

Looking Forward



Looking Forward to Easter



~ In the Year of the Family ~



13th March 2022 :
2nd Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel of Luke,
the Voice of God
tells us :
“This is my chosen Son.
Listen to him.”

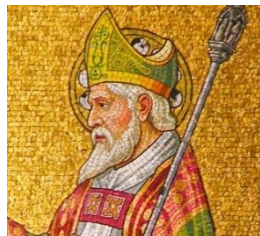


Loving God,
during the sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to You.
Prepare a place in my home and heart
for silence and solitude,
so that I may rediscover the gift of a prayer-filled life.
Enlarge my heart so that I may give to those in need,
And rediscover the gifts of gratitude and generosity.
Help me to fast from those things that are unnecessary
to the well-being of my body and soul,
reminding me of the gift of simplicity.
May this season be a time to rekindle my love for You
and my faith in You.
Amen

† † † † “PRAISED BE YOU, MY LORD, THROUGH SISTER WATER.” † † † †

SAINTS AND SCHOOLS # 17

When Patrick was about 16, he was captured by pirates and taken from his home in Britain to be sold in Ireland. He escaped and returned home, but later went back to Ireland as a missionary to convert the land to Christianity. He is the patron saint of Ireland, Nigeria and Montserrat.



St Patrick is honoured by two schools in our diocese, in Collier Row and Walthamstow.

“Be builders amid the ruins;
be capable of dreaming.”

(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)



Solemnity of Saint Patrick : 17th March

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.*

- extract from the famous
Old Irish prayer ascribed to
the saint, known as
St Patrick's breastplate



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