

Saint Patrick's Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

By appointment one year in advance

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment five weeks in advance

BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

PORTUGUESE MASS

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. preceded by the Rosary

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

CCD CLASSES

Saturdays during the school year from
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall
(Grades 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8 only)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesdays during the school year from
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

MAMA PLAYGROUP

Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
in the Church Hall

DIocese OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Reverend Bishop Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Vivien Nuera, CP
Parish Priest
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Parish Deacon
236-3171

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Parish Council Chairperson
292-7589

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director & Organist
236-8196

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293-5506

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236-9481

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Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5th May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter
Year B

Introduction

Love is at the core of our Christian identity, and we experience God's presence through the love we give and receive in our everyday lives. We are called to show love to everyone we meet without partiality. This is what it means to be a true disciple of Christ.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	4	6:00 p.m.	✠ Domenica & Michele Abate
Sun.	5	9:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva ✠ Germana deSilva ✠ Sandy Johnson ✠ Mary DeSilva
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	6	8:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Tue.	7	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	8	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Teresa Medeiros
Thu.	9	8:00 a.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Fri.	10	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	11	6:00 p.m.	Intentions of Lillian DeSousa
Sun.	12	9:00 a.m.	✠ Corinne Tungate ✠ Maria Simas ✠ Eduarda DaCosta ✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Mary Salvati
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Stewardship of love is the greatest of our responsibilities.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,148.00
Offerings to Date:	\$67,289.50
Target Offerings (Week 17):	\$59,500.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$38.00

TEDS & SVDP Donations

Please remember there are donation boxes for The Eliza DoLittle Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the entrance to the Church. Deposit non-perishables to supply the TEDS' Food Pantry per the list posted, and new (or gently used and clean) sun hats and socks for the SVDP "Head & Toe" Drive for clients of the Loaves & Fishes program **by next Sunday, May 12**. Your kind contributions are most appreciated!



100 Club Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our first draw for the 100 Club in 2024: Manuel Correia, Sean Kelly and John Doherty. To renew (or sign up), pay the \$100 membership fee directly to David Mutch, or online to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100** and include "100 Club" in the memo field. For more information on this great fundraising initiative to support our Church, contact David Mutch at 293-5506 or davidgamutch@gmail.com.

Pastoral Reflection

On this 6th Sunday of Easter, we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ whose love is universal. This love freely communicates to all who believe and accept Him. Thus, the fullness of this love is expressed in Jesus Christ, who is the source of our Christian life. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the nature of love, the importance of remaining connected to Jesus, and the depth of the relationship that we are called to have with God through Jesus Christ.

First, **Love One Another**. Jesus emphasizes here the importance of love, especially his command to his disciples to love one another as he loved them. This love is really meant to be selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional, reflecting the love that Jesus himself has shown to his disciples and us.

Second, **Fruitfulness**. Again, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and its branches to show the importance of remaining connected to him in order to bear good fruit. Just as branches cannot bear good fruit unless they are attached to the vine, we, as believers, cannot bear spiritual fruit unless we are firmly connected to Jesus and his teachings. Indeed, He says "without me you can do nothing" (John 15: 5).

Third, **Friendship with God**. Jesus refers to his disciples as friends, highlighting the close and intimate relationship that He desires to remain with Him. This kind of friendship is based on obedience to his commandments of love, and stems from deep and mutual understanding between Jesus and his followers. This relationship is believed to bring comfort, guidance, and a sense of connection with God. And we, as Christians, often cultivate this friendship through prayer, listening and studying the scriptures, participating in worship, and serving others in Jesus' name.

As we reflect, celebrate, and obey this great command of Jesus to love, we too are called to be empowered to love one another as He has loved us, staying connected to Him so that we can build together a harmonious friendship with God and one another. So, let us give thanks to the Lord who is love, and who "has revealed to the nation his saving power" to each one of us.

Personal reflections for this Sunday:

How can I reflect the God (Who is Love) to others in my daily existence? Do I develop personal and intimate relationships with God and others, akin to a friendship?

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



St. Patrick's Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2024/25 Scholarship Award for students of St. Patrick's Parish who are attending, or planning to attend, college/university in the next academic year are available in the Sacristy. **Please write your name and phone number on the contact sheet before taking an application.** The submission deadline is **June 1, 2024**.

Festa do Senhor Santo Cristo – May 5

This year's Festa do Senhor Santo Cristo will take place on **Sunday, May 5 starting at 1:30 p.m.** with a Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral. Immediately following the Mass will be a procession from the Cathedral onto Dundonald Street, to Woodlands Road, to Laffan Street, and then back to the Cathedral. Festivities will continue in the MSA Courtyard, which will include the bazaar, baked goods, auction, food and beverages, as well as live entertainment. The raffle draw will take place at 8:00 p.m. To purchase raffle tickets in advance, email santocristobermuda@gmail.com.



Portuguese Mass

Bishop Wes will be away next week as he has been invited to preside at the Solemnity of the Ascension in Witten, Germany. Therefore, there will be **NO Portuguese Mass** on Wednesday, May 8 at St. Patrick's Church, nor on Saturday, May 11 at St. Theresa's Cathedral.



Our Lady of Fatima Feast – May 13

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. A woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun, presented herself to the children, and asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to war. You are invited to the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima **at St. Patrick's on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** beginning with a candlelight procession in the parking lot (weather permitting) where the Rosary will be recited, and then continuing into the Church for a Mass celebrated in Portuguese by Bishop Wes Spiewak. All are welcome!



