

6 March 2022

First Sunday in Lent

First Reading:

Deut 26: 4-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-15

Second Reading:

Rom 10:8-13

Verse before Gospel:

Matthew 4: 4

Gospel:

Luke 4: 1-13

Programme of worship:

Sunday 6 February

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am, 1pm & 4.30pm

Monday 7 March

No Mass

Tuesday 8 March

Mass 12.30

Wed 10 March, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.55am

Mass 12.30pm

Thursday 3 March

Mass 12.30pm

Friday 11 March,

Stations of the Cross CANCELLED

Requiem Mass 12.30pm

Martha MacIntosh may she rest in peace and rise in glory

Sat 12 March, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.55am

Mass 12.30pm

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

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

SCIAF Wee Boxes still available.

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

Always on the First Sunday of Lent we hear Jesus being tempted by the devil during the forty days he spent in the desert. We too are beginning a forty-day period during which we are challenged to repent and reorient ourselves toward God. We face temptations every day that distract us from following the Lord or lead us away from God. May our gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist inspire us and nourish us in the weeks ahead.

Gospel reflection

Try as he might by offering every attractive thing - wealth, power, esteem -the devil couldn't prove stronger. The gentle persuasion of prayer and fasting kept Jesus stronger and able to resist temptation. Not even the Son of God was exempt from being tested! Temptation, then, isn't necessarily a sign of great sinfulness. It is an occasion for showing that our lives are turned to God, for remaining steadfast in the faith that we profess. Lent isn't simply our desert time to overcome temptation. It is also a springtime of renewed relationship to God. It is a time when we are strengthened, with the gentle warmth of God's Spirit leading us, to overcome even temptations to wealth, power, and esteem. *(Living Liturgy, p.70)*

Prayer of the week

Lord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters. Amen

Thought of the week

It is healthy to say, 'Yes, I am a sinner' and to recognise that this should lead us to turn to God, full of confidence in His love and mercy. *George Basil Cardinal Hume*

Question of the week

Where do I encounter temptation? When do I give in? How do I withstand it?

The **Requiem Mass** of Martha MacIntosh will be celebrated on Friday 11 March at 12.30pm. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 6 March

06 March

Praying for the people of Ukraine & Russia

Date

08 March

09 March

10 March

12 March

Name

Mary & B O'Shea

Michael McFadden

Moran family

C & J Griffin

Intention

Personal intentions

Anniversary, RIP

Personal intentions

Personal intentions

Finance: Collections

Sunday 27 February

GA £ 120.00

NGA £ 259.00

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

Liturgical Calendar

07 March St Perpetua
St Felicity

08 March St John of God

09 March St Frances of Rome

10 March St John Ogilvie

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

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

The **African & Caribbean Mass** will be celebrated at 1.00pm this afternoon. All welcome.

Please do take a copy of our Lenten programme away with you.

Stay safe, keep well.

Fr Francis SMMM

Fr Kingsley SMMM

Fr Emmanuel SMMM

Archbishop Cushley invites married and engaged couples to a **Holy Hour** in Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh today **at 4pm**. Register bit.ly/ArchEventbrite / simply turn up on the day.

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>

Returning to Confession: The Archdiocese is inviting Catholics to experience the healing embrace and forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance this Lent. *Returning to Confession* is a 45 minute event on YouTube led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. It is on this Monday (7 March) at **7:30pm**. No registration required - watch live at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

The Archdiocesan **Pro-Life Stations of the Cross** takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7:45pm. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

The Archdiocese is hosting **Lent with St Paul**, a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent. It's a 30 minute talk at 7:30pm on 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April. Father Andrew Garden from St David's, Dalkeith, explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Catholics in health and social care: A training day about the ethical challenges of work in the health and care sector takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 19 March from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Speakers will lead discussions on assisted suicide, accompaniment of the dying and conscientious objection. This event is targeted at health/care workers and anyone motivated by their faith to care for others. Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

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

As well as your prayers please consider supporting **SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine**, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

A prayer for peace in Ukraine: O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity.

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