

20 February 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

1Sam 26:2,7-9, 12-13,22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading:

1Cor 15: 34-49

Alleluia:

John 13:34

Gospel:

Luke 6: 27-38

Programme of worship:

Sunday 20 February

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 21 February

No Mass

Tues 22 - Sat 26 February

12.30pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday & Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm.

To arrange reconciliation out with this time, contact 0131 556 1973.

Liturgical Calendar

21 Feb St Peter Damian

23 Feb The Chair of St Peter

24 Feb St Polycarp

26 Feb Blessed Virgin Mary

COVID protocols

1. wear mask (unless exempt)
2. sanitize hands on entry
3. sanitize hands before exiting
4. Use QR code/provide details

Praying for victims and survivors: The Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse takes place on Friday 4 March.

St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair
Served by The Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy



Fr Francis Ututo SMMM, Administrator

Fr Emmanuel Ndukwu SMMM, Assisting Priest

Fr Kingsley Idoghor SMMM, Assisting Priest

Dear Parishioners

Love your enemies, Jesus tells us, challenging society's values and even common sense. Why should we love those who have hurt us? Well, one of the greatest gifts we can give is our mercy. We may feel that our enemy doesn't deserve our mercy, but it may help to realize that it is God's mercy that we extend, that it's God's mercy that counts. Let us think of those who have wronged us and pray that we can be instruments of God's mercy in their lives.

Gospel reflection

We have here, for those "who hear," the deeper challenge beyond the Beatitudes. Not everyone can hear and live this challenge; this is why it is so difficult to establish God's reign. Jesus lays out the concrete conduct that establishes the kingdom, and it truly is extraordinary in its demands. True this extraordinary way of relating to others isn't normal! It is divine! God has acted toward us already with extraordinary kindness and mercy, already giving us a full measure of blessedness. Can we afford not to hear?

(Living Liturgy, p.62)

Prayer of the week

Merciful Lord, help me to forgive all who have offended me and all with whom I am angry. Free me from the burdens of condemnation and judgement and have compassion in my heart in my dealings with others. Amen.

Thought of the week

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

St Teresa of Calcutta.

Questions of the week

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Who has hurt me to whom I can give mercy?

How can I go about giving mercy, giving life, to them?

We **pray** for **parishioners** who are sick and remember in a special way all who are in hospital and those who are housebound. May they know the love of this community.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of James Conaghan who died recently, and for the consolation of all those who mourn for him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Mass Intentions

Date	Mass	Name	Intention
20 February	9.00	Alan Dougall	For the repose of his soul and the consolation of his mother
23 February	12.30	Ellen McCafferty	Anniversary, RIP
24 February	12.30	Elizabeth Gallagher	Anniversary, RIP

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 13 February

GA £ 155.00
NGA £ 176.67

Making a donation:

If you have not already done so, you may wish to consider taking out a standing order for your weekly / monthly contribution, in this case, the parish account details are:

St Patricks Church
Bank of Scotland
Sort code: 80-02-29
Account No. 00687306

Runciman work is progressing on the left oval painting. Take care when passing close to the scaffolding and observe all guidance.

40 Hours' Devotion: find out more about Eucharistic Adoration at bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist and find the full Archdiocesan programme at bit.ly/40hoursschedule

The **obligation to attend Sunday Mass** is to be restored from 6 March, the First Sunday of Lent. As always, the obligation does not apply to the sick, their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus.

The Archdiocese is recruiting an **Adviser in Religious Education (primary schools)**. While the post is full-time, applicants looking for part-time or flexible working patterns are also encouraged to apply. Please see archedinburgh.org.uk/new-s-events for details.

The **African / Caribbean Mass** will be celebrated at 1.00pm on Sunday 6 March. All welcome.

Becoming and Making Disciples Today: The Archdiocese is hosting a *Forming Intentional Disciples* workshop, where you can learn how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others. The three-day workshop starts on Friday 25th February at St Kentigern's Church, Barnton, EH4 7QR. To register/ for more info please email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical initiative led by Christian women takes place on Friday 4th March. More information at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/ecumenism/>

Events for married/engaged couples

The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead up to the 10th World Meeting of Families (Rome 22-26 June 2022). These events are for couples to come before the Lord together in reflection on the beautiful Catholic vision of marriage and family life, thanksgiving for the gift of this calling and prayer for the blessing of their love. The reflections will draw on themes developed in Pope Francis' Encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Register at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

- 1. Sunday 6th March 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo Cushley.
- 2. Sunday 3rd April 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella.
- 3. Sunday 8th May 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine.
- 4. Wednesday 18th May 2022**, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples.

Distance Aware: (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-distance-aware-scheme>) Many people are still concerned about coronavirus, worried about mixing with others or just feel more comfortable with space around them. We would ask everybody, where space allows, to maintain a respectful distance from one another.

The Beginning Experience for those experiencing loss through separation, divorce or death takes place in St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth 25 -27 March. For further information contact 0131 665 3383 or beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com

To show our **appreciation of Father Benedict** and his ministry here in St Patrick's, a special collection will be made on Sunday 27 February. Please place donations in the labelled basket in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity. A presentation will be made to Father Benedict when he returns from his holiday.

SCIAF, Wee Box Big Change packs are available for collection from Sunday 27 February.

Keep safe. Stay well.

Fr Francis SMMM, Fr Emmanuel SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM