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WEEK COMMENCING 14 MARCH 2021 – YEAR B
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY

DIVINE OFFICE Week 4

☘ FEAST OF ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND: WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH ☘

ST PATRICK (Pádraig in Irish) is popular worldwide, owing largely to the Irish diaspora. He was a 5th century Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. He was never formally canonised, having lived prior to the current Church laws on these matters. Nevertheless, he is venerated as a Saint in the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland. He is also venerated in the Anglican and Lutheran denominations.

SHORT HISTORY: The precise dates of St Patrick's life are uncertain, and dating in his own writings are no more specific than 5th century. His birthplace is also uncertain. Some traditions claim he was born in Cumbria, Scotland or Wales, although a new research paper gives Old Kilpatrick, Scotland as his birthplace. St Patrick's two short works, the *Confessio*, a spiritual autobiography, and his *Letter to Coroticus*, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians, provide us with a fascinating view of his life, struggles, and spirituality. According to his own writings, St Patrick was captured by Irish pirates during a raid and was taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland, at the time, was a land of Druids and pagans. When he was aged 20 he escaped after a dream from God telling him to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he was reunited with his family. After a few years at home, he had a vision in which a man brought letters from the Irish people by the western sea who appealed to him to come and walk among them. This vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, under whom he had studied, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Slane, Ireland on in March 433. St Patrick is said to have founded a church in Armagh, Northern Ireland, and proclaimed it to be the most holy church in Ireland. Today Armagh is the primary seat of both the Catholic Church in Ireland and the Church of Ireland, and both cathedrals in the town are named after St Patrick. St Patrick preached throughout Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in his Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died, it is thought, on 17 March 17 461, at Saul, Downpatrick. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone. Downpatrick (Dún Pádraig) means *Patrick's stronghold*.



SEVERAL LEGENDS about St Patrick exist. The most prominent claims he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many - eventually thousands - and began building churches across the country. Another well know legend tells how he **used shamrocks to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity**. Another claims the absence of snakes in Ireland was due to St Patrick banishing them, though post-glacial evidence suggests that Ireland never had snakes. Yet another claims he carried an **ash-wood walking stick** which he thrust into the ground while evangelising, and at the place now known as Aspatria (ash of Patrick), the message of the dogma took so long to get through to the people there that the stick had taken root by the time he was ready to move on.

PROMINENT PILGRIMAGE SITES The two main places of pilgrimage in Ireland associated with St Patrick are Croagh Patrick and Lough Derg. **Croagh Patrick**, County Mayo (from Irish: *Cruach Phádraig*, meaning *Patrick's stack*) is a mountain overlooking Clew Bay. It is claimed that Patrick climbed this mountain and fasted on its summit for the **40 days of Lent**. Each year, The Reek (meaning *mountain*), as it is colloquially known, draws thousands of pilgrims, who make the trek, often barefoot, to the top, on the last Sunday in July - Reek Sunday. A relic of Croagh Patrick, known as the Black Bell (Clog Dubh) of St Patrick, was for many years highly-venerated there. Tradition says that the bell was originally of white metal, but from constant pelting at the demons who came to molest 'the saint on the reek', it became quite black. This story linked the bell directly to St Patrick. The bell now resides in the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin. **Lough Derg**, County Donegal (from Irish: *Loch Dearg*, meaning *red lake* - so named as it is claimed that Patrick killed a large serpent on this lake and that its blood turned the water red). Pilgrims spend three penitential days on Station Island in the centre of the lake, where they keep vigil, fast and pray standing and kneeling on sharp rocks. According to legend, the site dates from the 5th century, when Christ showed St Patrick a cave (referred to sometimes as a pit or a well) on Station Island that was an entrance to Purgatory, hence the site's other name, **St Patrick's Purgatory**. Here, St Patrick is said to have received visions of the punishments of hell, and was subsequently able to use the site as proof of a Christian afterlife for his wavering followers.

St Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing - not even death. St Patrick's well-known poem, the *Breastplate*, is one of faith and trust in God (excerpt see right).

