

23 January 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 19:8-10, 15

Second Reading:

1Cor 12:12-14, 27/12:12-30

Alleluia:

Luke 4:18

Gospel:

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Programme of worship:

Sunday 23 January

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 24 January

No Mass

Tues 25 January

Funeral Mass John Slaven

12.30pm

Wed 26 January

Requiem Mass Philip Meikle

12.30pm

May John and Philip rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thurs 27- Sat 30 January

12.30pm

Reconciliation Wednesday and Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm. To arrange reconciliation out with this time, contact 0131 556 1973.

Liturgical Calendar

24 Jan St Paul de Sales

26 Jan Ss Timothy and Titus

28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas

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.

Mass Intentions

Date	Mass	Name	Intention
27 January	12.30pm	Veronica Carter	Recent death
28 January	12.30pm	Tommy Robertson	Died 4 January 2022
29 January	12.30pm	Sarah Duffy	Mass for the sick

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

We gather together today to worship the Lord, as faithful people have done throughout history. Two noteworthy examples are described in our readings. When Ezra the priest read the Torah in the streets of Jerusalem after the Jewish people had returned from exile, it brought people to tears. When Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah in his home-town synagogue, he revealed that he himself was the fulfillment of that passage. This Sunday has been instituted by Pope Francis as the Sunday of the Word of God, an opportunity for the whole Church to deepen our knowledge of Scripture. Let us take this opportunity today to listen closely and discern whether we can hear Jesus calling us to something more.

Gospel reflection

We would guess that Jesus introduced a long, pregnant pause, before he said what the synagogue people could hardly expect: *"Today, this Scripture is being fulfilled in your hearing."* We are still in the time when the scroll has been set aside, when all eyes turn to Jesus, and there is a pregnant pause. Now we—our own lives—fill the meaning of the pregnant pause. We can do so because, like Jesus, in our baptism we also have been anointed with the Spirit. And so, we are called to look for the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed among us. We don't have to look very far! *"Today this passage has been fulfilled"* is now true only when we ourselves respond to those around us who need a nourishing, strengthening, joyful word.
(Living Liturgy, p.46)

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord, I thank You for the wonderful gift of Sacred Scripture. Thank You for all You have revealed through this gift and for the way that You used the human author for the transmission of Your life. Help me always to be open to the divine Word and to be always open to becoming a living presence of that Word in our world. Amen

Thought of the week

Jesus is the only significance. He alone matters. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Questions of the week

- ? In what ways am I poor, oppressed or held captive?
How does the Lord's promise speak to me?
How can I bring glad tidings to those who are poor & oppressed?
How is this Scripture passage from Luke being fulfilled in my life today?

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 16 January

GA	£ 115.00
NGA	£ 316.69
Saint Anthony's Bread	
	£ 4.00

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

Given the rapid spread of the Omicron Variant, the Scottish Government is recommending we take frequent lateral flow tests .. in order to keep each other safe may we suggest that we take a test before we come out to Mass? Please follow current protocols:

1. remain **vigilant**
2. **wear** masks
3. sanitizer used on entry and exit
4. **keep a safe distance**
5. QR codes (for NHS Test and Protect programme) to be used where possible or welcomers will record details.
6. avoid gathering in groups in the foyer and at the front door
7. to ensure good ventilation the front door will be kept open during Mass. Please do wrap up warm with an extra layer or two as the air is now very chilly!
8. seats are sanitized after each Mass. Thank you for taking care of yourself and others.

Runciman

Scaffolding is now in place, take care and observe all guidance.

Diploma in Catechetics: lasts one year, begins this month and costs £200. Students £150. Other concessions are available. Please email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk for more information. Register at bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022

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

Lunchtime talk: the Archdiocese's lunchtime talks on the Pope's encyclical *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love, concludes Monday 24 January at 1:30pm on Zoom. Register at bit.ly/AmorisTalks. Talks also uploaded to the Archdiocesan YouTube channel bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Synod 2021-2023: The Edinburgh Deanery **Synod meeting** is scheduled for 7.00pm on 26 January in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Read more about the Synod at www.synod.va

Mass of Thanksgiving: to mark the news that **Rutilio Grande SJ** of El Salvador will soon be declared a 'Blessed', Archbishop Leo will join the Jesuits for a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm on Saturday 22 January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)

Edinburgh Churches Together host an Ecumenical Service of Prayer at 7pm, Monday 24 January, at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX. The service will be streamed on the Church's YouTube channel.

SPUC Youth Conference

The largest UK pro-life youth conference takes place 25-27 February 2022 in Stone, Staffordshire. It is open to people aged 16-35 and a chance to meet fellow young pro-life leaders. Register at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference2022> Sponsorship is available to young people in our Archdiocese. Please contact the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk

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

Called and Gifted Workshop: Come and discover these charisms in you at the *Called and Gifted Workshop*. It takes place at 9-5pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh and is hosted by the Archdiocese's Catechetics Commission. To register and for more info please email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

Alma Mater Fund: an initiative of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at university to support them in pursuing their goals. For more info, visit almamaterfund.org.uk or email info@almamaterfund.org.uk

Take care. Keep safe. Stay well.

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