

Volunteers Required:

We are always in need of helpers to assist Father in the running of our church. In particular, we welcome - Eucharistic ministers, readers, choir members, musicians, altar servers, greeters, flower arrangers, cleaners and money counters. Perhaps you have knowledge, wisdom or practical skills and could support our Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) which meets in the Parish Room three times a year. In the first instance please talk to Father or have a word with one of the following:-

Singing or playing music with the choir at Sunday Mass - Barbara Jordan

Reading - Peter Jordan

Money Count - Zofia Bronowska or Rosemary Earle

Church cleaning after mass Wednesday mornings - Pat Davis or Frances Floody

Flowers - **Angela King**

Sacramental Preparation - **Rosemarie or Cynthia**

Offertory Giving:

At St Patrick's we encourage parishioners to support us through monthly direct debit. If you would like to donate this way please set up a standing order via your bank account. However if you would prefer to use weekly envelopes please speak to Zofia Bronowska (Saturday) or Rosemary Earle (Sunday). Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available. If you donate in this way or use the weekly envelopes and you are a tax payer, and have signed a gift aid declaration, then for every £1 given the parish can claim 25p from HMRC. Please note that standing order and gift aid declarations must be returned to the parish for processing. Any changes to your details need to be communicated to Zofia or Rosemary on the parish finance email: finance.stpatrickduston@northamptondiocese.org



CASPAR: It is important to us that you register with CASPAR, please use the QR code here or in the porch. We only require your name and an email address for us to send you the weekly newsletter thus saving time and money. When you sign up, please make a note of your ID number generated as this might be useful to you going forward. Those who have not signed in will no longer be registered with the parish. Parish ID #56069.

If you not have access to a computer or require assistance getting set-up please speak with **Chair of Pastoral Council or Father.**



Welcome to St Patrick's, Duston

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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....6.00pm

Sunday.....9.30am

So that Father can enjoy a day of rest each week, we offer 4 weekday masses. On the fifth day there will be a Word and Communion Service. Please see the newsletter for more info.

Holydays.....9.30am & 7.00pm

Confessions:

The Cathedral Chaplaincy team are in the hospital twice a week to visit and support patients. If you need a priest for a family member or friend, then please contact the Cathedral office 01604 714556 or speak with the person in charge on the ward.

St Patrick's Pastoral Parish Council:

Chair of Parish Council: Mark Watson

Safeguarding: Danielle Dixon safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org - 01604 723514 or 07833 050628 or our Chair of Parish Pastoral Council

Health and Safety: Mick Donohue

Anything else ?

Sacramental Preparation:

St Patrick's welcomes families for sacramental preparation worship and spiritual growth. Preparation classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are generally held after Sunday mass during term time only. New candidates for these sacraments should enrol in the September prior to the event. For initial information please talk to Rosemarie King. Baptisms, weddings and funerals need to be sorted directly with Father. There's a Children's Liturgy every Sunday during 9.30am mass in the church meeting room.

Families with younger children and babies:

We're delighted to let you know that our Parish Meeting Room is also available during Mass if your little ones are unsettled. The curtains will remain open at both weekend Masses enabling you to follow the service through the window. Books are available for use from the bookcase, but please feel free to bring along anything that helps your child feel calm and comfortable – fidget toys are especially welcome. Please be aware that your children must be accompanied at all times as there will be no supervision provided. Our hope is that your children grow to enjoy coming to Mass and feel at home in our lovely parish community.

Prayer at St Patrick's:

There is a Prayer Intentions Book on the table at the back of the church; please add to it any prayer requests.

The confidential online prayer group will also pray weekly for your needs or those of your loved ones from the book.

For those without a computer, smart device or those who are housebound, there is a non-confidential version of the Prayer Intentions that we can have printed off and delivered. Father Benny is always happy to pray for you if you would prefer not to share. Please speak to Rosemarie King or Carol Gribble for more information. There is a bespoke email address too in the front of the church book.

Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions for your loved ones or special intentions can be booked after all Masses in the parish room. The red file on the table has booking sheets for each month – no more than 2 intentions per Mass please. We ask you to ensure all names are spelled correctly and written clearly so as to avoid any possible mistakes. SI is a Special Intention and RIP is for the deceased. You could also have a Mass offered for a birthday, anniversary or thanksgiving. Mass cards are available for purchase if you wish to share as a gift and there are empty envelopes in the front of the file in which you can place your donation. Thank you.

Daughters of the Holy Spirit:

The Associates of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit meet at St Patrick's (Church meeting Room) on the second Monday of each month at 1.30pm. New Associates are always welcome. The lay Associates are formed in the spirituality of the order, seeking to find the working of the Holy Spirit in everyday life and responsibilities.

Their mission is: "to reverence in a special way the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in ourselves, in others and in all creation."

Ladies Circle:

A group of parishioners meet most Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm in the church meeting room. This may simply be for a cuppa and chat with like-minded people; however, they also organise activities and outings together. All are welcome, so in the first instance please contact Eileen Andrews for more information.

Cathedral Good Companions Group:

A social club for people aged 50+ meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Cathedral Centre from 12.00 to 2.30pm. They enjoy companionship through company with a cup of tea, coffee and homemade cake. Their diary of activities includes outings, exercise, bingo, quizzes, demonstrations and talks from various organisations. Contact Philly: 01604 714556 or talk to Rosemary Earle.

St Vincent de Paul Society:

Are you interested in offering help with the work of a local branch of the SVP?

The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty, in all its forms, by providing practical assistance to people in need.

Founded in Britain in 1844, we foster diverse and inclusive connections, as a Society that is welcoming of people of all faiths and none. We joyfully extend our hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need support.

<https://www.svp.org.uk>

Cathedral & Saints Francis and Therese SVP: 07591060335

St Aidan's SVP: 07513367148

St Thomas More: 07517613487

Code of Conduct: An extract from the Cathedral's Safeguarding Policy Statement: "Every human being has a value and dignity which we as Catholics acknowledge as coming from God's creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. We believe therefore that all people should be valued, supported and protected from harm and have a zero-tolerance approach to all abuse, recognising the possible escalation of low-level concerns into more serious incidents if not addressed."