

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 17 March

St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland

Lenka Ševčíková (GW)

Patricia McCauley (BR)

John Sutton (A)

John Kelly (A)

Cora & Christy Campbell (A)

Charles, Kathleen & Carmel
Gallagher (A)

John Brady (A)

Rose Hunter (A)

John Lawrence (D)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 18 March

St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 19 March

St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anniversary of the inauguration of the Petrine ministry of Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome in 2013

Maureen Dalton (MM)

Marie McNulty (1st A)

Josephine Manscier (BR)

Patricia Heaslip (BR)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 20 March

Holy Souls

Thursday, 21 March

St Enda, abbot

Holy Souls

Friday, 22 March

St Macartan, bishop

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 23 March

St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

Marion Grehan (SI)

Holy Souls

EASTER CARDS

Mass Cards €10.00 & Novena
Cards €5.00 are available in the
Repository.

Fifth Sunday of Lent / Solemnity of St Patrick: 17 March 2024

In 432 Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary to preach the Gospel to the Irish people. He left everything for the sake of the Gospel - his home in Britain, his family, his country. He already knew Ireland from the time when he was held captive and looked after sheep on Slemish in Co Antrim.

About his time in Slemish he says in his Confession:

When I had come to Ireland, I tended herds every day. I used to pray many times during the day. More and more my love of God and my reverence for him began to increase. My faith grew stronger and my zeal so intense that in the course of a single day I would say as many as a hundred prayers, and almost as many in the night.

St Patrick was among the first to establish Christianity in Ireland. It seems there were others before him like Palladius but it was Patrick who is credited with establishing Christianity in Ireland. He died in 461 and was buried in Downpatrick, Co. Down.

We have two written works by St Patrick - his Confession and his Letter to Coroticus. Scholars say they are authentic. They are both written in Latin. Both are to be found in the Book of Armagh in Trinity College, Dublin. His Confession was a spiritual testament. Both of these works give us a very good insight into Patrick's spirituality and some of his life story.

We know from his Confession that Patrick was a man of prayer, a man of great zeal, a man who was not put off by hardship, a man of humility, a man who put Christ at the centre of everything as in *St Patrick's Breastplate*. He was always aware of God's presence and God's Providence. His Confessions are full of scripture references. He knew the bible very well.

He finishes his Confession in this way:

If any of you see fit to examine or to obtain this document, which has been written in Ireland by Patrick, an uneducated sinner ... Let your conclusion ... rather be the real truth, that my success was the gift of God. This is my confession before I die.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Juan Pablo Silva (Castleknock). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

THE DIVINE MERCY

There will be a brief paper on this topic, we gather to talk about what we have heard, followed by light refreshments. Everyone is very welcome to come along on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. Organised by the Legion of Mary.

HYMNS - OLD AND NEW

We hope that the availability of a hymnal will encourage more congregational singing at 6.30pm (vigil), 10.00am Sunday and the Monday evening Novena (7.00pm) Masses. The cantor will announce hymn numbers and verses. **PLEASE RETURN HYMN BOOKS TO THE TABLES, DO NOT REMOVE THEM FROM THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.**



COLLECTIONS - Sunday 10 March

Parish (1st Collection, incl. African Mass & Online)	= €1,724.19
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 322.70
Share	= € 285.95
SVP (monthly collection)	= € 518.66

Thank you for your continued support to the parish and diocese.

LENT

Lenten Retreat on Saturday 23rd March from 3.00 - 6.30pm in preparation for Holy Week. This will be a silent retreat in the Church, Presbytery and grounds of St Peter's. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection. Retreat begins with a short introduction at 3.00pm in the Church.