



Church of St. Patrick Staten Island, New York

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*You Are Invited To Celebrate Your Faith
Within Our Parish Community*

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evenings: Worship Center 4:00pm
Sundays Church: 8:00, 9:30am (children)
10:45 (choir), 12:00, 1:15, & 6:00pm
Weekdays Church: 9:00am
Vigil of Holy Days Church: 7:30pm
Holy Days Church: 9:00am & 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - (Worship Center) from 3:00 to 3:45pm; also by appointment with one of the priests.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, MARRIAGE — information about these Sacraments is printed in the PARISH BULLETIN regularly. Please refer to it each week.

HEALING MASS once a month Tuesday, 8pm Worship Center - date to be announced.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

SERVED BY:

Pastor: Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway
Parochial Vicar: Rev. J. Victor Maynigo-Arenas
Pastor Emeritus: Msgr. John M. McCarthy
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Mary Ferro, S.S.D.
Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Rose Lynch, S.S.D.
Sr. Cecilia Ferro, S.S.D.
Sr. Rita DeMasco, S.S.D.
School Principal: Vincent Sadowski
Religious Ed. Coord. Maria Giura, PhD
Parish Admin. Asst.: Suzanne Bruno
Parish Financial Officer: Judith Barravecchio
Director of Music: Glenn Kaiser
Superintendent: Thomas Murphy
Parish Trustees: Robert Higgins, James Pocchia
Parish Council Pres.: James Pocchia
Director of Athletics: Keith Wren

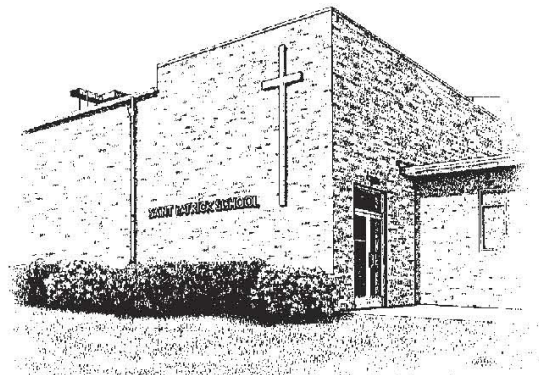
Rectory

53 St. Patrick's Place
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
351-0044☎; 351-0824☎

Parish Office

3560 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-4227☎; 979-7637☎
parishadmin@stpatrickssi.org☎

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to register at the Parish Office or online and to participate in our life of Prayer and Service.



St. Patrick School

School

3560 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-8815☎; 979-4984☎
schooloffice@stpatrickssi.org☎

Convent

3535 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
987-6315☎; 979-6956☎

Religious Education

3560 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-1272☎; 979-7637☎
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

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First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: II Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 61:1-2a,10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**
 9:00am Edward Gannon Gannon Family
 4:00pm Joseph & Lena Guasto Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cavataio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am Leonard Salud Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pane
 10:45am Rita Lento Mr. & Mrs. William Taugher
 12:00pm Jane Higgins Siracusa Family
 1:15pm Albert L. Piccirillo Family
 6:00pm Edith Borruso John Negron & Maria Cosares

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 **St. Damasus I**
 9:00am Lucy Grillo Pane Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 9:00am Helen Votta Votta Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017 **St. Lucy**
 9:00am Peter McConnon, Sr. Georgia McConnon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 **St. John of the Cross**
 9:00am Efren Trinidad Son, Wesley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017
 9:00am William McQuade MaryJane Kitover

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017
 9:00am Glen Yeo Callahan Family
 4:00pm Karen DiTrani Janet Cino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am All Parishioner
 9:30am Thomas Dicks Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pane
 10:45am Angelo Modena Mr. & Mrs. Ben Battista
 12:00pm Benny D'Amato Mary D'Amato
 1:15pm Luigi, Anna & Anthony Bocchino Carmela
 6:00pm David Kitover MaryJane Kitover

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass will be held on **Tuesday, December 19th** at 8:00pm in the Worship Center with Msgr. Jeff. All in need of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing are invited to attend and be prayed over.

MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT., DEC. 9, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 16, 2017
Msgr. Jeff	4:00pm	Msgr. Jeff
SUN., DEC. 10, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 17, 2017
Msgr. Jeff	8:00pm	Msgr. Jeff
Fr. Victor	9:30am	Msgr. Jeff
Fr. Victor	10:45am	Fr. Victor
Msgr. Jeff	12:00pm	Fr. Victor
Msgr. Jeff	1:15pm	Msgr. Jeff
Msgr. Jeff	6:00pm	Msgr. Jeff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 9, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 16, 2017
L.Hoplins, M.Martinelli, S.Roseo	4:00pm	G.Angilletta, M.Murphy, B.Tesoriero
SUN., DEC. 10, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 17, 2017
M.Diglio, C.Mariano, L.Russo	8:00am	M.Diglio, C.Mariano, C.McDermott
D.Haddad, T.Pane, L.Taugher	9:30am	J.Ladley, M.Ranieri, M.Trapani
C.Buckley, H.Ustler, T.Scaramuzzo	10:45am	E.Angeles, N.Angeles, T.Norris
L.Campione, N.Ciaccio, A.McComiskey	12:00pm	C.Buckely, L.Campione, R.Scalia
D.Bernstein, R.DeGregorio, L.Paglio	1:15pm	C.Capistrano, P.Maffeo, J.Strenta
I.Iorio, J.Nell, A.Passaro	6:00pm	T.Cafiero, R.DeGregorio, J.Nell

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 9, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 16, 2017
Jesse Martinelli	4:00pm	Linda Matula
SUN., DEC. 10, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 17, 2017
Ellen Mitchell	8:00am	Angelo Tomasetti
Meghan Haddad	9:30am	Peter Razzano
Maria Giura	10:45am	Maria Giura
Carl Ciaccio	12:00pm	Joe Peppe
Bernadette Amato	1:15pm	Ananias Capistrano
	6:00pm	Meghan Haddad

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 9, 2017	MASS	SAT., DEC. 16, 2017
C.Roseo, I.Roseo	4:00pm	C.Roseo, I.Roseo
SUN., DEC. 10, 2017	MASS	SUN., DEC. 17, 2017
J.Guzman, JT Neri	8:00am	J.Guzman, JT Neri
A.Borrometi, A.Haddad	9:30am	V.Trapani, C.Whalen
T.Burgos, S.Siracusa	10:45am	T.Burgos, C.Cancro
C.Baldwin, J.Bencivenga	12:00pm	C.Baldwin, A.Borrometi
L.Callahan, A.Marino	1:15pm	L.Callahan, D.Garcia
D.Garcia, M.Rosario	6:00pm	A.Haddad, A.Marino

SEVEN DAY VOTIVE CANDLES

In Honor Of	Intended For	Requested By
ST. PATRICK	<i>Martha C. Leiner</i>	Ustler Family
ST. ANTHONY	<i>Macchiarola & LaCava</i>	LaCava Family

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN SERVICE
Lt. Daniel Abell, Army Corp of Engineers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jillian Cannon, James & Kathy Chorman, Keith Coran, Josephine Corcoran; Vera Saverino-Coranto, Carmella Dacunto, Al & Joan Davidson, Edward Falcone, Anthony & Josephine Fioravante, Diane Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Michael Hanley, Mary Hanrahan, Jennifer Johnson, Sr. Rose Lynch, Michael Marano, Maria Minnuno, Tom Matteo, Msgr. John M. McCarthy, Giselle McGee, Lori McNamara, Steven Morvello, Lenny Paglio, Natalie Pedri, Martha Pellechia, Jerry Pompa, Avery Regan, Philip Savattere, Sr. Tina Sarcone, Ciro & Rose Saverino, Theresa Trapani. If you or a relative or anyone you know in your neighborhood is sick, or elderly and homebound, and needs a visit from a Priest, please call the Parish Office 718-979-4227.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church approximately every third Sunday at 2:15pm **OR** any Sunday during Mass. Once you have chosen a date and contacted the Parish Office, parents are **REQUIRED** to attend a Baptism Class in the Church held the first Monday every other month at 7:30pm. All necessary paperwork is available online with instructions and must be returned to the Parish Office **BEFORE** you attend the Baptism Class. The next **Baptism Class** is **January 8th** and upcoming **Ceremonies** are **Jan 14th – Feb. 18th – Mar. 18th**

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

To arrange for a wedding at St. Patrick, you must call the Parish Office at 718-979-4227 for an appointment with one of our priests at least 3 months before the date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 3 & 4:30pm, Saturdays at 11am, 1 & 2:15pm, and Sundays at 3 & 4pm. There are no Nuptial Masses on Sundays.

ST. PATRICK'S 300 CLUB

The club congratulates the winners of the 300 Club, which was held on **December 8th**.

(#51) \$50.00	(#148) \$25.00
(#170) \$15.00	(#271) \$10.00

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR

Last Sunday the parishioners donated a total of **\$230.00** for the poor.

55+ CLUB

The St. Patrick's 55+ Club meets on **Wednesdays** from 1:30-4:30pm in the School Cafeteria. For more information, contact Ed or Joan Brett at 718-987-8958.

SCHOOL RAFFLE

If anyone is interested in purchasing a chance or a chance book for the school raffle being held on **March 10, 2018** after the **4pm** Mass, please come to the school office. The cost is \$10.00 per chance or you may purchase a book for \$250.00. The first prize is \$5,000; 2nd Prize: \$1,000; 3rd Prize: \$500. Thank you for helping support our school.

