

16 January 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Is 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8,9-10

Second Reading:

1Cor 12:4-11

Alleluia:

2Thess 2:14

Gospel:

John 2:1-11

Programme of worship:

Sunday 16 January

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 17 January

No Mass

Tues 18 - Sat 22 January

Mass 12.30pm

Reconciliation Wednesday and Saturday, 12noon to 12.25pm. To arrange reconciliation out with this time contact 0131 556 1973.

Liturgical Calendar

17 Jan St Anthony

18 Jan St Fabian
St Sebastian

21 Jan St Agnes

22 Jan St Vincent

We **pray** for **parishioners** who are sick and remember in a special way all who are in hospital and those who are housebound. May they know the love of this community.

St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair
Served by The Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy



Fr Francis Ututo SMMM, Administrator

Fr Emmanuel Ndukwu SMMM, Assisting Priest

Fr Kingsley Idoghor SMMM, Assisting Priest

Dear Parishioners

A wedding is at the centre of today's Gospel. It is at this wedding feast that Jesus performs his first miracle, changing water into wine. Though we are not here today to celebrate a wedding, today's celebration includes both feast and miracle, ones we often take for granted. Let us consider the miracle that takes place in our presence today - the bread and wine becoming Christ's Body and Blood.

Gospel reflection

We identify with Mary's sensitivity in noticing that the wine was running short and Jesus' sensitivity in keeping the miracle quiet. The purpose of the miracle, then, wasn't to save the wedding couple's day or to draw attention to Jesus. The purpose runs deeper: the sign revealed Jesus' glory. The wedding feast as an opportunity for epiphany and belief. The epiphany (manifestations and revelations) of Jesus' glory is a sign of the persistence of God's overtures of love to us - God reveals glory to us in many ways to make sure we catch it - and the depths of God's love, so much so that we are espoused to God. Belief entails a *Who* rather than a *what*. Our own encounters with Jesus in prayer, through others, in struggling with daily living, are truly epiphanies of God's glory which also invites us to respond to divine Presence with belief.

(Living Liturgy, p.42)

Prayer of the week

Dear Blessed Mother, thank you for your perfect words of wisdom. Help me to accept your advice in my life. Help me to know what your Son wills of me and then help me to embrace His holy and perfect will. Lord, I give You my life and choose to surrender all to You. Amen.

Thought of the week

God is everything. I am nothing. That is enough for today.

St John XX111

Question of the week

What "Epiphanies of God's love" have happened in my life?

What gifts that the Spirit gives me can I use to make a transformation in my life or for those I know?

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Mass Intentions

Date	Mass	Name	Intention
16 January	09.00am	Margaret Tracey	Anniversary 2 January. RIP
18 January	12.30pm	Kathleen McConnell	Anniversary. RIP

Finance:

Collections

Sunday 9 January

GA £ 306.00

NGA £ 879..00

Crib Offerings

£ 108.47

Making a donation:

If you have not already done so, you may wish to consider taking out a standing order for your weekly / monthly contribution, in this case, the parish account details are:

St Patricks Church
Bank of Scotland
Sort code: 80-02-29
Account No. 00687306

Given the rapid spread of the Omicron Variant, the Scottish Government is recommending we take frequent lateral flow tests .. in order to keep each other safe may we suggest that we take a test before we come out to Mass?

Please follow current protocols:

1. remain **vigilant**
2. **wear** masks
3. sanitizer used on entry and exit
4. **keep a safe distance**
5. QR codes (for NHS Test and Protect programme) to be used where possible or welcomers will record details.
6. avoid gathering in groups in the foyer and at the front door
7. to ensure good ventilation the front door will be kept open during Mass. Please do wrap up warm with an extra layer or two as the air is now very chilly!
8. seats are sanitized after each Mass.

Thank you for taking care of yourself and others.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated

We extend a very warm welcome to **Father Emmanuel** who begins his ministry here in St Patrick's today, 16 January 2022.

Runciman

Scaffolding is now in place, take care and observe all guidance.

Diploma in Catechetics:

Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. She and a range of guest speakers bring you online lectures each Thursday evening, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins this month and costs £200. Students £150. Other concessions available. Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk for info and register at bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022

40 Hours' Devotion

Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. More about Eucharistic Adoration at bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist The full programme for the Archdiocese can be found at bit.ly/40hoursschedule.

Lunchtime talk

The Archdiocese's mini-series of lunchtime talks on the Pope's encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (**The Joy of Love**) continues Monday (17 January) at 1:30pm on Zoom. Register at bit.ly/AmorisTalks. The talks will also be uploaded to the Archdiocesan YouTube channel bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Synod 2021-2023

The **Synod meeting** for our deanery, Edinburgh City Deanery is scheduled for 7.00pm on 26 January in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Read more about the Synod at www.synod.va

Mass of Thanksgiving

To mark the news that **Rutilio Grande SJ** of El Salvador will soon be declared a 'Blessed', Archbishop Leo will join the Jesuits for a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm on Sunday 22 January. Rutilio Grande was a Jesuit priest assassinated alongside two parish workers, he was also a friend of St Oscar Romero. All welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 18-25 January.

This year's theme is 'We Saw His Star In the East'. Material and meditations available in the resources section at archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/

SPUC Youth Conference

The largest UK pro-life youth conference takes place 25-27 February 2022 in Stone, Staffordshire. It is open to people aged 16-35 and a chance to meet fellow young pro-life leaders. Register at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference2022> Sponsorship is available to young people in our Archdiocese. Please contact the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk

Music Day event has been postponed until later in the year.

Take care. Keep safe. Stay well.

Fr Francis SMMM, Fr Emmanuel SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM

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