

13 February 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Jer 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 1: 1-4, 6

Second Reading:

1Cor 15: 12, 16-20

Alleluia:

Luke 6:23

Gospel:

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Programme of worship:

Sunday 13 February

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 14 February

No Mass

Tues 15 - Sat 19 February

12.30pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday & Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm.

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

Liturgical Calendar

- 14 Feb** St Cyril
St Methodius
- 17 Feb** Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
- 19 Feb** The Blessed Virgin Mary

COVID protocols remain in place:

1. wear mask (unless exempt)
2. sanitize hands on entry
3. sanitize hands before exiting
4. Use QR code/provide 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

Today the Holy Spirit draws us here together through a shared hunger for a life in the Lord that can overcome the hardships of our lives. Our sensory hunger and physical hunger are joined by a spiritual hunger. We hunger for the word of God to guide us and for the Eucharist to nourish us. Jesus tells us that those who are now hungry will be satisfied. May that comfort us as we hunger for light, for warmth, for guidance, for nourishment, for eternal life in the Lord. Today is Racial Justice Day which draws attention to our willingness to be open and welcoming to everyone whatever their origin or colour.

Gospel reflection

The blessing *is Jesus* who stands on level ground with the poor, hungry, weeping outcasts. Jesus is an epiphany of God's presence among all those who had been excluded. The gospel also indicates the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. There are two paths in life one can follow, and either one is with Jesus or against Jesus. The lure is to be consoled *now*, have our fill *now*, laugh *now*, be respected *now*. Jesus is showing another way: our condition *now* doesn't matter so long as we trust and hope in the Lord *now*. Blessedness isn't a matter of social status, satisfaction, possessions, respect, etc; it is a matter of keeping our own eyes glued on Jesus. (*Living Liturgy, p.58*)

Prayer of the week

Lord help me to keep my eyes upon You and upon the virtues and Beatitudes that You call me to live. May I never settle for a mediocre life. Instead, may I strive for a profound detachment from material things and ask for courage and love in dealings with those who divide. Amen.

Thought of the week

Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love; every moment of existence is a grace. Thomas Merton

Questions of the week

What part of my life am I complacent about?
How do the Beatitudes call me to change?

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	12.30pm	Joe Snape	Anniversary 20.02.22

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 6 February

GA	£ 180.00
NGA	£ 299.25
African/Caribbean Mass	£ 92.50

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.

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/new-s-events for details.

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

Events for married/engaged couples

The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead up to the 10th World Meeting of Families (Rome 22-26 June 2022). These events are for couples to come before the Lord together in reflection on the beautiful Catholic vision of marriage and family life, thanksgiving for the gift of this calling and prayer for the blessing of their love. The reflections will draw on themes developed in Pope Francis' Encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Register at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

- 1. Sunday 6th March 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo Cushley.
- 2. Sunday 3rd April 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella.
- 3. Sunday 8th May 2022**, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine.
- 4. Wednesday 18th May 2022**, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples.

Distance Aware: Badges & lanyards have 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. 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.

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

Many sincere congratulations to Bishop William Nolan who has been announced as the new Archbishop of Glasgow. Archbishop-elect William Nolan is originally a priest of the Motherwell Diocese. We assure Bishop Bill of our thoughts and prayers in his challenging new appointment.

Keep safe. Stay well.

Fr Francis SMMM, Fr Emmanuel SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM