



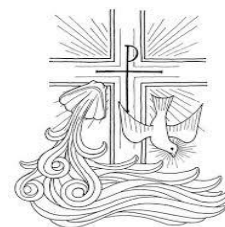
St Patrick's Catholic Church

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12 JANUARY 2025

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The Baptism of the Lord

9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday – St Kentigern

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday – St Hilary

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday – Feria

6pm - Exposition & Confess.
7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
5pm - Vigil of Reception

Friday – St Anthony of Egypt

9.30am - Requiem Mass

Saturday – Our Lady

8.30-9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Prayers We remember the sick and housebound who are unable to attend Mass.

Your Gift to God and His Church

The Epiphany offertory donations which include standing orders £1,507 and Justice & Peace £337. Crib offering £566. The proceeds will be given to the *Christmas Miracles Project* for child victims of the war in Ukraine. Thank you.

SCIAF Wells The final total for the SCIAF wells for a village was £800. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

A White Flower Appeal will be held next weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. This year's appeal supports their work against the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which recently advanced at Westminster and will have a third reading in the coming months.

Of your charity Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mrs Annie Taylor RIP of Strone Gardens who has died aged 78 years. Her remains will be received into the church on Thursday at 5pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Friday at 9.30am; and Mrs Margaret Brown RIP of Barrie Place who has died aged 66 years - arrangements still to be confirmed.
✠Requiescant in pace✠

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea & coffee in the hall
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in the hall
10.30am - Men's Group
4.30pm - Women's Guild
Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

The Women's Guild Party Night is tomorrow, Monday 4.30 for 5pm.

Parish Draw takes place on Tuesday.

Dates for the Diary

January

20 - First Confession Parents' Meeting at 6pm in the hall.
20 - First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting at 6.30pm in the hall.
20 - Confirmations Parents' Meeting at 7pm in the hall.
26 - Signing of the Cross - P3

February

2 - Presentation of the Our Father – P4
9 - Presentation of the Creed - P7

Used Stamps Many thanks for donating your stamps over the course of last year, especially during Advent. St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Stirling & Kiltegan, Ireland very much appreciates them. The box is at the back of the chapel.

St Patrick's Primary School enrolment

2025: The enrolment for our primary school will take place this week:

Mon 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm.
Tues 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-4pm.
Wed 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-4pm.
Thurs 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm.
Fri 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm.

Children should be baptised before enrolment. **Baptised children are given preferment at Catholic schools when places are in demand.**

Are you planning to marry? Give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Couples are advised not to book anything until their freedom to marry and the availability of clergy and the church is confirmed.

Family Planning - God's & Nature's Way

The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective with no side effects and it accords with the teaching of the Church. It is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving. For more details contact Fertility Care Scotland at email:

info@fertilitycare.org.uk
or www.fertilitycare.org.uk

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be on Wednesday, 5 February from 7– 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

Property Surveyor

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Property Management Surveyor. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for the role to recruitment@staned.org.uk. Deadline: Friday, 17 January 2025. The job description can be found on the Archdiocesan website in the news-events section.

Valentine's retreat for couples organised by The Archdiocese for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on Saturday, 15 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Father Andrew Garden and the event is free. Register at bit.ly/valretreat25

World Day for Consecrated Life

Join Religious brothers and sisters at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday, 2 February to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life with midday Mass. It is a chance to meet some of those who live and work in the Archdiocese and to pray for more vocations to the Religious Life.

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25

Diploma in Catechetics This is the last week to register for the Diploma in Catechetics 2025. It is a year-long course beginning on Thursday, 23 January at 7:30pm. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Register at bit.ly/diploma2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-11**

‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’ Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold your God!’ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 104**

**R. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!**

O LORD my God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and honour, wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
with its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand, they are well filled. **R.**

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

Second Reading **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

‘He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.’ Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

‘We have come from the east to worship the king.’
Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.’ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord, hear us
R. Lord Graciously hear us

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.