

Saint Patrick's Church

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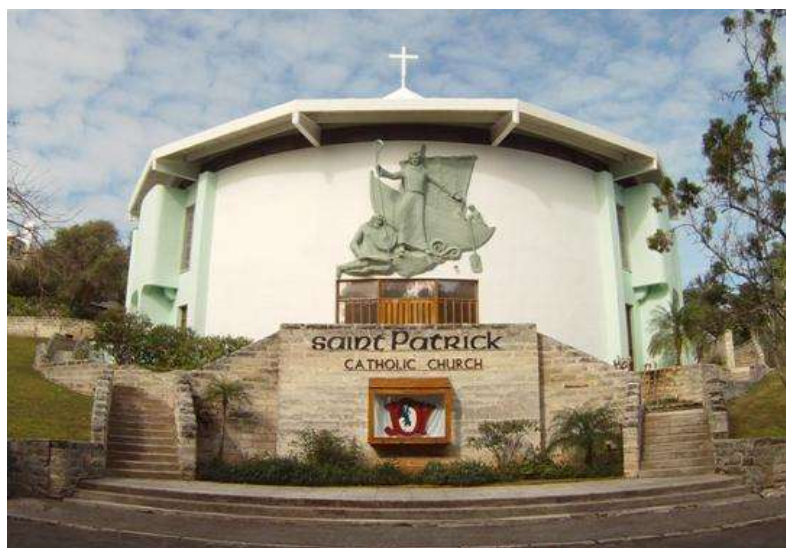
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 6:00 p.m.



Sundays: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

By appointment one year in advance

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment five weeks in advance

BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

PORTUGUESE MASS

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. preceded by the Rosary

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

CCD CLASSES

Saturdays during the school year from
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall
(Grades 1, 2, 7 & 8 only)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesdays during the school year from
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

MAMA PLAYGROUP

Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
in the Church Hall

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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

11th February 2024
The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B

Introduction

There is often no escape from illness. Today's readings focus on leprosy, but they could be about any disease or condition that evokes fear, alienation or condemnation. Those who suffer are urged to turn to God for healing. All of us are called to imitate Jesus, who throughout his life, embraced and healed the sick and outcast. It is a hard challenge to ignore and an even harder one for many of us to accept.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10	6:00 p.m.	✠ Anthony Sousa
Sun.	11	9:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel & Maria José Pacheco ✠ Mary Eduarda Mello ✠ Patricia Correia ✠ José G. Amaral ✠ Maria dos Anjos Faries ✠ Andrew Mark Faries
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	12	8:00 a.m.	✠ Corinne Tungate
Tue.	13	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia ✠ William DeMello
Wed.	14	8:00 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners
Wed.	14	7:30 p.m.	Families of St. Patrick's
Thu.	15	8:00 a.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Fri.	16	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	17	6:00 p.m.	
Sun.	18	9:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo ✠ Manuel Melo Sousa ✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ João Veloso
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Weekly Stewardship Thought

We don't give because we have an abundance of resources and can afford it... we give because of a desire to share what we have with others out of love and gratitude.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$5,406.00
Sunday Offerings to Date:	\$18,792.00
Target Offerings (Week 5):	\$17,500.00
Poor Box:	\$21.00
Holy See Collection (3 weeks):	\$1,802.00

Annual Report & Budget Presentation

The St. Patrick's Finance Committee have completed the Annual Financial Report for 2023 and Budget for 2024, which will be presented after all Masses next weekend. Many thanks to the Finance Chair, **David Mutch**, as well as to the Finance Committee members, **Geoffrey Blee**, **Karen Leseur** and **Owen Martin**, for your stewardship!



Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold

What Does the Deacon Do? (Part 2)

In this column last weekend, as I reflected on my eight years in the Diaconate, I mentioned my role in celebrating some of the sacraments, especially Marriage and Baptism. I have had the honour of celebrating the sacraments with family members. I baptised our grandchild in England, and I assisted at our niece's Nuptial Mass in Australia.

This weekend, I reflect on the liturgical role of the deacon. Proclamation of the Gospel at Mass, leading of daily prayer, and seasonal prayer such as Stations of the Cross during Lent, are joy-filled spiritual tasks that I perform. I am grateful to my parents and family members from whom I learned a love of liturgy. In the choir loft with my dad in the 1950's I was surrounded with beautiful liturgical music and song. Listening to the rosary group that my mother held in her house, I learned how to pray.

In particular, I remember the **Easter Vigil** services:
- the fire, the candle, the darkness followed by light,
- the history of salvation narrated in the readings,
- the **Gloria** sung with bells ringing, after its Lenten absence.

As deacon, it is a great honour for me to carry the new Easter Candle into the darkened church, announcing "**The Light of Christ**", sung three times as I process up the aisle to the sanctuary. The light from the Paschal Candle is distributed to the congregation, each with a lit candle in their hands. It is a wonderful and emotional sight to witness.

Once the Easter Candle has been placed by the altar, I will sing the Easter Proclamation (**Exsultet**). This beautiful prayer is an ancient hymn of praise which recounts the wonders of the saving work of Christ, whose new and risen light, shining in the darkness, is represented by the Paschal Candle.

The **Exsultet** is found on pp 193 - 196 of the Sunday Missal. Please take some time to read this wonderful prayer, and to reflect on what it means in your own liturgical experience.

