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.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA Most Reverend Bishop Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP Parish Priest 292-0607 Ext 4

Mrs. Becky DaPonte Parish Council Chair 292-7589

Mr. David Mutch Parish Finance Committee Chair 293-5506

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel Parish Catechetical Leader 236-9481 **Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold** Parish Deacon 236-3171

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Mr. Joe Amaral St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep 535-0002

Mrs. Nicole Renaud Parish Office Administrator 236-9866 Ext 0#

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

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.

FILIPINO MASS Second Friday of every month 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

ACTIVELY AGING EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall

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

> 8th September 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Introduction

Our readings today offer a message of hope that God is with us and wants to heal us. The Gospel demonstrates a compassionate God who tends to our physical needs, yet if we look further, we also see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper – our souls. Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives, missing countless opportunities to see Him working in day-to-day moments. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves. Let us pray that we be granted an open heart and clear vision to always recognize His loving presence in our lives.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Sun.	7th 8th	-	Parishioners of St. Patrick's Manuel Pacheco deSilva
			🕈 Germana deSilva
			🕈 João & Maria da Estrela Veloso
			Maria Nascimento Araujo
			🕈 Maria Luisa Raposo
		11:00 a.m.	🕆 Paul Lowry
Mon.	9th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Patricia Robinson
Tue.	10th	8:00 a.m.	🕆 Mary & Manuel DeMello
			🕆 Eddy DeMello
			🕆 John & Connie Correia
			🕆 William DeMello
Wed.	11th	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	12th	8:00 a.m.	Corinne Tungate
Fri.	13th	8:00 a.m.	-
Sat.	14th	6:00 p.m.	🕆 José Rebelo
Sun.	15th	9:00 a.m.	🕈 Bill Bilsland
			🕆 José & Maria Botelho
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's





Weekly Stewardship Thought

When we put possessions first, we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting, but when we are rich in faith, we keep God first and can experience true joy and peace.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,792.00
Offerings to Date:	\$135,715.25
Target Offerings (Week 35):	\$122,500.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$49.00



Online Giving

For those who prefer to give online, payments can be made to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**. Please include a memo such as "Sunday Offerings"

so it can be allocated appropriately. Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

He Makes the Deaf Hear and the Mute Speak

This Sunday's reflection invites us listeners to contemplate the significance of Jesus' healing ministry, and how it serves as a foundation and continues to impact our lives today.

First, The Power of Healing: In the Gospel, we witness Jesus healing a man who is deaf and mute. This miracle highlights Jesus' compassion and his ability to restore not just physical health, but also spiritual well-being. It reminds us that Jesus is always present to heal our brokenness, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual.

Second, The Call to Listen: The man in the passage had difficulty hearing and speaking. This can be symbolic of our own struggles to truly listen to God's Word and to speak words of faith and love. Jesus' act of healing challenges us to open our ears to the message of the Gospel and to use our voices to proclaim the Good News to others.

Third, Witnessing to God's Glory: The people who witnessed the miracle were astounded and exclaimed, "*He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.*" As followers of Christ, we are called to be witnesses to God's glory in our lives and in the lives of others. Just as the crowd glorified God for the healing they witnessed, we too are called to give glory to God through our words and actions.

May we respond to GOD's invitation to be open to all that the Lord Jesus has for us, both the gifts that He desires to bestow on us, and the deeds He desires us to do, especially healing, listening and witnessing to the needy around us.

Blessings, Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP Parish Priest



Parish Council Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for ways to exercise your stewardship of time and talent? The St. Patrick's Parish Council is in need of additional members to join

their team. The Council meets monthly, and their mission is to advise the Pastor on the planning and coordination of spiritual and material needs of the Parish through the various ministries, while helping the Parish grow in holiness, and promoting the growth of a living Parish community. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please speak with Fr. Vivien, Deacon Matthew, or Becky DaPonte.



August Winners

Congratulations to the 100 Club cash prize winners for the month of August: Julie Madeiros, Luke Pimentel and John Doherty!

St. Theresa's Mass Updates

Mid-day Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral has resumed. It is celebrated on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays starting at 12:10 p.m. Saturday services in Portuguese will also resume at St. Theresa's Cathedral beginning on September 14 with Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Theresa's Gift Shop

The St. Theresa's Gift Shop has resumed their normal hours following the summer break. They are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Filipino Mass at St. Patrick's

The next Filipino Mass at St. Patrick's Church will take place on Friday, September 13 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come and join Fr. Vivien, along with our Filipino community, as they celebrate the Mass in Tagalog. English translations will be provided. All are welcome!



