



**ST. PATRICK** is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found

some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering he died **March 17, 461.**

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**ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:**

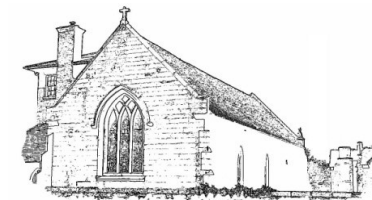
**EMERGENCY EXIT:** This is via the sacristy and through the house

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**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions  
(YEAR B Readings)**

**Sunday 11 March**

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments  
Dementia Prayer Week*

For the people of the Parish  
For the intentions of Michelina DiRita

**Monday 12 March**

8.30 am -

**Lent Feria**

Holy Souls

**Tuesday 13 March**

8.30 am -

**Lent Feria**

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

**Wednesday 14 March**

8.30 am -  
9.00 am -

**Lent Feria**

Holy Souls  
*#Discussion Group in The Stable*

**Thursday 15 March**

11.30 am -

**Lent Feria**

Private Intention

**Friday 16 March**

11.30 am -

**Lent Feria**

Stan Robson R.I.P.

*Followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament until 2.00 pm*

**Saturday 17 March**

10.00 am -

**Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

**Sunday 18 March**

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

For the people of the Parish  
The Catenians

*We will be welcoming members of the Kidderminster & District Catenian Circle brothers and their families to our 10.30 Mass this morning.*

**Anniversaries in March:** Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Pritchard (2017)

Jo-  
Wil-  
Ernest  
Geraldine

**Prayers for Sick:**

Trudy Woodall, Anthony Mitchell, Veronica Mitchell, Philip Edwards, Julia Comber, Anne Hiron, Kathleen Clarke, Maureen Ribbins, Anthony Francis-Floris, James Arbuthnott, Susannah Michaels, William Tweddell Jnr, Mo Trow, Jan Sewell, Oliver Ronan, Bernard Millard, Jean Buckley, Paul Hoban.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Wilcox, Jean's husband, who died on Wednesday 7 March . May he Rest In Peace.

Jean's funeral and Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 3 April at 1.30 pm.** At 4.00pm on Monday 2 April her body will be received in church to rest overnight.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sunday 11 March** Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael  
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd  
**Sunday 18 March** Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson  
Elizabeth Mountford, Denise Grant

**Readers:**

**Sunday 11 March** Heather Race  
Frances Rimmer  
**Sunday 18 March** Bidy Goodyear  
The Brown Family

**Church Cleaners:**

**Friday 16 March** Teresa & Greg Oakley

**Money Counters:**

**For the 11 March collection:** John Bradley

**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 4 March**

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£ 253.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 163.00
Loosecash	£ 121.50

Second Collection for Cathedral maintenance £198.50

# **The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion on Wednesday mornings. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a cup of coffee and an exchange of ideas!



"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."

Matt 18:20

**St MATTHEW'S PASSION** is being performed on **Saturday 17 March at 7.30pm** in Kidderminster Town Hall by Kidderminster Choral Society and The Elgar Sinfonia. Information and pre booked tickets from £13 [www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk) or on door for £18 or £17 concession, 18 and under free.



The first meeting of our **BOOK GROUP**, is on **Monday 19 March** at 9.30 am in the stable. For further details please take a copy of the yellow sheet from the tray in the porch

**HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP**

Get in touch with your creative side! New members will be given a warm welcome by existing members of the Harvington Craft Group who meet regularly to learn and to practise a range of arts and craft skills. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 20 March** at 7.00pm in the Stable.



**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** invite you to a Fashion Show on Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm** at M & Co Stourport on Severn, Lombard Street.

This is a new venture for FHL. It will give you the opportunity of seeing clothing available at M & Co modelled by friends and family who will be known to you and with various discounts available for anything you may wish to buy. Tickets at £5.00 will be on sale from Sunday 11 March from Gail and Stephen Brown. Tel 01562 753422.

**Deanery Services of Penance** all at 7.30pm:

**Monday, 19 March** - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch  
**Tuesday 20 March** - St Ambrose, Kidderminster  
**Wednesday 21 March** - St Peter's, Bromsgrove  
**Thursday 22 March** - The Sacred Heart, Droitwich



**Dementia Prayer Week © 12th - 19th March 2017**

Prayer cards are available for you to take from the table in the porch.. Further information from: [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/dementia-prayer-week.html](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/dementia-prayer-week.html)

Donations to the **Foodbank** last Sunday amounted to £235 plus approx 40kgs in goods. Our support continues to be needed and valued.