Thank You!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to share this with anyone who may have missed it last weekend:

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donations received by the SVDP Society in 2023. We are humbled by and grateful for your generosity of spirit. Your trust and support enabled the SVDP Society to provide several thousand meals to individuals and to assist many families through crisis situations at Christmas and throughout the year allowing us to play a small part in improving their quality of life. Thank you and God bless you.

Anointing of the Sick – February 10 & 11

World Day of the Sick is recognized on Sunday, and the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after all Masses this weekend.** Anyone who has reached the age of reason, and who can benefit by receiving this Sacrament, should be anointed, especially:



- Those who are seriously ill or have a chronic illness;
- Those who experience physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual illnesses which alienate them from others, and feel they will be comforted by receiving this Sacrament;
- Those who are preparing for an operation;
- Those who are recuperating from an operation or illness, and were not previously anointed;
- Those who are preparing for death;
- The elderly, especially those who are in poor health, and wish to be strengthened by the Sacrament.



World Marriage Day – February 11

Marriage is a vocation to holiness. From the first days as newlyweds through to the golden years, couples have the awesome task of witnessing to God's faithful love to each other, their children, and society. World Marriage Day provides an opportunity for the Catholic Church to celebrate couples called to marriage and family life. Let's join in prayer for all married couples on this special day:

Heavenly Father, You blessed the union of married couples so they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church. Look with kindness on them, renew their marriage covenant, and strengthen their bond, so they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. Amen!

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Lent begins this week! Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at the usual weekday time of 8:00 a.m. There will also be an evening Mass at 7:30 p.m. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. Please note **ashes will not be distributed at any of the weekend Masses.**



Portuguese Mass – St. Patrick's

There will be **NO Portuguese Mass** at St. Patrick's for the following two **Wednesdays, February 14 & 21.** The next Portuguese Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's on **Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m.** starting with the Stations of the Cross. For the month of March, Portuguese Mass will be celebrated at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.**

Portuguese Mass – St. Theresa's

There will be **NO Portuguese Mass** at St. Theresa's Cathedral on **Saturday, February 17.**



Welcome, Fr. Ruggiero!

We are pleased to have Fr. Ruggiero Doronzo from Italy back at St. Patrick's. Fr. Ruggiero assisted us last summer, and will assume the pastoral duties of the parish again until early March. Please make him feel welcome!

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

As in previous years during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are encouraged to attend either or both devotions as part of your Lenten practice.



Mid-Day Mass at St. Theresa's

During the season of Lent, there will be mid-day Mass celebrated Monday to Friday at St. Theresa's Cathedral starting at 12:10 p.m. On Fridays, there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:40 a.m. followed by the Mass.



Let's Get Social!

The St. Patrick's Parish Council is pleased to announce they will be hosting socials after each Mass on **February 24 & 25.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Fish Fry – March 15

Friday Night Fish Fry will return to St. Patrick's on **March 15.** Come and join us in the Church Hall for some good food and fellowship, or feel free to take it home to enjoy. No cooking + no dishes = winning! More details on this event coming soon.



Smile for the Day!

Q: What did the lightbulb say to his Valentine?
A: *I love you a watt!*



Q: Why do skunks like Valentine's Day?
A: *Because they are scent-imental!*



The Bishop's Corner – Pope Francis' Message for Lent

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his opening message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis said, "When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom." Recalling the Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt, the Holy Father explains that our journey through the desert can be a season of grace, not an abstract journey, but a concrete path that involves seeing the world as it is and hearing the cries of our oppressed brothers and sisters.

The Pope reminds us that it is God who takes the initiative. He said, "Too often there remains within us an inexplicable longing for slavery, a desire to cling to idols that paralyze us, as Israel was paralyzed in the desert. Lent, however, is a season of grace, a time of conversion, where the desert can become a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery, where we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken."

He added that, "The Lenten journey involves a struggle. It is a time for action, but also a time to pause in prayer and to pause in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love." Pope Francis continued, explaining that "The contemplative dimension of Lent can help us release new energies to be more sensitive to one another; in the place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers."

Pope Francis concluded his Lenten message on a hopeful note: "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope." Calling on the faithful to "be ready to take risks," he invited them "to find the courage to see our world, not as in its death throes, but in a process of giving birth; not at the end, but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history." The Pope said, "Faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward."

Full official text of the message can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/3pmrna3y>

Have a restful weekend and a blessed season of Lent!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I turn to you, Lord, in time of
trouble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Santo (by José Paulo Abreu) 9:00 a.m. Mass only

Santo, Santo, Santo é o Senhor, Deus do Universo.
Cheios estão os céus e a terra,
Da Tua glória, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor.

Hossana nas alturas, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Cordeiro de Deus (Lamb of God)

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a vossa paz!

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

17th & 18th February 1st Sunday in Lent

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Communion Min.</u>			
<u>Lector(s)</u>	B. DaPonte	A. Rodrigues M. J. Silva	K. Onen
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	J. Roberts	R. Lopes	J. Mathias
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	J. Every	H. Furtado	C. Easton V. Easton
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	A. Bento	J. Furtado D. Rego	C. Faria K. Garcia
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	K. & D. Raymond	T. Botelho & Family	Arnold/Pedro Family
<u>Flower Ministry</u>	Connie Frias		