

27 February 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Sir 27: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16

Second Reading:

1Cor 15: 54-58

Alleluia:

Phil 2: 15, 16

Gospel:

Luke 6: 39-45

Programme of worship:

Sunday 27 February

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 28 February

No Mass

Tuesday 1 March, Mass 12.30

Wed 2 March, Ash Wednesday

Mass 12.30pm & 6.00pm

Thurs 3 March, Requiem Mass

Mass 12.30pm

Fri 4 March

Stations of the Cross, 12noon

Mass 12.30pm

Sat 5 March, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.55am

Mass 12.30pm

Praying for the beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

Reconciliation: Wednesday and Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm.

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

Liturgical Calendar

4 March St Casimir

COVID protocols: wear mask (unless exempt), sanitize hands on entry & before exiting, use QR code/provide details and please maintain a respectful distance from one another.

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

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Fr Kingsley Idoghor SMMM, Assisting Priest

Dear Parishioners

Jesus the Teacher presents lessons as relevant today as they were when he taught his disciples two thousand years ago. In a few days we will be beginning Lent, when we will be reminded of the lessons Jesus taught us as he anticipated his eventual death. But today we hear Jesus in the course of his ministry teaching everyday wisdom for ordinary times in our lives. As we move from Ordinary Time to Lent, let us relearn the lessons that guide us at any time of the year.

Gospel reflection

Most of us think that we have more forgiveness to give than to receive. We like to think that more people are unfair or unjust to us than we are to them. Because we think in that way, we find it hard to offer forgiveness, real forgiveness, to others. We think much more of how hard it is for us to forgive than we do about the difficulty that others have in forgiving us. We measure out our forgiveness like money, very carefully and with much calculation. I doubt if we use the same care when we come to measuring the cost of that forgiveness which we expect and receive from others. If we spent more time thinking about what it costs others to forgive us, rather than about what it costs us to forgive others, we would be more successful in taking resentment out of our hearts.

(McCullen, Deep Down Things, p.566)

Prayer of the week

Lord, I love You and give my life to You. I pray that I may be planted in the fertile soil of Your abundant love and mercy. Help me to be nourished by the life of grace You have lavished upon me and bring forth an abundance of good fruit in my life. Amen.

Thought of the week

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

Saint Basil

? Question of the week

What can I do this Lent to bear fruit more fully in the world?

This **Ash Wednesday, 2 March**, we shall follow the Bishop's Conference recommendation that ashes be sprinkled on the head/hair of the person (a common practice in most European countries).

The **Requiem Mass** of James Conaghan will be celebrated on Thursday 3 March at 12.30pm. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Date	Mass	Name	Intention
1 March	12.30pm	Mollie Irwin(née Nelson)	Anniversary, RIP
2 March	12.30pm	Josie Tracey	Thanksgiving for her life and legacy
4 March	12.30pm	Helen Dillon	Anniversary, RIP
5 March	12.30pm	Tracey family	Personal Intentions

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 20 February

GA £ 130.00

NGA £ 282.37

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

Saturday 5 March, the monthly Mass praying for the beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is at 12.30pm.

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 obligation does not apply to the sick, their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus.

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an **Adviser in Religious Education (primary schools)**. 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.

Details of St Patrick's Lenten programme will be available from Ash Wednesday, 2 March.

Do collect a **SCIAF** Wee Box, Big Change Pack today.

The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. For confidential information or to register for the programme, which begins with a virtual weekend 3-6 March, call/text 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com Info is at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4 March Christians around the world gather using the same form of worship. This year's service in our area is in the Methodist Church, Nicolson Square at 2.30pm. You are most warmly invited to come along to the service and worship with Christians of all denominations (you are asked to take a lateral flow test beforehand)

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

- for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted.
- for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable.
- that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message, Sow Seeds of Goodness can be found at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-02/pope-francis-lenten-message-sow-seeds-of-goodness.html>

The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead up to the 10th World Meeting of Families. 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. Registration at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite **Sunday 6th March 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo Cushley.

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering loss through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place in St Mary's, Kinnoull, from 25-27 March 2022. For further information contact Catherine 0131 665 3383 or beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com

The **Ignatian Spirituality Centre** in Glasgow is **hosting an online retreat in Lent**. Each day features an episode from the life of St Ignatius, music, art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection.

Details at <https://iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>

Please place donations in the labelled basket in the foyer to show your **appreciation of Father Benedict** and his ministry here in St Patrick's. Thank you for your generosity.

Keep safe. Stay well.

Fr Francis SMMM, Fr Emmanuel SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM

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