



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

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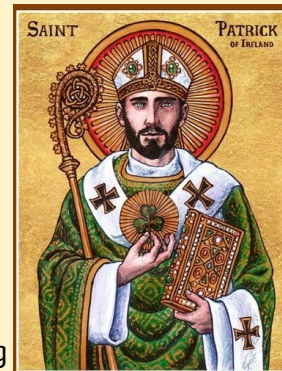
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## Sunday 17th March 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 17 March	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	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>
Mon 18 March	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Arun & Swany's Intentions Funeral Service <b>St Patrick's 12 noon</b> for Thomas Touhey Gardening at <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b> St Patrick's Men's Group Meeting <b>The Lappin Room 7pm</b>
Tue 19 March	<b>St Joseph</b>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —John McDonough & Family Requiem Mass <b>St Patrick's 12 noon</b> for Elaine Harris Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Barry Moran (A)
Wed 20 March	Week 5 of Lent	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Special Intention (DM) Requiem Mass <b>St Patrick's 11.00am</b> for Tony Chambers Faith Refresher Course <b>St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>St Patrick's 7.00pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Harold Thomas
Thu 21 March	Week 5 of Lent	Holy Mass (Year 3 attending) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Kathleen Unsworth (B/day) St Patrick's Men's Group Social <b>Ella 7.00pm</b> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —The Gaskell Family
Fri 22 March	Week 5 of Lent	St Patrick's School Year 4 Stay and Pray <b>9:05-9:15am in the Infant Hall</b> Stations of the Cross <b>St John's 9.30am</b> Holy Mass (Year 5 SMSJ attending) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Josephine Robinson (LD) Funeral Service <b>St Patrick's 10.00am</b> for Francis Grimshaw St Patrick's Primary School Lenten Service in Church <b>St Patrick's 2.00pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Doreen Newton
Sat 23 March	Week 5 of Lent	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Winifred Frost St Mary and St John's Reader's Meeting <b>St John's Presbytery 11.00am</b> Trip to The Mikado—leave <b>St John's 12.30pm</b> , leave <b>St Patrick's 12.45pm</b>
Sun 24 March	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Michael Pitcher Jnr (sick) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Canon John Campbell (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Lenten Reflection led by St John's Children's Liturgy Group <b>St John's 6.30pm</b> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

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

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

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

**BAPTISM:** This Sunday are at St Patrick's. Please pray for Edward Joseph & Polly Elizabeth Fitzpatrick and their family.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Johnson, 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Canon John Campbell, Brenda Kendrick, Michael & Margaret McNulty, Patrick Gannon, Dorothy Jolley, Sarah Farrell, Elizabeth Griffin, Kevin Govan, Wilfred Mitchell, John Blake, James Gavaghan, Ethel Devine, Mary Massey, Philomena Jones, Maureen Clossick.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Clare Pulford (LD), Mothers Day Remembrance, Kathleen Unsworth, Joseph Stanley Shepherd, Gerard Howe, John Bone.

**FAITH REFRESHER COURSE:** This Wednesday, at 6.30pm in St John's Presbytery, we'll be talking about: The Holy Sacraments of the Church and Baptism in Particular. All are welcome.

**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.

**CHRISM MASS AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL:** 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 split between those travelling. St John's List is now full—please speak to Chris if you would like a space.

**TODAY:** Sunday March 17th, is the Feast of Saint Patrick. A very Happy Patronal Feast - *Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!*

**ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S LENTEN SERVICE:** takes place at 2:15pm this Friday, 22nd March, in Church. The children will lead us in Prayer, Readings, Reflections and Hymns as we journey closer to Holy Week. All are welcome.

**ST MARY AND ST JOHN PRIMARY SCHOOL'S LENTEN MASS:** takes place during Holy Week at 10.00am on Wednesday 27th March in St John's Church.

**ST JOHN'S CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP:** will lead a Lenten Reflection (based on The Tale of Three Trees) next Sunday (24th) at 6.30pm. All are most welcome. Please see the poster in Church.

**ST JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will take place both on Easter Sunday at the 11.00am Mass and the week after on Sunday 7th April (our usual week).

**QUARANT'ORE:** The Watching list is now at the back of St John's Church. Please sign up to spending time with the Lord. The time slots are broken into 30 minutes.

**ARCHDIOCESAN THANK YOU:** The Pastoral Department Team of the Archdiocese of Liverpool express their thanks to all concerned with the Care for Creation Environmental Conference held last weekend at St Patrick's Primary School. Thank you to all those involved with the preparations for Holy Mass and the day itself. Both Archbishop Malcolm and Bishop John were very complimentary. Photographs can be viewed on the St Patrick's Facebook Page.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who made Friday's transferred Feast of St Patrick such a success. Thank you, also, to those who helped to clean and prepare the Church. Photographs of the celebration of Holy Mass and the St Patrick's Night festivities can be viewed on the St Patrick's Facebook Page.

**PARISH ROAMING RAMBLERS:** Our next walk will be on Saturday 13th April, starting at 12 noon. This will be a circular walk and will start at Wigan Pier taking in Scotman's Flash and Wigan Nature Reserve. Save the date!

**READERS MEETING:** There will be a meeting for St Mary's and St John's Readers at St John's Presbytery at 11.00am on Saturday, March 23rd. Fr O'Shea hopes that as many Readers as possible will be able to attend. It shouldn't be a long meeting but it will provide an opportunity for us to get together and to plan a rota for the Easter Triduum and future Masses.

**WELCOMER'S ROTA:** a new and amended rota has been placed at the back of St John's Church. Everyone is most welcome to sign up for our weekend Masses. All you need is a smile!

**AGAPE:** Our local ecumenical group invites you to come to an Agape service at St Michael's on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome. If you plan to join us, please ring Steve Atherton on 07740008970 so that we can provide enough hot cross buns!

**ST JOHN'S EASTER RAFFLE:** tickets will be on sale from this Sunday. There is one prize—a Marks and Spencer's Hamper. The winning ticket will be drawn by the Children's Liturgy on Sunday 7th April.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM 2024	
Holy Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer of the Church <b>St John's 9.00am</b></li> <li>Mass of the Lord's Supper <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> followed by Watching, concluding with Night Prayer at <b>10.00pm</b></li> </ul>
Good Friday 29th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer of the Church <b>St John's 9.00am</b></li> <li>Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the True Cross <b>St Patrick's 11.00am</b></li> <li>Celebration of the Lord's Passion <b>St John's 3.00pm</b></li> </ul>
Holy Saturday 30th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer of the Church <b>St John's 9.00am</b></li> <li>Święconka—Traditional Blessing of the Baskets <b>St Patrick's Church 12.00noon</b></li> <li>The Easter Vigil <b>St John's 8.00pm</b>, followed by refreshments in the Campbell Room</li> </ul>



Dates for your diary...	
Thursday 4th April 7.00pm	<b>St Patrick's Ladies' Group</b> Meeting in the Lapin Room
Sat 6th April—Sun 7th April	<b>Quarant'ore</b> 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	<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
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)