

March 6, 2016
The Fourth Sunday in Lent



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School

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Our St. Patrick's Mission Statement:

"To love and obey God, to love each other and others and to let our light shine from this holy hill."

All are welcome to join us each and every Sunday morning for worship and to receive communion.

Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM

Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ	Children's Ministry Director	Patty Buffaloe
Interim Rector	Youth Ministry Director	Robert Galletly
Fr. John Crean	Financial Administrator	Kathryn Walters
Sr. Warden	Parish Administrator	Janet Enriquez
Anna Merriman	St. Patrick's Postulant	KC Robertson
Jr. Warden		
Paul Teagle		
Music Director		
Dr. Eric Kinsley		

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9 AM to 3 PM
Please contact the Church Office for appointments w/Fr. John.
For pastoral emergencies after hours, please contact Fr. John on his cell at 626-372-5898.

The Lenten Palm is Dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Rev. James England, the founding rector of St. Patrick's, his wife Leta, Gam and Alfhild Croom, and Hank England.

John's Jottings

"Mothering Sunday"

Mothering Sunday, sometimes known as Mother's Day in England, is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday and usually falls in the second half of March or early April. It is also midway through the abstemious season of Lent.

Mothering Sunday was originally a time when people returned to the church in which they were baptized or where they attended services as children. This meant that families were reunited as adults and returned to the towns and villages where they had grown up. Hence, the occasion became a spiritual as well as a familial "homecoming" celebration.

In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on Mothering Sunday. They could use this day to visit their own mother and they would often take a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her. In turn, this turned into our modern holiday on which people still visit, take gifts to their mothers, and often take them out for a nice dinner.

Mothering Sunday is also called "Rejoice Sunday" or "Rose Sunday" on our liturgical calendars. You will be hearing more about how this is all interconnected in this Sunday's sermon, *The Rose of Forgiveness*.

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication. Sign up on the flower chart at the back of church. The suggested donation is \$40.00. Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

For Those We Love

Bruce Benson, Eudora Church, Carlos Enriquez, Lloyd Frazier, Bill & Christa Funk, Marion Jeffrey, Jack Kinsley, Shirley Kinsley, Leonice, Lynn Malfatti, Owen Nielsen, Mary Ann and James Thweatt

KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Richard Deasy, Dr. Edward Hager, Peter Jackman, Jim Nielson and Chris Nelson

Family Ministry

Sunday School

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 - kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5th grade children are welcome to our Sunday school program each Sunday morning. Children gather in church at the start of the 10:15 worship and process to their SS classes.

Youth Group

Middle & high school youth meet Sundays at 10:15 in the youth room, in the church office wing. Middle and high school classes meet each week from 10:15 to 11:00 and return to worship for communion.

Sunday Service Participants

8:00

Lector Lois Robinson
Crucifer
Acolytes
LEMs Bill Tewksbury

Ushers Jack & Carol
Shafer

Altar Guild Kathlene Stephens, Joanne Justus and Jane Calcante

Coffee Hosts:

8:00 Barbie Glass
10:15 Sharon Lexau

10:15

Paul Teagle
Ariana Greenidge
Cali & Mia Greenidge
Jim Leon
Creighton Stephens

Bob Wichmann
Cindy Weaver

Joshua 5: 9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

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Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

March 6th is Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday, celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, is a day to honor mothers and a day off given to servants in the UK. (See John's Jottings) Please wear pink on Sunday. St. Patrick's Altar Guild will serve Simnel cake after each service March 6th.

Scout Sunday - March 6th

Scout Sunday is March 6th. If you are a scout or a former scout, please join us at the 10:15 worship for a Celebration of Scouting. Fellowship in Hager Hall will follow the service.

38th ANNUAL CONEJO VALLEY CROP WALK

The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday. Thanks to all who have signed up to walk, and to the sponsors who are supporting this great cause to help the hungry worldwide and locally. There's a walk to fit all - either 6-mile, 4-mile, or the 20-minute campus stroll! Come join us - we'd like more walkers to meet or beat our total for last year. Pick up an envelope on Sunday after services, or contact Jill Murch, Jan Lyons, or Bob Bland for more information.

Easter Flower Dedications

Lilies will decorate the church for Easter. Dedications in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one can be made on the clipboard at the back of the church. A donation of \$10 is suggested. Please place checks made out to St. Patrick's Altar Guild in the manila envelope or check 'paid cash' on the sign-up sheet.

Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

The five "middle Wednesday" evenings from 6-8 PM we are at King of Glory Lutheran for our **Annual Lenten Program**. (see below)

Please pray about your Lenten devotional practices this year—are the Wednesday opportunities calling your name? Join in either the Wednesday Healing Worship At 10:30 AM or the evening program on Covenant. You could "mix and match" or do both if you wish. Come one, come all. I have a distinct felling that Lent will bless our parish in a special way this year — let's journey together in faith!

Fr. John+

Lenten Program with King of Glory Lutheran Church

Fr. John and Pastor Steve of King of Glory Lutheran Church invite all to a Lenten program of worship, music and reflection. Gather for supper & fellowship at 6:00 PM followed by the program at 7:00 PM. The series is underway Wednesday evenings at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2500 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park.

3rd week: Covenants Are Forever — March 2nd

4th week: Covenants are Inclusive—March 9th

See Fr. John or contact Pastor Steve of King of Glory Church at 805-498-4812 for additional info.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 24th at 7:30 PM

The Vigil: Follows at 9:00 PM to Midnight
and 7:00 AM to Noon

Good Friday: Friday, March 25th Noon and 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, March 27th: Rite I at 8:00 AM
Rite II with choir at 10:15 AM

St. Patrick's License Plate Frames

Free St. Patrick's License Plate Frames are available at the back of church.

Winter Shelter Program

The Winter Shelter Program is now at St. Julie's Catholic Church in Newbury Park through the end of March. St. Pat's serves meals and overnights on the second Saturday of each month. See Bob Bland for more details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit www.conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for more info regarding the CCC.

Manna

Please donate to Manna. Bring your gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Barbara Powell or Gay Tortorici for information or to volunteer. MA: 805-497-1990. Please bring donations directly to the MA during open hours.

Studies & Groups**SPECL**

See Anne Van Cott for information on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

The Men's Group

The men's group gathers here for study, spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Owen at 760-203-2422 for info and meeting times.

Bible Study

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information, see Bob Bland or Ray Elizabeth Herkner.

Spiritual Reading Group

Friday's 1-3 PM. Call Ray Elizabeth Herkner for information.

Sunday Bible Discussion

Sunday Bible Study meets from about noon to 1:00 following the 10:15 service for a review of the books of the Bible, starting with the Old Testament. If you are a bit hazy on understanding of the Old Testament lessons, you are invited to join us. Contact Bob Wichmann for more information.

The Day School

Contact the Parish Day School at **805-497-1416** or www.stpatricksdayschool.org

Chapel: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM

Daylight Saving Time
is Coming!

Sunday, March 13th

