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St Patrick's Parish: Mass Times	Tues 09h30	Wed 06h30	Thurs 18h00	Fri 08h00	Sat 08h00 17h30	Sun 07h30 10h00 18h00	Confessions Thurs 17h30 Sat 08h30
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**Baptism of children:**  
 Book with the parish secretary and collect the form. Attendance of one short instruction is required.

**Marriage:** 6 months' notice must be given and a marriage course attended. Marriages are not performed on public holidays. Phone the secretary before you book your reception.

Carmel Monastery: 46 Dickinson Road, Benoni North: weekday Mass at 07h30 Sun at 08h00

**Parish Banking details:**  
 St Patrick's Catholic Church – Standard Bank, Benoni. Account number 021 095 612. Phone the bookkeeper at 011 845 2118 if you need information about dedicated giving.

**Catechism:**  
 Co-ordinator: Mike Ward 083 300 74763  
 St Patrick's Parish: Sun at 08h45 – grades 0 – 9  
 Wed at 15h00 – grades 0 – 7  
 Atlasville (Kia-Ora): Tues at 15h00 – grades 8 – 9  
 Wed at 15h00 – grades 0 – 7

**www.pray-as-you-go.org**  
 A 10 minute prayer at your computer; or download onto your ipod or MP3.

**Radio Veritas**  
 On DSTV Channel 870 and Medium Wave 576AM.  
 Website: www.radioveritas.co.za.

Felicity Bielovich, a UNISA trained counsellor, is available on Tuesday mornings as a counsellor at St Patrick's. Counselling is a means of helping us unravel the issues of life and, by God's grace, take responsibility for our actions in faith, hope and trust. Phone Judy the parish secretary for an appointment (011 845-2118). There is no charge but a donation is requested for parish funds. Cancellations must be made the day before at the latest.

St Vincent de Paul Society: it will be the Society's **"Pound Sunday" on Sunday 7 April** - you are asked to bring a pound weight – that is 2kg - in groceries and non-perishable for the poor. Give these to the men on duty at the back of the Church or leave it at the Parish Office.

**Passover Meal Saturday 6 April at 18h30.**

You are invited to a Passover meal on Saturday 6 April at 18h30 for 18h45 in the Centenary hall presented by the Jews for Jesus. There is space for 36 persons only. Please book with Judy at the Parish Office during the week. The cost is R180.

Our annual **Festa** is on **Sunday 2 June**. Buy your raffle ticket for R100 and be in the draw for the prize of R20, 000. Tickets are available after Sunday mass and at the Parish Office.

**Today is the feast of our Parish patron saint Patrick.**

**The readings are for the Second Sunday of Lent**

Sunday Missal page 808 and Weekday Missal page 224

**Parish Diary**

Tues 19 Mar	09h30	Mass followed by the Rosary and Prayer for Mothers
Thurs 21 Mar	<b>08h00</b>	Mass (note time 08h00 and not 18h00- Public holiday)
		No Mass at Rynpark
Fri 22 Mar	18h30	Stations of the Cross. You may park in the School grounds
Sun 31 Mar	09h30	Rosary will be said in the Church

A second collection for the **Bishops' Lenten Appeal** will be taken during Lent. This is for the needy so we ask you to give generously.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** this coming Friday in the Church at 18h30. You may park in the School grounds.

The **Rosary** will be said before the 10h00 Mass (at about 09h30) this coming Sunday 31 March.

At all weekday and Sunday masses, the main gate (s) of the Church will be shut and locked and entry will be through the pedestrian gate in Kimbolton Avenue. At the end of mass the gate (s) will be opened. Please park in the school grounds on Saturday evening and Sunday – your car will be safe there.

**Prayer for the general election on 8 May**

Almighty Father,  
 as we approach the elections,  
 grant us the wisdom and courage  
 we need in order to make the right choices.  
 Help us to carry out our duties as responsible  
 citizens with respect for the rights of others.

By voting in a spirit of humility and service,  
 may we bring hope to the poor, unity  
 to all our people and a more secure and  
 peaceful future for our children.

Father, do not allow us to become discouraged,  
 Inspire us to contribute to the rebuilding of our  
 country with vigour and generosity.

