

Saint Patrick's Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 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

PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

PORTUGUESE MASS

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. preceded by the Rosary

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

FILIPINO MASS

Second Friday of every month 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, 6, 7 & 8 only*)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

ACTIVELY AGING EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
in the Church Hall

MAMA PLAYGROUP

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

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Reverend Bishop Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP
Parish Priest
292-0607 Ext 4

Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold
Parish Deacon
236-3171

Mrs. Nancy da Silva
Parish Council Chair
538-8424

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director & Organist
236-8196

Mr. David Mutch
Parish Finance Committee Chair
293-5506

Mr. Joe Amaral
St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep
535-0002

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
Parish Catechetical Leader
236-9481

Mrs. Nicole Renaud
Parish Office Administrator
236-9866 Ext 0#

Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

23rd March 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent
Year C



If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health illness or suicidal thoughts, please call:
236-3770 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MWI)
911 or 239-1111 (24/7 crisis hotline)

Introduction

Jesus calls us to repent – to change our hearts and mindset. It is a comfort to know that God gives us time to change and grow, especially for those who may not be where they want to be in terms of their Lenten commitments. We are called to remember that God is like the gardener in today's Gospel who wants to give the failing fig tree another chance, but he doesn't expect the tree to thrive without help. In the same way, God never leaves us alone, especially when we are struggling.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	22nd	6:00 p.m.	✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral
Sun.	23rd	9:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo ✠ José Luis DaSilva ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Olivia Frias Simas
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	24th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Hortencia Lima
Tue.	25th	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	26th	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	27th	8:00 a.m.	✠ All Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	28th	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	29th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Ethan Arruda
Sun.	30th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ Antonio José Gaspar
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Do you cling to what you have, or share with others? We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Remember, God not only calls us to be generous with our gifts, but to develop and nurture them, and return them with increase.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,004.00
Offerings to Date:	\$41,822.00
Target Offerings (Week 11):	\$41,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$89.00



Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded whenever coordinating any online transfers to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, we would be most grateful if you could please **send an email to the Rectory office to advise of the incoming funds and how they should be allocated.** Unfortunately, even when senders include a memo on their end, the transfer details do not always appear on our end, particularly for funds received from HSBC and Clarien Bank. Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

“God’s Mercy and Repentance: A Call to Bear Fruit in our Lives”

Jesus speaks to us through the parable of the barren fig tree, inviting us to reflect on our own spiritual journey during this season of Lent. This parable serves as a powerful reminder of God's mercy and forgiveness of our sins. Like the fig tree, we may find ourselves in seasons of barrenness or spiritual stagnation. Yet, God in His infinite mercy, gives us opportunities for repentance and renewal. Here are three points of reflection based on the Gospel heard today:

First, God's Mercy and Forgiveness: The parable of the barren fig tree illustrates God's mercy and forgiveness towards us. Despite the tree not bearing fruit, the gardener intercedes on its behalf. Reflect on God's abundant mercy in your own life, and consider how you can respond to that mercy with gratefulness by bearing fruit through acts of love, kindness, and service to others.

Second, Repentance and Conversion: Jesus addresses the need for repentance and conversion by emphasizing the importance of turning away from sin and bearing good fruit. Reflect on areas in your life where you may need to repent and make a conscious effort to amend your ways. Consider how you can cultivate a spirit of ongoing conversion and growth in your relationship with God.

Third, Time for Spiritual Growth: This Gospel highlights the importance of time and opportunity for spiritual growth. Just as the fig tree is given a bout for cultivation and growth, Lent serves as a time to reflect, repent and grow closer to God. Use this season of Lent to examine your spiritual life, nurture your faith through prayer and reflection, and make intentional efforts to bear good fruit in words and deeds.

May we enrich our understanding and reflection on the message of God's mercy and repentance, and bear abundant good fruit for the glory of God and wellbeing of all those who journey during this Lenten season.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Dhaka Special Collection – March 29 & 30

Next weekend, there will be marked envelopes available for your kind donations to our Special Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving Collection in support of the construction of the Parish Centre and playing ground near Dhaka, Bangladesh. Please refer to this weekend's edition of the Bishop's Corner at the back of the bulletin for further information. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Call for Social Committee Members & Event Volunteers

The St. Patrick's Parish Council would like to re-establish our parish Social Committee, and are looking for any new (or past) members who are interested in joining. If you would like to become involved in the planning and organizing of our parish social events, this opportunity is for you! Contact Nancy da Silva at 538-8424 or nancydasilvabda@gmail.com to learn more. If you are not interested in the planning process, but would still like to help out during our various events by donating your time, please let Nancy know so she can add your name to our volunteers list.



Renew Your 100 Club Membership!

The St. Patrick's 100 Club is in its tenth year! Many thanks to everyone who has supported this initiative in the past which creates significant annual contributions for our various parish projects, and to all those who have already renewed their 2025 membership! If you have not done so already, please pay the \$100 membership fee directly to David Mutch, or online to **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100** with "100 Club" in the memo field, and send a notification email to the Rectory office. If you're considering joining the 100 Club for the first time, please contact David Mutch at 591-2468 or via email at davidgamutch@gmail.com for more information on this great fundraising initiative!

