

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

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## Sunday 10th March 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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	Parish Di	ary	for the week ahead including Mass Intentions	
Sun 10 March	4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —John Dixon Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Margaret Atherton (A), followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room. All Welcome. Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	Mother's Day
Mon 11 March	Week 4 of Lent	Sti	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pauline Walkden (A) Requiem Mass <b>St Patrick's 11.00am</b> for Jean Kennedy Church Cleaning <b>St Patrick's 6.30pm</b> . All Welcome.	
Tue 12 March	Week 4 of Lent	St Patrick's Church Porch open 8	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Jack Everett Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Barry Moran (A) First Belong to God Lenten Retreat <b>St John's Presbytery 7.30pm</b>	
Wed 13 March	Week 4 of Lent		Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am—Jim Lawson (A) Requiem Mass St Patrick's 11.00am for Margaret Clare Pulford Faith Refresher Course St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm Stations of the Cross St Patrick's 7.00pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm—Joseph & Mary Healy & Family	
Thu 14 March	Week 4 of Lent	3.30an	Holy Mass (Year 4 attending) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — <i>Michael &amp; Mary Maye &amp; Family</i> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> — <i>Gerard Healy (LD)</i>	
Fri 15 March	St Patrick (moved from Sunday 17th)	8.30am-3.30pm	St Patrick's School Year 5 Stay and Pray 9:05-9:15am in the Infan Stations of the Cross St John's 9.30am St John's 10.00am —Patricia Hayden (b/day) St Patrick's Day Procession and Holy Mass Procession starts at 1 Holy Mass at 2.00pm—Elsie Mason (LD) St Patrick's Night Celebrations Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club. D	<b>t Hall</b> . <b>45pm</b> from school,
Sat 16 March	Week 4 of Lent		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Vera Hilton (LD)	
Sun 17 March	5th Sunday of Lent		Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Michael & Margaret McNulty (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —The Gaskell Family Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>	(A) - anniversary (LD) - lately dead (†B) - birthday remembrance

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

**BAPTIMS:** This Sunday are at St Patrick's. Please pray for Izabella Garrity and her family.

<u>Please pray for those who are sick</u>: Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Johnson, Carol Green, Beatrice Taylor, Kevin Murphy, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Elaine Harris, Stan Walmsley, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Caroline Vasquez, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher. <u>Please pray for those who have died recently</u>: Josephine Ronbinson R.I.P.

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>: Jeanne Keenan, Brian Rylance, Jim Lawson, Margaret Atherton, Pauline Walkden, Barry Moran, John Dixon, Ann Bennett, Wendy Orritt, John Taylor, Julia Rourke, Keith Orritt, Sheila Thomas, Lilian Alcock, Michael & Margaret McNulty. <u>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED</u>: Josephine Robinson (LD), Patricia Hayden (b/day), Pauline Walkden (A), Mark Chadwick (A),

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**FAITH REFRESHER COURSE**: This Wednesday, at 6.30pm in St John's Presbytery we'll be meeting to discuss -The Catholic Church: Whose responsibility is it to teach the Faith? All are welcome.

FIRST BELONG TO GOD: the second Lenten retreat meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday in the Campbell Room. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: take place on Wednesday at St Patrick's at 7.00pm and Friday at St John's at 9.30am. If you would like to pray these at home during the week, videos can be found on the home page of our parish website. Books containing the traditional prayers of St Alphonsus and images of St Patrick's Stations are available to buy, priced £5. THE BRICK: have an URGENT appeal at the moment. They are in need of: cereal, long life milk, tinned desserts, biscuits, snacks, savoury rice/noodles, tinned meat, baby food. If you can help please leave in the boxes at the back of church. God bless you.

<u>CHRISM MASS AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL</u>: At this Mass on the Wednesday of Holy Week, If you would like to travel by coach to this Mass, a coach will be leaving Wigan (St John's and St Patrick's) at 5.30pm. Mass is at 7.30pm Please sign the sheet at the back of Church ASAP—the cost will be spilt between those travelling).

ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST: Will be celebrated on this Friday, 15th March. We will hold our Procession - from St Patrick's Primary School into Church - at 1:45pm; before the celebration of Holy Mass at 2pm. The whole school will be attending. The festivities continue later in the evening and will be held at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club and we are delighted to be welcoming back Irish singer, Michael Coyne. There will also be dancing, music from Martyn, hot food and a Raffle. THE NOVENA TO ST PATRICK: began last Friday. Please take a copy of the Novena from the back of the church as we prepare to celebrate our Patronal Feast. Each day will also be uploaded to the Church Facebook Page.

**THE BIG CLEAN**: Thank you to all those people who turned up throughout the day. It was great to see so many on such a busy weekend.

ST JOHN'S GARDENING ANGELS: are back this Monday 11th March. We meet on the church car park at 2pm & we finish at 4pm. More helpers will be made very welcome as there are many garden areas & grounds to oversee & to keep tidy. No gardening experience needed, just bring your own drink & gardening gloves. Delicious biscuits will be provided.

PARISH ROAMING RAMBLERS: Our next walk will be on Saturday 13th April, time to be confirmed. This will be a circular walk and will start at Wigan Pier taking in Scotman's Flash and Wigan Nature Reserve. More details to follow, but save the date!

**THEATRE TRIPS**: The price for the coach for The Mikado will be £11. The price of the coach for Opera Highlights tbc. soon. **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**: On Wednesday 1st May at 2.00pm Chris Swinton from Wigan & Leigh Hospice will give a talk in the Campbell Room at St John's on 'The Hospice—its work and Ideals'. All Welcome.

**CARDS FOR SALE:** Next Sunday, 17th March, Jennifer and the ladies will be selling cards at the back of church to raise funds for the flowers at Easter—please remember to bring some cash!! Thanks for your support.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM 2024			
Holy Thursday 28th March	<ul> <li>Morning Prayer of the Church St John's 9.00am</li> <li>Mass of the Lord's Supper St John's 7.30pm followed by Watching, concluding with Night Prayer at 10.00pm</li> </ul>		
Good Friday 29th March	<ul> <li>Morning Prayer of the Church St John's 9.00am</li> <li>Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the True Cross St Patrick's 11.00am</li> <li>Celebration of the Lord's Passion St John's 3.00pm</li> </ul>		
Holy Saturday 30th March	<ul> <li>Morning Prayer of the Church St John's 9.00am</li> <li>Więconka—Traditional Blessing of the Baskets St Patrick's Church 12.00n0on</li> <li>The Easter Vigil St John's 8.00pm, followed by refreshments in the Campbell Room</li> </ul>		

Dates for your diary				
Monday 18th March 7.00pm	St Patrick's Mens' Group Meeting in the Lappin Room			
Thursday 21st March 7.00pm	St Patrick's Mens' Group social at <b>Ella Restaurant</b> , to celebrate our Patronal Feast. Please see John Graham to book on. A £5 deposit will be required by Thursday 14th March.			
Saturday 23rd March 2.00pm	Trip to see <b>The Mikado</b> at Bolton Little Theatre (see Ruth for details)			
Sunday 24th March 6.00pm	Lenten Reflection led by our Children's Liturgy Group St John's Church			
Sat 6th April—Sun 7th April	Quarant'ore 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration will be held at <b>St John's Church</b>			
Tuesday 16th April 6.00pm	Planning meeting for the Jubilee Year in the Campbell Room at St John's			
Sunday 21st April 12 noon	SVP Meeting—St John's Campbell Meeting after 11.00am Mass			
Friday 31st May 2024	Day Walk to Ladyewell from St John's Church. Holy Mass on arrival. More details soon			
Sunday 2nd June 5.00pm	Trip to <b>Opera by Candlelight</b> at St George's Hall, Liverpool (see Ruth for details)			

## **EASTER CARDS**