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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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MASSES

Saturday: 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10.00 am, 12 noon and 5.30 pm

WEEKDAYS

Mon-Sat: 10.00 am

Mon, Tues & Fri: 7.00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mon-Sat: After 10.00 am Mass

Saturday: 5.15 to 6.15 pm and other times by arrangement

ROSARY

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

FEAST DAYS:

Thursday 28th: Thursday of The Lord's Supper

Friday 29th: Friday of The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 30th: Holy Saturday at The Tomb of Christ

After Nightfall: Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord – The Easter Vigil in The Holy Night



Saint Patricks Hall

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The collection on Good Friday is for Holy Places.

LENTEN CATECHESIS: Reasons for Believing: A series of talks by Fr. Ross on the Catholic Faith at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday 27th March: The Church: Christ's voice in the world.

SOUND SYSTEM: Work has already begun on upgrading the sound system, this should be completed by April/May with new and additional speakers being installed.

RCIA: Garry, Steven, Gemma, Iain, John, Gavin, Michael, Andrew and Neil have attended the Rite of Election and have been accepted by the Archbishop to become full members of the Catholic Church. This week they will be presented with copies of the Creed and Our Father - the prayers that express the heart of the Church's faith and prayer. This is the last step before becoming full members of the Church at the Easter Service. Please support them with your encouragement and prayers during these last few weeks before Easter.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Apologies, there was a shortfall in the postage for those who receive their envelopes through the post. This has now been paid, so please don't pay the extra postage if asked



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St. Patricks Church Visitors guide



HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

10:00am and 12:00pm – Mass -(with procession from the hall); 5:30pm

25th March – Monday of Holy Week - 10:00am – Mass (followed by Confessions) 7:00pm - Mass

26th March – Tuesday of Holy Week - 10:00am – Mass (followed by Confessions) 7:00pm - Mass

27th March – Spy Wednesday - 10:00am – Mass (followed by Confessions)

28th March – Maundy Thursday - 9:00am – Morning Prayer, 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper

10:00pm – Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose

29th March – Good Friday - 10:00am – Morning Prayer (followed by Confessions), 3:00pm –

Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion (with Children’s Liturgy), 7:00pm – Stations and Veneration of the Cross

30th March – Holy Saturday - 10:00am – Morning Prayer (followed by Confessions), 8:00pm – Solemn Easter Vigil

31st March – Easter Sunday - 10:00am – Mass, 12:00pm – Mass

DUMBARTON CHURCHES TOGETHER - Good Friday Walk of Witness

Dumbarton Churches Together invite you to our Good Friday Service at St Serf's memorial church in Levensgrove Park on Friday 29th March at 12 noon. Starting at 11am we'll be walking from 3 points in Dumbarton: Castlehill-Dalreoch United Free Church, Bellsmyre- St Peter's Church, Silverton Dam -bus stop, progressing through the town to arrive at the Park by 12noon for a short service of songs, readings and prayers. All are welcome to join in the walk and/or meet at the park.

BIDDING PRAYERS: In as far as possible, names to be read out at the weekend to the Priest by FRIDAY AFTERNOON at the latest, this would be helpful.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Anyone requiring to place notices in the Bulletin please email the notice to the new address by the Wednesday evening - bulletinofstpatricks@gmail.com

PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL: The parishes of St Mahew, Cardross, St Michael, St Patrick and St Peter, Dumbarton, have become a Pastoral Area within the Archdiocese of Glasgow. It is anticipated that the Pastoral Area will become the focal point for ensuring sustainable, vibrant, and faith-filled parish communities into the future. To develop this vision, a joint Pastoral Area Council (PAC) has been formed, bringing together members of each parish alongside the parish priests. This council met for the first time, on Monday 26th February. A constitution governing the membership of the council and procedures for meetings was agreed. Each parish will be represented by up to four lay members, including those who are on the Deanery Council. The first matter which the PAC has been asked to discuss is the provision of Sunday Mass across the pastoral area, and to draw up a new schedule, which will be implemented over the summer. The table below shows Mass provision at the moment:

St Patrick's	St. Peter's	St. Michael's	St. Mahew's
Vigil 6:30pm 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm	Vigil 6:00pm 11am	Vigil 5:30pm 8am, 11am	Vigil 4:30pm

Leaving aside St Mahew's – which is covered from out with the pastoral area, and already cancels Mass when the parish priest is not available – and Carmel, means there are currently nine Masses covered by three priests in full-time ministry. Over the summer, allowing for annual leave, the number of priests will reduce to two. Therefore, it was readily agreed that the number of Masses should be reduced from nine to six, with each Dumbarton parish losing one Mass. After much discussion, over various options, it was accepted unanimously that each parish would keep those Masses which are attended by a greater number of people:

St. Patrick's	St. Peter's	St. Michael's	St. Mahew's
10am, 12pm, 5:30pm	11am	Vigil 5:30pm 11am	Vigil 4:30pm

While this is a huge change and will impact our routines, it is also about preparing for the future. It will mean that two priests will always be able to cover the masses in the town of Dumbarton and that one of us can be ready when required to offer emergency cover elsewhere, which is becoming an ever more frequent occurrence. It should also lead to a more vibrant celebration of Sunday Mass. In due course, there will also be amendments to the week day Mass provision. While it is not really practical to have a parish-wide consultation about such changes, I am more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