Volunteers Needed for Holy Week

Please take a moment to sign up for the various ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil Mass. Sign-up sheets are located on the counter at the entrance to the Church. Thank you for your kind stewardship!

Diocesan Lenten Reconciliation Services

This week, our Diocese is pleased to welcome two priests from Canada to join our on-island priests in administering Lenten Reconciliation as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 26** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at **St. Patrick's Church**
- **Thursday, March 27** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **St. Theresa's Cathedral**

There will also be two additional opportunities during Holy Week for confession at **St. Theresa's Cathedral** on **Wednesday, April 16** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and **7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Patrick's **every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are encouraged to attend either or both of these devotions.

St. Theresa's Mid-Day Mass

Mid-day Mass is celebrated at **12:10 p.m.** at St. Theresa's Cathedral every weekday during Lent. On Fridays, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11:40 a.m. followed by the Mass.

Prayer List

Almighty God, giver of life and health,
We ask you to send forth your blessings of comfort and strength to those who are sick and suffering, and their caregivers, in particular:



Genevieve DeSouza
Paula Madeiros
Joe Pacheco
Manuel Gonçaves
Dorothy Gonsalves
Karen Fleisher
Pat Rego
Denise Somerville
Laurida Souza Bulhões

Debbie Sampson
Mickey Johnson
Jo Frith
Isabel LaVangie
Angus MacMullin
Anthony Amaral
Maria Cristina Imelda Catudio
David Mathias



St. Patrick's Fish Fry – April 11

Mark your calendars for the return of our **Lenten Fish Fry!** Bella Vista will be catering a mahi-mahi fish dinner on **Friday, April 11** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased from any of our Parish Council members. This was a SOLD-OUT event last year so make sure you buy your tickets early! Please also remember to bring along a reusable bag for ease of transporting your meals home.

Happy Independence Day, Bangladesh!



As we continue to recognize the diverse cultures that make up the people of St. Patrick's, this weekend we are pleased to highlight our Bangladeshi parishioners! On March 26, 1971, Bangladesh took part in a guerrilla war against the Pakistan Army which lasted nine months, defeating them on December 16, 1971 to earn their independence. The declaration of Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan is commemorated annually on March 26 when the streets are decorated with national flags to host parades and other events in celebration of the history and traditions of Bangladesh.



Easter Flower Donations

Envelopes are now available at the entrance to the Church for Easter flower donations in memory of your loved ones. If you prefer to pay online, please remember to advise the Rectory office via email of your transfer, as well as the names of your loved ones for the Easter bulletin.



FREE Guinea Pigs!

Are you looking for a furry friend to join your family? Ronnie Lopes has guinea pigs in need of a good home. They make great pets – very easy to handle, and love salad and fruit leftovers! For more information, please call Ronnie at Pet Care: 236-9242.

Smiles for the Day!

Q: What do trees like to drink?

A: *Root beer.*

Q: How do you know if a tree is a Dogwood?

A: *By the bark.*



The Bishop's Corner – Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

We all know that the three main works of mercy and penitence that we are invited to undertake in the Lenten season are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Also, I am sure that this Lent everyone has resolved himself/herself to observe these Lenten practices on a personal level. It came to my mind, however, that perhaps we should try to do something as a Diocese to assist a poorer church in a missionary country. I have given this project the title of "Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving." It would be beautiful if each year we were willing, as a community of faith, to show this kind of solidarity, support and mercy towards our sisters and brothers who are less fortunate than we are.

This year, I would like to direct our Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving to assist Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In September 2023, Fr. Jacob Swapan Gomes spent some time in our Diocese promoting the construction of this Parish Church. You, my dear people, showed an amazing generosity with almost \$20,000.00 being collected for this purpose. Thanks to your generosity the church has been constructed and dedicated by the Archbishop of Dhaka in January 2025. You are able to view photos on the information boards in our churches.

Fr. Jacob is now trying to raise further funds to build the Rectory and the Parish Centre as well as a Parish playing ground to create a decent space for gathering mainly children and youth at the Parish. He will not be continuing with this project as he will hopefully come to minister in our Diocese, but he wants to leave a financial cushion to his successor.

On the weekend of March 29th/30th, there will be a Special Collection in our churches as our Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving. You can also donate online to our Diocesan account as follows:

Bank Name – Butterfield Bank

Account Name – ORCC Special Account

Account Number – 20006060021098100

Memo – BANGLADESH

Thank you for your generosity!

Have a restful weekend and a blessed third week of Lent!

Bishop Wes



Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy) – 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) – 9:00 a.m. Mass only

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

29th & 30th March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Min(s)	M. DaCosta & M. DeSilva	E. Kelly, N. da Silva & A. Rodrigues	M. Falcão, K. Garcia & M. Squire
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	Noah da Silva & M. dos Anjos Araujo	N. Pimentel
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	J. Cassidy
Mass Server(s)	A. Lutkin	VOLUNTEER	C. Easton & V. Easton
Hospitality Min(s)	M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair	T. Botelho & J. Furtado	G. Michel & K. Onen
Gift Bearers	Berlo Family	C. Frias & Family	VOLUNTEER
Flowers Ministry:	Ashley Bento		