2024/25 CCD Classes

St. Patrick's CCD classes for the 2024/25 school year will be starting on the morning of Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall for students in Grade 1 (P2/Y2), Grade 2 First Holy Communion (P3/Y3), and Grades 6 – 8 (M1 – M3/Y7 – Y9). Please

contact Nelia Pimentel, our Parish Catechetical Leader, for questions or more information at 236-9481, or via email: benn@northrock.bm.

Deacon Matthew Away

Deacon Matthew Arnold wishes to advise everyone that he will be overseas from September 3 - 19. Safe travels!



Lector Workshops

Once Deacon Matthew returns to the island, he will be organizing a series of workshops for our Lectors, likely to be

held sometime in October. If you are currently a Lector, please be on the lookout for correspondence from him in this regard. For anyone interested in exercising their stewardship by becoming a Lector, please speak with Deacon Matthew for more information.



Accommodation Request

Kristy Smith, new Assistant Principal at MSA, has recently relocated from Alberta, Canada to Bermuda with her family and is seeking long-term accommodation. If you know of any 2 or 3-bedroom rentals that may be available

within a reasonable price range, please contact the Rectory office, or Kristy directly at (441)901-1197 or travisandkristysmith@gmail.com.

Stay Connected



Have you followed us on Facebook yet? Look for St. Patrick's Church, Bermuda to read our weekly bulletins and notices online!

Prayer List for the Sick

Please help to ensure our weekly Prayer List is kept up to date. If you know someone on the current list who no longer requires immediate prayer, or if you would like to add a loved one's name, please call the Rectory during office hours, or send an email to: stpats@logic.bm.

Almighty God, giver of life and health, We ask you to send forth your blessings of comfort and strength to all those who are sick and suffering, and their caregivers, in particular:



Agnes McCudden **Kelsie Simas Genevieve DeSouza** Paula Madeiros Joe Pacheco **Charlie Rav** Manuel Gonçalves Leanora Pacheco Elaine MacNeil

Nancy Grace Dorothy Gonsalves Karen Fleisher **Dina Simas** Alfredo Moniz **Adrian Ridgeway** Mark Every **Agatha Forbes Pearman** Pat Rego



September Milestones

This weekend, Fr. Vivien would like to recognize all of our parishioners who celebrate milestones during the month of September. If

you have a birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion this month, you are invited to come forward after Mass to receive a blessing from Father.

Office Closed

Please note that the Rectory office will be closed from September 11 - 18, reopening on Friday, September 20. You may send an email to stpats@logic.bm or leave a voice message at 236-9866 Ext: 0# for any requests to be actioned upon reopening. For urgent matters, please contact Fr. Vivien at 777-0368.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things! The healing of the heart begins with listening. We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us: "Ephphatha, be opened!" Open your ears.

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Smile for the Day!



Q: Why did the M&M go to school? A: Because he really wanted to be a Smartie!

The Bishop's Corner – Pope Francis & Beniamino Zuncheddu

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis had a private audience with Beniamino Zuncheddu, the Italian shepherd from Sardinia who spent thirty-three years in prison for allegedly murdering three people, but he was acquitted in January 2024. The meeting took place in the Library of the Apostolic Palace. Beniamino Zuncheddu, who was arrested in 1991 at the age of twenty-six, is now in his sixties. He says that he has forgiven the person who identified him as the murderer of the three people but later retracted the accusation. Italy's Court of Appeals exonerated Mr. Zuncheddu after thirty-three years in prison.

Mr. Zuncheddu co-authored a book, with his lawyer, titled *Io sono innocente* (I Am Innocent), which he presented to the Pope at the audience. In his book, Mr. Zuncheddu recounts the tragic experience he endured for so long. He served time in three different prisons, sometimes sharing a small cell with eleven people, facing great difficulties with washing and sleeping.

Calling it an inhumane experience, he said he was able to help others who were worse off than himself. Mr. Zuncheddu said he drew strength by trusting in God and thinking of his family.

Reading this story, I was asking myself, what if Italy would have continued to administer the death penalty...?

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes





<u>Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy) – 9:00 a.m. Mass only</u> 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)

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! Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor. Hossana nas alturas, Hossana! Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

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!

<u>Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule</u>							
	14 th & 15 th September 2024	24 th Sunday in Ordinar	<u>y Time</u>				
	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.				
Communion Min(s)	G. Zanol	E. Kelly	M. Falcao				
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	A. Rodrigues & L. Frias	N. Pedro				
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	D. Mutch				
Mass Server(s)	A. Lutkin	H. Furtado	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria				
Hospitality Min(s)	R. & M. Simas	J. Furtado & T. Medeiros	K. Onen & A. Tomaz				
Gift Bearers	D. & K. Raymond	VOLUNTEER	C. & H. Faria				

