
St Patrick's Breastplate

The famous prayer of St Patrick is one of the most famous prayers invoking the Holy Trinity. Here are some extracts, which may be helpful to pray on this feast:

As I arise today Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity, Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.
I arise today Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me
From snares of devils, from temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 8

Morning Mass is livestreamed each day and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Pat Vanden RIP
Sunday 30 th	9:30am*		Paddy Parr RIP
	11:30am		Marie Gardner RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:30am	The Visitation of Our Lady	Deceased family members and friends (AB)
Tuesday	9:30am	Dedication of St Clare's	Ints Nancy McCall
Wednesday	9:30am		Lilian and Lawrence Culshaw RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Sts Charles Lwanga and Companions	Marie Gardner RIP
Friday	9:30am		Hannah Beardshaw RIP
Saturday	9:30am	St Boniface	Liliane Berthelot
	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	Mary and Eddie Sinnott RIP
Sunday 6 th	9:30am*		Special Intention (TM)
	11:30am		George Oldcorn RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

*** These Masses can only be attended by those who have booked in advance.**

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Josephine Brenda Cornah, Patrick Cahill** and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11am-12noon and by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon, Sunday 3-4pm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew Keating, Jack Clayton, Ken Hollis, Constance McCann, Margaret Cowley, Thomas Thompson, Maureen Middlemiss, Jim Murtagh, Marion Stuart, Mary Josephine O'Neil, Anna Hall, Michael Lappin, Hilda McNeela.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

DEDICATION OF ST CLARE'S: This Tuesday is the anniversary of the consecration of our church (27 years ago). Mass for the anniversary of dedication will be celebrated at 9:30am as usual. All are welcome to attend. Booking not required.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday, 7pm. Prayer, readings, hymns, reflections and an opportunity for some quiet time with our Lord.

CHURCH OPENING ON MONDAY: This Monday there will be no Exposition, but the church will be open for private prayer 11am-6pm.

COVID CRISIS IN INDIA: Thank you for your generous donations to this cause. We have sent £750 to CAFOD to help with immediate emergency aid and a further £840.79 to Aid to the Church in Need (made up of a substantial donation, £120.79 in this collection and a further £420 we already had to send to ACN). The ACN money will offer ongoing aid to communities in India struggling in the pandemic.

COVID NHS-APP IN CHURCH: In the church entrance there are QR codes which you can scan using the NHS Covid-19 app, if you have a suitable mobile device. Scanning this removes the need for the stewards to record your details. If you cannot (or choose not to) scan the stewards will record your attendance as usual.

COMING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER? If you are coming to pray privately in church, please pick up a "This space has been used" sheet at the entrance and leave it in your place when we leave. This enables us to clean spaces in between visitors.

ATTENDING MASSES: It is no longer necessary to book for the Saturday or Sunday evening Masses or for 11:30am on Sundays. Booking remains necessary for the 9:30am Mass on Sunday morning – please contact us if you would like to attend this. All other services can now be attended without the need to book.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: This will take place next Sunday at St Walburge's church. It's not possible to attend in person, but the service will be streamed live on [St Walburge's YouTube channel](#) at 2pm.

SCOUTS AND CUBS: Our St Clare's groups are now meeting again, with limited numbers. We welcome them back and look forward to the return of Beavers soon.

PRO-LIFE NEWS: You can keep up to date with all the latest stories on the sanctity of life by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk/news

CTFB EVENING STROLL: Wednesday 9th June, meet at The Sherwood 7pm for a 7:15pm set-off into Masonwood. More details: Margaret Thompson 719317.

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“Unlocking” the Parish: our plan

The plan below gives some sense of how the parish may move towards normality in the coming months. The plan is subject to national restrictions and guidance we receive from the government and from our bishops.

At Step 4 of the government’s national roadmap (planned for 21st June):

- Car park restrictions will come back into force, freeing up space for the parish and for church/school events.
- Restrictions regarding face coverings, singing at Mass, social distancing etc. will be reviewed in line with latest guidance from the government and from the Bishops’ Conference.

Before the autumn (dates to be confirmed):

- Weekday Masses will revert to the old Mass times. The 11:30am Mass on Sundays will continue until social distancing is no longer required.
- An outdoor parish social event is planned.
- First Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 group will take place.
- Booking requirement for all events will be lifted, if social distancing rules are relaxed by the government and we are confident that it’s safe.
- Visits to housebound parishioners and care homes may be possible.
- The church will reopen all day for private prayer, if rules permit.
- CTS booklets and leaflets will be available again in the narthex.

From September

- Children’s liturgy and all our youth groups should resume.
- A normal year of sacramental preparation is planned, including for children whose confessions, first Communion and Confirmation have been delayed.
- A full programme of parish social life will take place, if permitted.
- Other parish groups should be able to resume.
- We hope to be able to hold some events to mark the 50th anniversary of our parish and school, in November 2021.
- We hope that the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land planned for late October may be able to go ahead, if the pandemic and the security situation allow. Work is ongoing to assess this.

We plan to continue to livestream Mass each day, for the benefit of those who are housebound; everyone who can is strongly encouraged to attend Mass and rebuild our community. We will also continue with some other online output to assist with catechesis, evangelisation and outreach work in the parish.