



# St. Patrick's, Dumbarton

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*15th March 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent*

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## MASSES:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon and 5.30pm

## WEEKDAYS

Mon — Sat 10.00am

Wed 7.00am, 10.00am  
7.00pm

Mon, Tues, & Fri 7.00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily After 10.00 am Mass

Saturday After 10.00 am Mass,

5.15 to 6.15pm and other times by arrangement

## ROSARY:

Mon-Sat After 10.00am Mass - unless there is a funeral

In order to show prudence in the face of the coronavirus and to reduce the chances of us progressing to a situation as in Italy, where there are no public celebrations of Mass, we have attempted to limit the spread of the virus by removing hymn books and Mass books from public use. It is not so much the touching of articles that causes the spread of the virus, however our mouths, eyes, nose or ears are entry points for the virus into our bodies, hence the advice to wash our hands regularly. For the same reason we have for the immediate future substituted the passing round of the collection plate with baskets placed at the back of the church, one for the first collection and one for the second collection.

If you feel unwell, then please do not feel that you are breaking the obligation to attend Sunday Mass by instead showing the prudence required of us all and staying at home, especially if you are elderly or if you have a decreased immune function.

Feast Days: Tuesday 17th March: Feast of St. Patrick

Thursday 19th March: St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary - Solemnity

**Lent:** During Lent, unless there is a funeral, there will be Stations of the Cross before 10.00am Mass on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive.

**Mass in St Patrick's Primary school** There will be a Mass at 8.30am on Mondays and Fridays, unless the school is on holiday. There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Sundays at 4.00pm

**Second Collection:** Today the second collection at all the Masses will be for Lenten Alms.

**Lenten Talks** On Tuesdays there will be soup at 12.30pm in the Hall followed by a talk at 1.00pm and a discussion session. The topics are: 1 The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection; 2. The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life within us; 3. Why do I need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church; 4. Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints; 5. The Last Things. What happens after we die?

**Facebook Lenten Themes:** During Lent the Parish will run a series on our Facebook page on Lenten themes eg the seven penitential psalms; the Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah Lent ideas; reflections on fasting; The Seven Last Words; video clips; poems; Holy Week etc.

**Passkeepers:** The parish is looking to recruit more Passkeepers for all the services in the church, weekday masses and Sunday masses, Christening, Marriages and Funerals. Training and guidance will be given. If anyone male or female is interested, please contact in the first instance Canon Conroy through the Chapel house or secondly John J Duffy on 07796430390.

**Lenten Appeal 2020:** The Monday Food Kitchen is appealing for the following throughout Lent: Tinned Chopped Tomatoes; Beans; Fruit; Lentils and Broth mix; Tomato Puree; Passata. Also, all types of stock cubes, Orange and Blackcurrant diluting juice would be gratefully welcomed. We will also accept shop vouchers or donations. If any Firms in the Parish wish to donate £40.00 this covers the costs of feeding the 75 to 85 people, we feed each week, thank you.

**The Legion of Mary** invites all active and auxiliary members to the annual ACCIES ceremony for the renewal of the legionary promise to Our Blessed Lady on Sunday, 29th March. This year the ceremony will be held in our own church of St Patrick's and will begin at 3 pm. Refreshments will be provided to all those who attend Ben View afterwards. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**St Patrick's Junior Youth Club:** as part of our charity outreach, are hoping to donate Easter Eggs to groups and children's homes within the area such as CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland) this coming Easter. We are appealing for donations of Easter Eggs to help us achieve this goal. As CHAS can only take eggs without NUTS, please specify on the eggs if they are nut free. We will be leaving a box at the Church entrance from Saturday, 14th March or you can hand the Easter Eggs to the Youth Club at the church hall on any Tuesdays from 6.15pm. Thank you.

**Pro-Life Mass:** This month's Pro-Life Mass will take place on Wednesday, 18th March in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Dominic Quinn.

**Forty Hours:** Please note that the Forty Hours at St Patrick's Anderston will take place from 22nd March until 24th March, instead of 15th to 17th March.

**Neman Association:** "The Flawed Small Print In The Catholic Christening Contract" Talk - 6.30pm, 23rd March, St. Aloysius College, 45 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6RJ, Donation £3 - includes refreshments.

**Notre Dame College Gathering:** This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the 1980 BEd class at Notre Dame College. In order to make 2020 special it is proposed to arrange a gathering of classmates. If interested please contact Mike Carroll by email at [mikecarroll556@gmail.com](mailto:mikecarroll556@gmail.com)

**Day of Confession in Saint Andrew's Cathedral:** This year's Day of Confession during Lent will take place in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 2nd April. Priests will be available from 7.45am until 5.45pm.

#### **Gift Aid Financial Year 2020/2021:**

This is a note to advise the Gift Aid Booklets for the Financial Year 2020/2021 shall be given out on the Weekends 21st/22nd and 28th/29th of March 2020. We are condensing the numbers within Gift Aid - you will be given a new Parish Gift Aid number if your number is 181 and above. The GAD Number which the Archdiocese give for you will not change.

If you are an existing member of the Gift Aid Fund and pay by Direct Debit no further action is required. If you use the Booklets these shall be distributed at the back of the Church after Masses on the above Weekends.

Gift Aid is a way of giving to the Parish with no cost to yourself. Father Conroy appreciates all assistance given to the Parish through Gift Aid.

Parishioners are welcome to join both the Gift Aid Scheme using Booklets or Direct Debit (or both if you wish) and also the Restoration Fund (Yellow Booklets). The only stipulations are that you fill out a Gift Aid Declaration Form and currently pay Tax.

If you currently assist through the new Restoration Fund and are using the Yellow Booklets please note that you require to fill out a Gift Aid Declaration Form. If you have already done so this is great, however if you have not filled out this Form, you need to do so for Tax purposes, and without the GAD Form the Parish may not receive benefit from your contributions.

In addition, if you have been taking the Yellow Booklets you are also welcome to join the main Gift Aid Scheme - if you wish to do this you shall be given a number which shall be used for both options.

***Thank you for choosing to support the Parish through Gift Aid.***