

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 13<sup>th</sup> March

The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered to all of us by God. It is a gift we struggle with, as evil in the world tempts us to live in selfishness. Lent, and today's gospel, reminds us of the glory of our calling to follow in Jesus' ways.

### MASSES

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Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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## Feast days of the week in March

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick.** Was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in the Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish.

The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop c. 457-61 or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive; the *Letter to Coroticus*, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his *Confession*, written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died in 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> St. Cyril of Jerusalem**, 315-86, Bishop of Jerusalem. He excelled as a catechist and administrator, and suffered exile in his fight against Arianism.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph**, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Most people recognise St. Joseph for his role in the Christmas story, as the husband of the Virgin Mary. Often shown with carpentry tools, a lily and the child Jesus. Because of his blessed death, assisted by the Child Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death.



## Deaths

We remember in our prayers Sheila Lucey, Dunmore Lawn, May she rest in peace, our sympathies to her family, friends and neighbours.

## Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you, We let this ardent prayer rise up: may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease! Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war, Console the families in mourning, support those who have had to take the road of exodus. Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your words of love and peace will never pass. You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us, even beyond death. So we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope.



## MASSES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Mass at 6p.m.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Mass times 9a.m. and 11a.m.

## FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance.

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.



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## The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma  
Yes, honestly its true  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely  
The thought just makes me squirm  
She must have caught a 'virus'  
Or been eaten by a 'worm.'

I've searched through the 'recycle bin'  
And files of every kind  
I've even used the 'Internet'  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine  
The reply from him was negative  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So if inside your 'Inbox'  
My Grandma you should see  
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her  
And send her back to me!

