

6 February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Is 6: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 137: 1-5, 7-8

Second Reading:

1Cor 15: 1-11

Alleluia:

John 15: 15

Gospel:

Luke 5: 1-11

Programme of worship:

Sunday 6 February

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 7 February

No Mass

Tues 8 - Sat 12 February

12.30pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday & Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm.

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

Liturgical Calendar

08 Feb St Jerome Emiliani

10 Feb St Scholastica

11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes

COVID

Please follow all protocols and continue to take care of yourself and others.

1. **wear** masks
2. **sanitize** hands on entry and exit
3. **keep a respectful distance**
4. QR codes (for NHS Test and Protect programme) to be used where possible or welcomers will record details.

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

God calls each of us to greatness. We may not feel worthy of such a calling, but this is natural. We hear in today's readings that Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter - giants of our faith - felt unworthy when they were called by the Lord. Jesus calls each of us to discipleship as well. Let us reflect on how we are called to be a disciple and pray for the courage and confidence to follow him.

Gospel reflection

Jesus' power manifested in the great catch of fish brings Peter to confess his sinfulness. But the story does not stop with the confession of unworthiness, but continues with Peter who then "left everything and followed him." The appearance of God always reveals our own sinfulness, but God's focus is elsewhere - on our call and our mission. God sees humanity as created to be good, as persons who can choose to respond to God's call and fulfill the mission God gives. If we look for "large catches of fish" we will miss God's message. The gospel invites us to look to the simple manifestations of holiness that indicate the presence of God, for example, in the generosity of so many volunteers, in the faithfulness of husbands and wives, in the unselfishness of parish workers, in the uncomplaining suffering of the sick, in the gracious wisdom of the elderly. The "yes" response to our call is to imitate these good behaviours and by so doing we extend God's reign.

(Living Liturgy, p.54)

Prayer of the week

Lord of infinite mercy, I desire to give myself to You for Your service and glory. I desire to go forward at Your command, looking for souls in most need of Your mercy. Give me the grace I need to be faithful in the calling You have given to me so that Your loving mercy will reach those most in need. Amen

Thought of the week

Devotion is a certain act of the will by which man give himself promptly to the service of God. *St Thomas Aquinas*

Question of the week

? How have you seen the presence of God in the "simple manifestations of holiness" in those around you?

We continue to **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
16 February	11.00am	Joe Snape	Anniversary 20/02/22. RIP

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 30 January

GA £ 127.00

NGA £ 234.67

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

Take care when passing close to the scaffolding and observe all guidance.

The Catholic Directories

Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh are now available, **£3.00** each.

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.

See Pastoral Letter for details.

National Synod event

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) hosts 'Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church' at 2pm on Saturday 12 February. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops. This event will be streamed on the BCOS YouTube channel at bit.ly/BCOSYouTube

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 19 February 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

The new Scottish **Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency** has been established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. Lady Rae is looking to recruit people to act as Board Directors to support the work of the agency. Details at <https://asppeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

You may have heard or read about Distance Aware - Badges & lanyards have recently been made available to anyone who prefers that others take extra care around them for any reason, especially as we learn to live with Covid. You might come across fellow parishioners wearing such a badge or lanyard. As we have previously said, 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. Thank you.

(more info at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-distance-aware-scheme>)

African/Caribbean Mass

The first African/Caribbean Mass in the Archdiocese takes place here this afternoon at 1.00pm. All welcome.

Pro-Life opportunity

Do you have experience in Adobe, particularly in Design and Photoshop? Could you help Stanton Healthcare, a new pregnancy support charity, with their images and brochures? More information available from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: paul.atkin@staned.org.uk

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/news-events for details.

Take care. Keep safe. Stay well.

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