) at 10.30am. Wednesday's Mass will be preceded at 10.30am by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour followed by Benediction. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour. After Mass on Sunday there will be a Coffee Morning.

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Cleary, Norman Ashall, Mary Hurst, Eileen & Robert Mather, Mary Clossick, Joseph Blackledge, Graham Slater, Bert Shaw, William Allcock, Joseph Walls, Bernard McLoughlin, Brian Gibson.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Fr Barry McAllister (LD) Gerard Howe, Mr Thomas Toughy

**QUARANT'ORE:** continues today at St John's. This a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the Risen Lord. The Watching list is still at the back of St John's Church.

**FAITH REFRESHER COURSE:** This Wednesday at 6.30pm in St John's Presbytery we'll be talking about the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are most welcome.

**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.

**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

**WIGAN & LEIGH HOSPICE TALK:** On Wednesday, May 1st, at 2.00pm Chris Swinton from Wigan & Leigh Hospice will be giving a talk in St John's Campbell Room about 'The Hospice – Its Ideals and Work'. We hope to present him on that occasion with a generous cheque for the Hospice, dependent as it is on charitable gifts. Donations can be popped through the letterbox at St John's. Please make cheques payable to: 'Wigan & Leigh Hospice.' Thank you.

**ST PATRICK'S EASTER HAMPER WINNERS:** Thank you to those who supported, prepared, ran and contributed to the Raffle. A wonderful £235 was generated for Restoration Funds. **1st Prize: Yellow 441-445; 2nd Prize: Green 141-145; 3rd Prize: Pink 851-855; 4th Prize: Blue 881-885.** Please see the ladies at the back of the church to claim.

**THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER RESUMES:** St Patrick's porch reopens this Monday, 8th April, Monday-Friday from 8:30am-3:30pm. Our thanks to those who open and close the Church each day to make this possible.

**SACRED HEART MESSENGERS:** The April Edition of this Irish Publication is on sale at the back of St Patrick's Church.

**THANK YOU:** To Elaine Smith who recently donated beautiful pots of shamrock, imported from Ireland, to St Patrick's Church. After adorning St Patrick's Statue on his recent Feast, these will now be planted in the grounds. Thanks also to John Graham who arranged for parishioners to have and wear shamrock at Holy Mass on Sunday 17th March. *Go raibh maith agat* - thank you!

**ST PATRICK'S REPOSITORY:** Is well stocked with a range of cards for all occasions; including First Holy Communion cards and keepsakes. Call in after Mass to make a purchase.

**PARISH ROAMING RAMBLERS:** Our next walk will be on Saturday, 13th April, starting at **1.00pm**. This will be a circular walk and will start at Wigan Pier taking in Scotman's Flash and Wigan Nature Reserve. We will meet on Haig Street Carpark (next to the VW garage on Wallgate, postcode WN3 4AZ) It is free on Saturdays. Please note the change of start time—it may be advisable to have an early lunch this time, before we walk, as there may not be the opportunity for a decent lunch stop on this one!

**WALK TO LADYEWELL:** On the Feast of the Visitation, Friday 31st May, a small group of parishioners will be walking in pilgrimage to Ladyewell from Wigan. This walk is in remembrance of Fr Barry McAllister and Fr John Johnson and will be sponsored for the work of the Hospice. The walk is 20 miles and is mainly road walking (A49) through Standish, Leyland, Bamber Bridge and Preston. We will be leaving at 8.00am and hope to arrive around 4.00pm. Mass will be said 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 to 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 07712552410 to book a place. Thank you.

**LOURDES 2024:** Our balances are due by 30th April. Cheques are payable to Northern Star Travel Ltd, and should be sent 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. There will be a Lourdes Meeting on Friday 24th May at 6.30pm in the Campbell Room at St John's

**ST JOHN'S JUBILEE PLANNING AND FRIENDS MEETING:** the dates for these meetings have been postponed and will be joined together in one meeting on Sunday 26th May after 11.00am Mass in the Campbell Room. Thank you.

**RESTORATION WORK BEGINS – AND AN APPEAL FOR CHURCH CLEANERS:** Next 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 from Monday, April 15th until and including Friday, 19th. 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 next Saturday (20th) will be warmly welcomed.

### Dates for your diary...

Sunday 21st April 12 noon	<b>SVP Meeting</b> —St John's Campbell Meeting after 11.00am Mass
Wednesday 1st May 2.00pm	Talk: <b>'The Hospice—Its work and Ideals'</b> by Chris Swinton St John's Campbell Room
Saturday 11th May 10.30am	St Mary and St John's First Holy Communion 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	St Patrick's First Holy Communion 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.
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	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.