INTERVENTION

If one of your relatives or friends has a problem with alcohol or drugs, you can call Msgr. Jeff.

12 STEP MEETINGS

Overeaters Anonymous are held on **Wednesdays** from **7-8pm** in the School Conference Room

AA Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **7-8pm** & **Sundays** from **11am-12:15pm** in the School Cafeteria.

Al-Anon Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **5:30-6:30pm** in Room 1-1.

Gambler's Anonymous Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in Room 1-1.

Gam-Anon Meetings are held **Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in the Conference Room.

Pills Anonymous Meetings are held **Saturdays** from **6:30-7:30pm** in Room 1-1. Cafeteria & Conference Room, enter through the main parking lot on Richmond Road & Kensico Street. Room 1-1, enter through the door on Richmond Road & McKinley Avenue.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St. Lucy (d. 304) December 13th

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian and she was executed in Syracuse (Sicily) in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, He had been crucified by the Roman soldiers after His own people turned Him over to the Roman authorities. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this Man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all He said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged.

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

Comment: If you are a little girl named Lucy, you need not bite your tongue in disappointment. Your patron is a genuine, authentic heroine, first class, an abiding inspiration for you and for all Christians. The moral courage of the young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for today's youth as it was in A.D. 304.

Quote: "The Gospel tells us of all that Jesus suffered, of the insults that fell upon Him. But, from Bethlehem to Calvary, the brilliance that radiates from His divine purity spread more and more and won over the crowds. So great was the austerity and the enchantment of His conduct."

"So may it be with you, beloved daughters. Blessed be the discretion, the mortifications and the renouncements with which you seek to render this virtue more brilliant.... May your conduct prove to all that chastity is not only a possible virtue but a social virtue, which must be strongly defended through prayer, vigilance and the mortification of the senses" (Blessed Pope John XXIII, Letter to Women Religious).

BOY SCOUT TROOP & PACK 25

Know a boy who likes an adventure and wants to learn new skills then Boy Scout Troop & Pack 25 is the place for him! Boys from kindergarten through high school are welcome to join! Troop (6th grade and older) meetings are on **Wednesdays** from **6-9pm**. Pack (Kindergarten to 5th grade) den meetings are on **Fridays** at **6pm, 7pm** and **8pm**. Meetings are in the St. Patrick's School cafeteria. For questions please contact: Jaime Gonzalez, Scoutmaster at boyscouts@stpatrickssi.org or Kostas Paxis, Cubmaster at cubscouts@stpatrickssi.org.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Basketball 8am-10pm Gym
AA Meeting 11am-12pm Cafeteria

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

School Advent Service 8:15am Worship Center
Biddy Cheer 2:30-4:30pm Gym
Youth Choir 2:30-3:40pm Worship Center
Basketball Practice 5-10pm Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

Reconciliation School Grades 5 & 6 10am Worship Center
Reconciliation School Grades 7 & 8 11am Worship Center
Basketball Practice 2:30-10pm Gym
Religious Ed Classes 1-8 3:45-5:15pm Classrooms
RCIA Meeting 7pm Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

55+ Club 1:30-4:30pm Cafeteria
Debs Cheer Practice 2:30-5pm Gym
Basketball Practice 5-10pm Gym
Boy Scout Troop 25 Meeting 6-9pm Cafeteria
Bible Study 7-8pm Rectory
Overeaters Anonymous 7-8pm Conference Room
Adult Choir 7:15-9:15pm Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

Basketball Practice 2:30-10pm Gym
Al-Anon Meeting 5:30-6:30pm Meeting Room
AA Meeting 7-8pm Cafeteria
Gambler's Anonymous 8pm-9:30pm Meeting Room
Gam-Anon 8-9:30pm Library

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

Basketball Practice 2:30-10pm Gym
Girl Scouts 2:30-3:30pm Cafeteria
Girl Scouts 7th Grade Troop 3:15-4:45pm Cafeteria
Cub Scouts 6-9pm Cafeteria
Eucharistic Adoration 7pm Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

AA Tradition Workshop 7:30am-2:45pm Cafeteria
Basketball Clinic 7:30-11am Gym
Basketball 12-2:30pm & 5-10pm Gym
Pills Anonymous 6:30-7:30pm Meeting Room

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Basketball 8am-10pm Gym
AA Meeting 11am-12pm Cafeteria

REMEMBER ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Include St. Patrick's Church as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. This is a terrific way for you to support the archdiocese. Please call a gift planning specialist at 646-794-3317 to discuss this interesting opportunity or email plannedgiving@archny.org.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED GROUP

The Divorced and Separated Group meets every other **Thursday** at **7pm** in the Rectory, the meetings will **resume in April**. Check the bulletin in January for the February meeting date.

XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

As we approach the feast day of St. Lucy, patron saint for the blind on December 13th we would like to spread our mission. With an existing catalog of over 1,400 braille and audio titles, Xavier Society for the Blind provides inspirational, spiritual and religious reading materials in braille, audio and/or large print to the blind and visually impaired community of faithful **free** of charge, including: •monthly readings, prayers and responses for the Sunday Mass and selected Feast Days and Solemnities; •faith formation textbooks for children and adults; •many popular titles related to the Catholic Church, religion, and spiritual themes. If you know a family member, friend or fellow parishioner who could benefit from our services please: visit xaviersocietyfortheblind.org or you can call 800-637-9193 or email at info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us on **Friday, January 19th, 2018** for the 24th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers at the historic DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street, NW (18th & D Street) a short walk to Rally, from **8:30-10:30am**. Free admission, no tickets required, Large groups welcomed. The Homilist will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

St. Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS) (for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s) on **Friday, December 15th** at **7:30pm** will have their Annual Christmas Dinner at Café Bella Vita, 1919 Hylan Blvd. Price is \$ 40.00 per person and includes four course meal. All payments must be postmarked by December 11th. Mail CHECKS made out to CASH (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo box) with your name, number and email to: Holy Family Parish; Attn Singles Christmas Party; 366 Watchogue Road; SI, NY 10314. For more information, check our website: www.sgspsi.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child 3 to 14 years of age to benefit the East Shore Parishes of Staten Island.

CLUSTER CIRCLE

Holy Child, 4747 Amboy Road, 10312 (718-356-5890)

Ave Maria Gift Shop-Sat.; 4-7pm, Sun.; 8am-2pm; 1st Sun.; 5-6:30pm

Bible Study w/Fr. Ed-Monday; 7:30-9:00pm; Small Conf./Rectory

Widow's Conversation Group-Tuesday; 1:30pm; Fellowship Room

Youth Group-Sunday; 6:30pm; Rectory/Conf. Room

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 90 Third Street, 10306 (718-351-1093)

Eucharistic Adoration-Daily: 6-7am, Sundays: 6:30-7:30am & 1st Fridays: 9am to 9pm; Church

Baptism Classes-4th Thursday; 8pm; Rectory; Meeting Room

Legion of Mary-Thursdays; 7:30pm; Church

Kenacle of Life-Fridays 4-5pm; Chapel

Charismatic Prayer Group-2nd Friday; 7:30-9pm

St. Charles, 644 Clawson Street, 10306 (718-987-2670)

Adult Faith Formation-Wednesday; 1:30pm; Rectory

Baptism Classes-1st Tuesday; 8pm; Rectory Basement

Bereavement Group-Thursdays; 7:30pm; Rectory

Book Club-3rd Thursday; 4pm; Rectory Basement

Caregivers Support Group-Thurs.; 9:30-11:30am; Rectory Basement

Eucharistic Adoration-Mon-Fri; 12-5pm; Chapel

Food Pantry-Tues.-2nd & 4th; 11:30am-1:30pm; Rectory Basement

Legion of Mary-Mondays; 6:30pm; Rectory Basement

Prayer Group & Holy Hour-1st Monday; 7:30pm; Church

St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd Tues.; 1:30pm; Rectory Basement

Teen Club-Sunday; 7pm; Auditorium

Women's Worship-3rd Wednesday; 7:30pm; Rectory Basement

St. Clare's Church, 110 Nelson Ave, 10308 (718-984-7873)

Catholic Daughters of America-1st Tues.; 12noon; Murphy Center

Employment- One-on-one employment advisement, 718-984-7873

Venture Crew 41-Thurs., 7-9pm; Call Richard Ricco 917-803-5669

St. Patrick's Church, 53 St. Patrick's Place, 10306 (718-979-4227)

55+ Club - Wednesdays, Cafeteria, 1:30-4:30pm;

Bereavement Group - Tuesdays, Rectory, 7:30pm

Bible Study - Wednesdays, Rectory, 7pm;

Baptismal Class - 1st Monday; Church; 7:30pm; 1/8/18

Cancer Support Group - Please call Parish Office for Appointment

Divorced & Separated Group - Thursdays, Rectory; 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration - Fridays, Church, 7-8pm

Healing Mass - Tues., Worship Center, 8pm; 12/19/17

Parish Renewal Tues, Weds & Thurs; 10am, 7pm, 7:30pm Parish Homes

Pre-Cana Class - Sunday (one-day); School Building; 11am-6pm; TBA

RCIA - Sundays, Rectory; 10:45am (after Mass) For those Enrolled

Woman's Prayer Group - Thursday; Rectory; 7pm; TBA