

9 January 2022

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

First Reading:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 29 or Psalm 124

Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Alleluia:

Mark 9:7 or Luke 3:16

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Programme of worship:

Sunday 9 January

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 10 January

No Mass

Tues 11 - Sat 15 January

Mass 12.30pm

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

Liturgical Calendar

13 Jan St Kentigern

40 Hours' Devotions:

Find the full diocesan parish schedule for 40 Hours' Devotion at bit.ly/40hoursschedule

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 Benedict Umeohana SMMM, Assisting Priest

Fr Kingsley Idoghor SMMM, Assisting Priest

Dear Parishioners

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and a voice from the heavens rang out, 'You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you.' No such dove was seen or voice was heard when we were baptized, yet the Holy Spirit did descend upon us in baptism and we were welcomed into this holy family, initiated into the body of Christ. Let us give thanks today for the blessings we received in baptism, blessings we note in the baptism we celebrate today.

Gospel reflection

As Jesus was baptized by John, so must we be baptized –not just in the waters of repentance but by the Holy Spirit and fire which calls us, too, to give ourselves to God. Thus, receiving the Spirit in our own baptism manifests our identity as ones who are saved, renewed, justified and heirs of eternal life, that is, those who also share in God's life. Being baptized by fire means that we share in Jesus' mission. We come to an appreciation of all this when we, like Jesus, contemplate this mystery of baptism in prayer. As we appreciate more and more who we are and what we are to do, we gradually come to realize that *we ourselves* are God's presence for another. (Living Liturgy, p.36)

Prayer of the week

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Saviour of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Amen.

Thought of the week

? There is no such thing as low-cost Christianity. Following Jesus means swimming against the tide, renouncing evil and selfishness.

Pope Francis

Question of the week

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

Mass Intentions

Date	Mass	Name	Intention
07 January	12.30pm	Jim Canning	1st Anniversary 5 Jan RIP
08 January	12.30pm	Jim Inglis	Sick in hospital
09 January	09.00am	Maisie Kellacher & son Francis	Anniversary. RIP
09 January	11.00am	Rosie Gillespie	Recent death
09 January	4.30pm		Thanks giving for 2021
11 January	12.30pm	3 Redemptorist novices Redemptorist community	Lost lives in road accident Great loss to their order
12 January	12.30pm	John Slaven	Recent death
13 January	12.30pm	Peggy Coonagh	Recent death
14 January	12.30pm	Stella M. Kinread	Recent death
15 January	12.30pm	McFadden Family	Private intention

Finance:

Collections

Saturday 25 December

GA £ 177.00

NGA £ 256.56

Sunday 26 December

GA £ 120.00

NGA £ 227.77

Sunday 2 January

GA £ 165.00

NGA £ 254.37

Saint Anthony's Bread

£ 31.00

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

Covid 19 Restrictions

The Scottish Bishops have announced that due to the recent upsurge of coronavirus cases the restoration of the Sunday obligation will be postponed to a more favourable time.

Runciman

In preparation for restoration work to begin on one of the pendants, scaffolding is scheduled to be erected in the apse on Monday 10 January. Full details of the programme of work will be shared in due course.

Clergy moves in the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy Community. On behalf of everyone I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Benedict for his positive contribution to the life and work of St Patrick's. Please keep Father Benedict in your prayers as he begins his ministry in Sacred Heart Parish, Grangemouth later this week (15 January).

We extend a warm welcome to Father Emmanuel who begins his ministry in St Patrick's on Saturday 15 January 2022.

Diploma in Catechetics: what you need to know

When does the Diploma in Catechetics start? We begin **27 January** and finish **8 December**, with a break over the summer holidays.

How do I sign up? You can register via Eventbrite at [bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diploma-in-catechetics-2022-tickets-31234567890)

How much is the Diploma in Catechetics? The cost is £200. For information about bursaries, student rates, and scheduled payments contact SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

What's involved? Each week, content is delivered via Zoom from a variety of instructors from all over the Archdiocese.

The Joy of Love.

There will be three talks explaining this important document, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, beginning 10 January, led by Sr Anna Marie, the Archdiocese's Catechetics Advisor and Fr Nick Welsh, vice rector of the Scots College in Rome.

Synod 2021-2023: Read more about the Synod at www.synod.va

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) from 18-25 January.

A message from Fr Jeremy Bath, VE for Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue: Our commission is preparing resources for parishes to help you prepare Ecumenical services and prayer events and these will be with you in the first week of January.

Please see the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>.

For information contact me at VEcumifd@staned.org.uk or Deacon Tom McEvoy t.mcevoy1@btopenworld.com

Music Day.

This takes place on Saturday 22 January at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 10:00am-3:30pm. The theme is Liturgical Music Making in a Post-Pandemic World. The day is open to everyone, especially those involved in leading and playing music, as well as singers.

Take care. Keep safe. Stay well.

Fr Francis SMMM, Fr Benedict SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM

5 South Gray's Close, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ

0131 556 1973

stpatricksparish@outlook.com

www.stpatricksparish.co.uk

www.facebook.com/stpatsedinburgh

St Patrick's is a parish of the RC archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, a charity registered in Scotland No. SC008540.