

St Catherine's & St Patrick's Churches
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11th December 2022; Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)



Saturday	10th	5.00pm	George Keen	
Sunday	11th	9.00am 11.00am	Brian Watson Michael Herron	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday	12th		No Mass	Weekday
Tuesday	13th	9.15am	Dead List (St Pat's)	St Lucy
Wednesday	14th	9.15am	Blanche Watson	St John of the Cross. Priest, Doctor
Thursday	15th	9.15am	Joan O'Brien (St Pat's)	Weekday
Friday	16th	9.15am	Dead List	Weekday
		9.45am	Dead List	Weekday
Saturday	17th	5.00pm	Sienna & Shanira Onfroy	
		9.00am	Janet Roynane	
Sunday	18th	11.00am	Gene Yates	Fourth Sunday of Advent

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: Pauline-Annette Neita (St Catherine's) Mc Grath Family (St Patrick's)

SACRED HEART LAMP Whiteley Family (St Catherine's) Mc Grath Family(St Patrick's)

SICK: Tony Mason; Alan Fonseca; Mary Sutherland; Sr. Nativity; Kath Lees; Ruthlyn King; Alfred Alexis; Michael Mc Donagh; Terry Maloney; Tony Murphy; Susan Thomas; Eileen McKermitt; Fiona Tarpey; Margaret & John Whitehead; Christopher Browne; Herbert Gorman; Angela Guest; Greg Beaumont Dilsha Varghese; Nichola Butler; Fr. Glenn Morris.

LATELY DEAD: Margaret Barber; Gene Yates; Joan O'Brien.

ANNIVERSARIES: Noel Ould; Herbert Tissington; Lesley Dronfield; Leslie Nash; David Durand; John Ayres; Patrick Murphy; Judith Clarke; Patrick Tobin; Eva Haigh; Clarence De Soysa; Mary Stenson

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Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

Collect: O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

First Reading: **A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35: 1-6.10**

God himself is coming to save you.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
 let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of Yahweh, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees
 and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Come, Lord, and save us. Ps. 145: 6-10. 7-8 R/ cf. Is 35:4

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,
 The Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.. **R/**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James 5: 7-10

Do not lose heart for the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord;
The Word of the Lord.

Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'.

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

Last Week's Collection. St Catherine's £ 471.83 Last month's Standing Order £788.00

St Patrick's £ 202.68 Last month's Standing Order £671.00 Thank you

An appeal: To all Gift Aid Donors: Please consider donating through Standing Order from January 2023.

Please take the Forms from Anne Mallon at St Catherine's and from Pat McGrath at St Pat's
It will be greatly appreciated.

ST WILFRID'S CENTRE: require the following:

1. Squash; 2. Corned Beef; 3. Pasta Sauce; 4. Condiments. i.e. Mayonnaise, Relish etc
5. Washing up Liquid. **N. B.** If you wish to donate...please bring the above mentioned articles only. Thank you.

BLESSED SACRAMENT AND SACRED HEART LAMPS: January to December 2023.

Please write the name/s of your loved ones. £5.00 per slot.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Masses on weekdays at St Catherine's will be celebrated in the Presbytery

NEW HYMN BOOKS: St Catherine's now has New Hymn Books. Thanks to all those who helped donate them. A word of caution; **PLEASE** take care of the books; and ensure that children do not use them as a play thing.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Please present Poinsettias to the Church for Christmas as you did before. It would be ideal if you brought this to Church by the 17th of December. Thank you.

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