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12 February 2023; Sixth Sunday of the Year



Saturday	11th	5.00pm	Simon Wray	
Sunday	12th	9.00am 11.00am	Rebecca Ndlovu George Patrick Taylor	Sixth Sunday of the Year
Monday	13th	9.15 am	John Connelly	Weekday
Tuesday	14th	9.15 am	Blanche Watson (St Pat's)	SS Cyril & Methodius
Wednesday	15th	9.15am	Kevin Murphy	Weekday
Thursday	16th	9.15am	Ernest Savaille	Weekday
Friday	17th	9.15am	Ernest Lomas	B. William Richardson Martyr
Saturday		9.45am 5.00pm	Craig Murphy Ivan De Couto	Weekday
	18th			
Sunday	19th	9.00am 11.00am	Patricia Blake Margaret McCarthy	Seventh Sunday of the Year

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: Ringson Nkoma & Collins Family (St Catherine's) Keeley Agleby (St Patrick's)

SACRED HEART LAMP Robert Kamsika & Kwitaka & Moya M (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; David Hinchcliffe Dilsha Varghese; Nichola Butler; Fr. Glenn Morris; Craig Murphy;

LATELY DEAD: Felcy Fernandes; Ernest Lomas; Augustine Nweke..

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Binns; Mary Cooper; John Mc Crory; Sylvia Rowland; Winifred Fairclough; Ernest Savaille; John Johnston; Mary Irving; Denis Maloney; Patricia Blake.

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Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect: O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 book of Ecclesiasticus:** **15; 15 –20**
He never commanded anyone to be godless

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.
 He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
 Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.
 For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.
 His eyes are on those who fear him; he notes every action of man.
 He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: **Ps. 118: 1-2, 4-5 17-18. 33-34**

They are happy who follow God's law

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
 They are happy those who do this will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R/**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
 May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R/**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
 Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R/**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
 Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R/**

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2: 6-10

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end.

The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 17-37

You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin;[*e] and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery but I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

SVP: On Saturday 18th February a meeting will be held at St Catherine's. Mass at 9.45am followed by SVP Meeting.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: St Catherine's £ £449.36 Second Collection £112.63
St Patrick's ££404.55 Thank you very much.

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection for Earthquake Victims in Turkey-Syria

ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February: The Holy Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday.

It is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Masses on that day are as follows:

St Patrick's Church **9.15am** St Catherine's Church **11.00am**

Becoming Synodal -Retreat at Home. Hermit Rachel and Deacon Andrew welcome expressions of interest in this retreat planned to start on Thursday 23rd February (the day after Ash Wednesday) at 7pm. We will finish no later than 8.30pm and will be online. (If you do not use a computer then you may wish to join someone who has one - please discuss with the Rachel or Andrew) Information leaflets are available in the church. For more information or to express an interest please contact Hermit Rachel (St Catherine's) hermitrachel@erdio.org or Deacon Andrew (St Patrick's) - stpatslanetop@gmail.com

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

Please write the name/s of your loved ones. £5.00 per slot. St Patrick's have a few slots left.

CCTV Cameras: The Finance Committee have decided that a second Collection be taken at St Catherine's at weekends to help procure equipment for CCTV.

RED MISSION BOXES: Please bring your Red Mission Boxes to Church. Money will be sent to APF

WEEKDAY MASSES: Daily at St Catherine's except Tuesday