<p align="center">St Patrick's Breastplate</p> <p align="center">Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.</p>

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 14 MARCH 2021 **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Saturday Vigil	13	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	14	9.30am	St Joseph's	For Mass Intentions see printed copy
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	15	7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Tuesday	16	12 noon	St Edward's	
Wednesday	17	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND
Thursday	18	10am	St Joseph's	St Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday	19	10am	St Joseph's *note change of venue*	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY
Saturday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

MALAYALAM MASS 4pm on 21 Sunday March in St Peter's Church

CONFESSIONS 10.30am to 11am Saturdays at St Peter's; **8.45am to 9.15am Sundays** at St Joseph's

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes before each *weekday* Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS each **Thurs** at St Joseph's and **Fri** at St Peter's after Mass for Lent. *Stay in benches*

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> click link at right of screen

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code Links are available on our website & in church porches

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church is daily (*gate closed but unlocked - down steps, see sign on wall*)

POPE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: *that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

† **ANNIVS:** Joe & Jean Greenan, Mary O'Connor, Norah Walsh, Marie Belfitt, Catherine MacEachen, Harry Thomies

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maureen Grayson **MASSES RECEIVED FROM:** see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE last weekend St Peter's Vigil **40**; St Joseph's 9.30am **67**; Polish **79**; St Peter's 11.30am **80**; **Total 266**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£389**; Gift Aid envelopes **£286**; Polish **£30**; Av. Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,353**

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office

 **JUBILEE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES - MARCH** *Joseph Most Just:* Joseph was first and foremost just unto God, rendering to Him what was His due. Since all things are due to God, Joseph was perfectly religious in prayer, in labour, and in love giving to God, even as an infant, the energy of his whole life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON FACEBOOK 4-minute video for children and parents: **Sunday weekly** - visit our parish Facebook page.

FIRST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2021 We hope to begin **Friday 16 April** in school, after Easter.

Date of First Holy Communion Mass(es) will be towards the end of the school year mid-July. **CATECHISTS MEETING (note change of time) Wednesday 17 March after 10am** Mass at St Peter's in church (with social distancing). Children in Non-Catholic Schools who wish to be prepared get in touch with the Office here before the end of March. Separate evening class will be organised. Children in Year 4 are eligible.

LAETARE SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Lent: In the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day to rejoice during the austere period of Lent. It gets its name from the first few words of the traditional Latin entrance for the Mass of the day.

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY Wild flower seeds will be offered to families at Masses this weekend, instead of daffodils, to plant at home to help bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects and promote diversity of plant life - one way to follow the call to be good stewards and care for our common home. **Instructions:** Sow seed mid-March to June, or September to November. Avoid hot summer months. Flowering - Summer or Spring respectively. Clear ground of weeds and loosen soil. Shake seeds well to loosen them, and scatter in the chosen area. Water directly after sowing and continue until seedlings are established. Deadheading encourages further flowering.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY is on **Friday 19 March**. **NOTE** 10am Mass that day will be at St Joseph's.

CROSSES & IMAGES will be veiled on Saturday **20 March**. Palm Sunday is on **28 March**, and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

INSPIRATIONAL DAY for Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion **10am to 12 noon on Saturday 20 March** via **Zoom** - a way to reconnect with your brothers and sisters in faith. Short prayer liturgy, guest speaker David Wells, and opportunity to speak to others through breakout groups. To book please email bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk by **Wednesday March 17**.

HISTORIC FIRST PAPAL VISIT TO IRAQ Pope Francis has returned safely to Rome from the first ever Papal Visit to Iraq, in which he called for an end to violence, and appealed for tolerance, fraternity, hope and peace. It was an inspiring visit which brought joy and hope to the Christian community in that war-torn country. Caressing them, he assured them they are not forgotten. The visit is greatly significant not only for Iraq, but also for the entire Middle East, especially Syria.

HOLY SHOP items and cards available for *Mother's Day (14 March)*, *St Patrick's Day (17 March)*, *Easter (4 April)* & *Year of St Joseph*. Pop back in after the end of Sunday Mass at St Peter's and St Joseph's Churches.

CAFOD 10,000 STEPS FOR WATER SPONSORSHIP: A parishioner, aged 15, has taken the challenge to walk 10,000 steps for CAFOD each day of Lent. A Sponsorship form is available if you wish to sponsor her. Parishioners of St Lawrence sponsoring also.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPES Please return your donation envelope ASAP.

SUNDAY SMILE: Q. What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A. A can't opener

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

EASTER SUNDAY Masses: **8.30am** St Edward's, **9.30am** St Joseph's, **11.30am** St Peter's - it is **essential to book in advance** (*Easter Sunday only*) to help cope with larger numbers expected - **details in separate leaflet**. As at Christmas, follow the instructions - take particular care to read these, in order to help keep admin to a minimum.

HOLY WEEK MASS LEAFLET is now available. Don't forget to pick one up. It **contains instructions** on how to book.

CONFESSION TIMES Saturday 27 March: 10.30am-12 noon at St Peter's, and **2-4pm** at St Joseph's;
Holy Thursday 1 April: 3.15-3.45pm at St Edward's; **Good Friday: 4.15pm** at St Joseph's and St Peter's