



St. Patrick's Parish

Canon Paul Gargaro



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Feast of the Holy Family, Year B

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PARISH DIARY

Sunday	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass: Feast of the Holy Family Exposition & Benediction in Thanksgiving for our 125 th Anniversary Year
Monday	10.00am	Mass: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass: St Basil & St Gregory
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Mass
Saturday	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass Vigil Mass: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	10.00am	Mass: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Collection: Sunday £548.30
Christmas £616

Next Sunday there will be a collection for the work of Justice and Peace.

Thank You! From Canon Gargaro: Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard in the parish to make St Patrick's a warm and welcoming place at Christmas and throughout 2023. Our readers, servers, cleaners, handymen, musicians, welcomers and hospitality helpers, gardener, catechists and children's liturgy helpers, stallkeepers, and everyone else who helps in any way are a credit to our parish, and all parishioners should be grateful for their efforts. I know that I am, and I know that I could not be your parish priest without all that they do to support us all. On a personal note, can I also thank once again those who assisted me last Saturday. I was lucky that it happened when it did and there were people there to come swiftly to my aid, for which I am very grateful. Thankfully I was given the all-clear by the hospital, bar a couple of broken bones in my foot (which explains my limp and why I can't genuflect right now), but I know that at the time I gave you a scare, and worried myself too! Hopefully though it was a one-off.



New Year's Eve: New Year marks the end of our 125th Anniversary year, and to conclude the celebration we will have an hour of Exposition on Sunday from 6pm to 7pm, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: you are all warmly invited to begin the New Year in style by attending 10am Mass on Monday, to ask God's blessings on our parish, our families, and our world in 2024.

Weekdays: from Tuesday 2nd January Masses are all 9.30am and the church is open for private prayer during the day as usual. This might be a good chance to take time to pray at the Crib.

200 Club: is due next weekend.

YOU CAN Scotland, a Catholic networking group for ages 18-45, is having a coffee/lunch after 12.00 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sun 14th January. Anyone interested can either meet at Mass or at the cafe which is right next to the Cathedral on Little King Street. Please contact Marie to confirm attendance, on 07963788087 or email travelmapisland34@hotmail.com

Welcome Home: if you have returned to the Parish for Christmas to see loved ones, and a warm welcome to any visitors who are here for the Christmas Season. We are delighted to welcome you to our Parish celebrations during the Christmas Season.

Crib: Please do take the chance to pray at the Crib, especially for peace in the Holy Land and for family life here at home. There will be a collection basket next to the crib to raise money for St Margaret's Adoption Society. Please be generous in supporting them.



Wayside Club: we've been very generous all year in supporting the Wayside Club, but let's make a special effort to end the year with some extra help for the homeless. Please keep donating the usual toiletries and foodstuffs, but hats, scarves, gloves etc., are also needed in this cold weather.



Young Adult St. Mungo City Pilgrimage Walk: Join RCAG Youth and other young adults on Sat 13th Jan 2024 to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those pigs n blankets! 18 – 35 year olds welcome. 1000 – 1500. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – Pub. www.tinyurl.com/stmungowalk

St Mungo Festival 2024: The upcoming St Mungo Festival, celebrating Glasgow's patron saint in a series of free events, talks and concerts throughout the city, takes place from 8 to 14 January 2024. Among the events are Professor Elaine Moohan talking about the music heard in Glasgow Cathedral up to and beyond the Reformation; the 'Opening of the Vita Kentigerni': readings and song in praise of St Mungo at the Mitchell Library and a concert in honour of Saints Mungo, Ninian and Brigid performed by Alan Tavener with the Strathclyde University Chamber Choir. Full details and booking on our website: stmungofestival.co.uk.



Donations: We have created a QR code for donations in response to requests from younger members of our parish who don't carry cash! Just scan the code and it will take you to a donation page. Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you pay tax.

Prayer for 2024

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Deaths

Father Michael Savage, Tommy Cavanagh, John Casey, Mary Laikowski, Mary McDowall

Anniversary

Ellen & Arthur McCartan, Jim Lavery, Ann Collie, Jean Gallagher, Fr Gerry Nugent

Funeral: the Funeral Mass for John Casey takes place on Tuesday 9th January at 9.30am, with the Reception of his Remains immediately before Mass. Please pray for him and his family.

Funeral: the Funeral Mass for Tommy Cavanagh takes place on Wednesday 10th January at 9.30am, with the Reception of his Remains on Tuesday evening at 7pm. Please pray for him and his family.