



# St. Patrick's Day

## 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Parish Resource.

#### FEASTDAY

St. Patrick - Bishop, principal patron of Ireland.

“Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

I arise today”

– taken from the Breastplate of St. Patrick.

#### SACRED SPACE

The following could be included:

- Shamrock
- Statue/ Painting of St. Patrick
- A bell
- A staff

#### COLOUR OF THE FEAST

- White

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### *Readings*

**First Reading:** Eccles (Sir) 39: 6-10

**Psalm:** Psalm 115: 12-19 How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

**Second Reading:** 2 Tim 4:1-8

**Gospel:** Mt 13: 24-32

##### *Homily Notes*

On this Feast of St. Patrick, we are invited to reflect on our gratitude to God for the gift of faith passed down to us. Like Patrick, we are called to use every opportunity to share our faith, even amidst challenges. As the Parable of the Mustard Seed reminds us – from the smallest of seeds mighty trees may grow. During Lent, we can grow stronger through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, following Patrick's example. Through our trials, we can become discouraged or strengthened - St. Patrick chose to become stronger.

##### *Prayer of the Faithful – suggested text*

1. That the **leaders of the Church** in Ireland may be inspired by St. Patrick and his commitment to the teachings of Christ. Lord, hear us.
2. That those who have emigrated may find a welcome and kindness in foreign lands. Lord, hear us
3. That those who suffer from hunger and exhaustion as Patrick did may be comforted and cared for. Lord, hear us.
4. That those who have died may rest in the peace of Christ with all the angels and saints. Lord, hear us.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY** – *suggested hymns*

**Entrance:** Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig.

**Psalm:** How Can I Repay the Lord?

**Offertory:** Ag Críost an Síol

**Communion:** Christ Be Beside Me

**Recessional:** Hail Glorious St. Patrick

## **REFLECTION**

**The Breastplate of St. Patrick** – *this could be sung or read.*

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 in the heart of every person who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

- Incense the altar at the start of the offertory

Or

- Stand either side of the presider with candles as the gospel is read.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES**

- Ordo Pages 70-71
- National Proper for Ireland
- Mass Leaflet
- St. Paul's Sunday Missal, 2026.
- Lectionary
- Intercom Magazine –March Edition
- Canaimís