MSA Art Auction

MSA is excited to announce their third annual art auction which will showcase the artwork of their talented students, teachers and alumni. Join them for the opening night reception on Friday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the MSA Auditorium to begin bidding. The pieces will then be available to view at Brew coffee shop on Front Street from May 20 – June 2. Online bids will also be accepted via their website at www.msa.bm. Funds raised from this event will be used for student bursaries.



Seniors' Fitness Class at St. Patrick's

If you are a senior looking for a fun way to improve your physical and mental wellbeing, come and join Frances Smith of Actively Aging BDA for gentle fitness classes in the St. Patrick's Church Hall **every Wednesday in May and June from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Sessions are \$10.00 each, and you can reserve your spot by calling her on 518-4756 or emailing her at activelyagingbda@gmail.com, or drop in!

Prayer List for the Sick

We would like to ensure that our Prayer List for the Sick is up to date. If you are aware of someone on the current list who no longer requires immediate prayer, or if you want to add a loved one's name to the list, please call the Rectory during office hours, or email stpat@logic.bm.



Second Hand Car Needed

We are looking to equip Fr. Vivien with a used car at a good price, preferably in the TCD classes of A-D. If you know someone looking to sell their car, please contact the Rectory, or the Chancery Office at 232-4414 or orcc@northrock.bm.

St. Theresa's Gift Shop

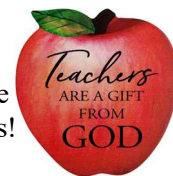
The St. Theresa's Gift Shop would like to remind everyone of their wide selection of greeting cards available at great prices, particularly ahead of the upcoming special occasions of Mother's Day, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. They are open **Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Happy Anniversary, Bruce!

Congratulations to our Music Director, Bruce Fox, as he celebrates 46 years of playing the organ at St. Patrick's on May 6! Ruben (as he affectionately calls it) is sorely missed as it currently undergoes repair work overseas following some recent "health issues". We hope to have it back up and running soon, and are very thankful to have Bruce on the piano in the meantime, accompanied by our wonderful Music Ministry volunteers.

Prayer for Teachers

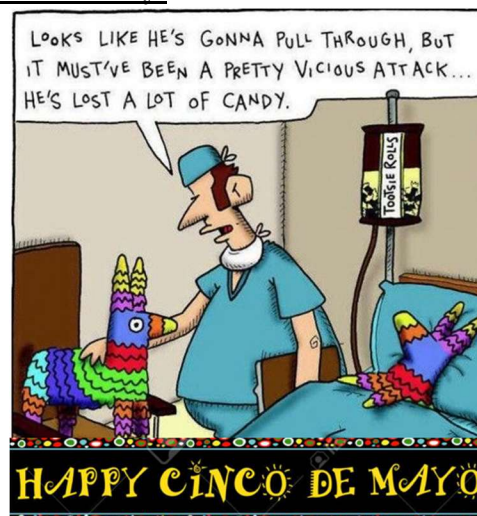
Teacher Appreciation Day is on May 7. Please remember these special people in your prayers!



Dear God,

Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom, and prepare their hearts to welcome and love their students every day. Give them grace as they help each child to thrive, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. Bless them, Lord, and help them to know their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.

Smile for the Day!



The Bishop's Corner – World Day of Social Communications

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his message for the 58th World Day of Social Communications, celebrated on the 12th of May, Pope Francis urges humanity to cultivate wisdom of the heart in the age of Artificial Intelligence. The message focuses on the theme: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*.

AI is “radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society,” says Pope Francis, adding that “these changes affect everyone. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?” In answering this question, the Holy Father notes that “at this time in history, which risks becoming rich in technology and poor in humanity, our reflections must begin with the human heart. Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community.”

The Pope goes on to stress that such wisdom cannot be sought from machines. Although the term “artificial intelligence” has replaced the term “machine learning,” he said, “the very use of the word intelligence can prove misleading.” He also explained that it is not enough to be able to store data, like machines do, but that this data must be made sense of, and “human beings alone” are capable of this. “Depending on the inclination of the heart, everything within our reach becomes either an opportunity or a threat,” warns Pope Francis. He notes that the technology of simulation behind AI algorithms can be useful in certain specific fields. However, he adds, the use of AI becomes “perverse when it distorts our relationship with others and with reality.” He then invited everyone to grow together, “in humanity and as humanity,” recalling that we are all challenged to make a qualitative leap in order to become “a complex, multiethnic, pluralistic, multireligious, and multicultural society.”

Bringing his message for World Communications Day to a close, Pope Francis recalls that “it is up to us to decide whether we will become fodder for algorithms or will nourish our hearts with that freedom without which we cannot grow in wisdom.” Only together, he concludes, can we increase our capacity for discernment and vigilance and for seeing things in the light of their fulfilment. For the full official text go to <https://tinyurl.com/bda3yxp5>

Enjoy your weekend and have a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – 6th Sunday of Easter



Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy) – 9:00 a.m. Mass only

Santo, Santo, Santo é o Senhor, Deus do Universo.

Cheios estão os céus e a terra,

Da Tua glória, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor.

Hossana nas alturas, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Cordeiro de Deus (Lamb of God) – 9:00 a.m. Mass only

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.

Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.

Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a vossa paz!

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

11th & 12th May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Min(s)	M. DeSilva	M. S-Matvey	M. Squire
Lector(s)	S. Sousa	A. Rodrigues & D. Gaspar	K. Onen
Song Leader	J. Roberts	R. Lopes	D. Mutch
Mass Server(s)	J. Every	H. Furtado	C. Easton & V. Easton
Hospitality Min(s)	D. & S. Mutch	J. Furtado & T. Medeiros	K. Garcia & O. deFrias
Gift Bearers	Sinclair Family	D. DeFrias & Family	J. & L. Amaral
Flowers Ministry:	Maria Luisa Pacheco		