

30 January 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

Second Reading:

1Cor 12:31-13:13

Alleluia:

Luke 4:18

Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

Programme of worship:

Sunday 30 January

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 31 January

No Mass

Tues 1 - Sat 5 February

12.30pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday & Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm.

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

Liturgical Calendar

31 Jan St John Bosco

02 Jan Presentation of the Lord

05 Jan St Agatha

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 safe 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

The opening lines of both the first reading and the Gospel are heart-warming and inspiring, but both readings soon turn difficult and serious. Living faithfully to the gospel can be like this. We may leave here enthused and inspired, only to encounter conflict or adversity at home, in our neighbourhood, or in the world. Let us pray that the Eucharist may strengthen us for our struggles this week.

Gospel reflection

As the crowds doubted who Jesus was because of his simple origins, so will others doubt who we are if we courageously live the gospel. No matter what simple origins we might have, our living the gospel is what must shape our everyday choices. This means, for example, that if the chatter around the coffee machine at work grows uncharitable or coarse, we have the courage to walk away. If prejudice exists among our friends and acquaintances, we have the courage to extol the dignity of the minority. We are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. *(Living Liturgy, p.50)*

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord, I thank You for my family. I thank You for the gift they have been in my life. Help me to show mercy and forgiveness as needed. Help me to be Your voice speaking through them. Amen

Thought of the week

Seek not to understand that you believe, but believe that you may understand. *St Augustine of Hippo*

Questions of the week

- ? How does my living of the gospel shape my everyday choices?
How has God reassured me and given me confidence?
When have I felt frightened or foolish by doing something I felt called to do?

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
30 January	11.00am	Cassidy family	Healing for sick family members

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 23 January

GA £ 177.00

NGA £ 205.70

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

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Runciman

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The Catholic Directories, for the 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.

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

The new Scottish **Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency** has been established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the *Safeguarding Matters* newsletter, available at bit.ly/3tyeInn. provides details of what the agency will do. Lady Rae is looking to recruit people to act as Board Directors to support the work of the agency. Details at <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

Alma Mater Fund: provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at university to support them in pursuing their goals. For more information visit almamaterfund.org.uk or email info@almamaterfund.org.uk

African / Caribbean Mass: an exciting new initiative within the Diocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh on the first Sunday of each month. We are very pleased to announce that our first African /Caribbean Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's, Cowgate on Sunday 6 February at 1.00pm. All are cordially invited to join us in prayer.

Take care. Keep safe. Stay well.

Fr Francis SMMM, Fr Emmanuel SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM