

CONFESSIO OF PATRICK

I am Patrick, a sinner, the most rustic and least of all the faithful, the most contemptible in the eyes of a great many people. My father was Calpornius, a deacon and the son of the presbyter Potitus. He came from the village of Bannavemtarniae where he had a country residence nearby. It was there that I was taken captive. I was almost sixteen at the time and I did not know the true God. I was taken into captivity to Ireland with many thousands of people. We deserved this fate because we had turned away from God; we neither kept his commandments nor obeyed our priests who used to warn us about our salvation. The Lord's fury bore down on us and he scattered us among many heathen peoples, even to the ends of the earth. This is where I now am, in all my insignificance, among strangers.

The Lord there made me aware of my unbelief that I might at last advert to my sins and turn whole-heartedly to the Lord my God. He showed concern for my weakness, and pity for my youth and ignorance; he watched over me before I got to know him and before I was wise or distinguished good from evil. In fact he protected me and comforted me as a father would his son.

I cannot be silent then, nor indeed should I, about the great benefits and grace that the Lord saw fit to confer on me in the land of my captivity. This is the way we repay God for correcting us and taking notice of us; we honour and praise his wonders before every nation under heaven.

There is no other God, there never was and there never will be, than God the Father unbegotten and without beginning, from whom is all beginning, holding all things as we have learned; and his son Jesus Christ whom we declare to have been always with the Father and to have been begotten spiritually by the Father in a way that baffles description, before the beginning of the world, before all beginning; and through him are made all things, visible and invisible. He was made man, defeated death and was received into heaven by the Father, who has given him all power over all names in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and every tongue should acknowledge to him that Jesus Christ is the Lord God. We believe in him and we look for his coming soon as judge of the living and of the dead, who will treat every man according to his deeds. He has poured out the Holy Spirit on us in abundance, the gift and guarantee of eternal life, who makes those who believe and obey sons of God and joint heirs with Christ. We acknowledge and adore him as one God in the Trinity of the holy name.

He himself has said through the prophet: Call upon me in the day of your trouble; and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. He also says: It is honourable to reveal and confess the works of God.

Although I am imperfect in many ways I want my brothers and relatives to know what kind of man I am, so that they may perceive the aspiration of my life.

I know well the statement of the Lord which he makes in the psalm: You will destroy those who speak falsely. He says again: A lying mouth destroys the soul. The same Lord says in the Gospel: On the day of judgement men will render account for every careless word they utter.

I ought therefore to dread with fear and trembling the sentence of that day when no one will be able to escape or hide, but when all of us will have to give an account of even our smallest sins before the court of the Lord Christ.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD... (14TH - 22ND MAR)

Sat	5.45pm	Mass
Sat	7.00pm	Billy Pakenham also, Jack & Eithne. Jack Madge & William Tully. Assumpta Reilly, her father Al, brothers John & Gerard.
Sun	10.00am	Peggy, Jimmy, Dessie & Gerry Monaghan.
Sun	11.30am	Josie Carroll (MM) Pat Cushman
Mon	10.00am	Mass Cards
St Patrick's Day 10am Moylagh: People of the Parish		
11am Oldcastle: Dick, Jane, Patrick & David Lynch		
Wed	10.00am	Mass Cards
Thurs	10.00am	Mass Cards
Fri	10.00am	Larry & Nancy Carolan, also Phyllis & Frank.
Sat	5.45pm	Bridie & John Mulvaney, daughter Peggy & decd fam.
Sat	7.00pm	Kathleen & Brian Halpin. Mattie Kevin
Sun	10.00am	Michael Smyth & decd fam. Eamonn McDonnell & decd fam.
Sun	11.30am	Kathleen Tuite (1st anniv) Peter Reilly (1st Anniv) Owen & Lil Smith, also John Byrne



Rest in peace
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Traynor** Fennor, whose funeral took place recently



Happy Mothers Day !

LECTORS FOR MARCH 2026

	OLDCASTLE	MOYLAGH
Sat 14th:	Mary	Marion
Sun 15th:	Ann Marie	Eileen
Sat 21st:	Margaret	Lisa
Sun 22nd:	Gretta	Fiona



Lectors please remember to say: "The Word of the Lord" at the end of the readings
NOT This is the Word of the Lord.

Also, there is **no need** to introduce the readings or psalm i.e.: *Responsorial psalm is.*

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR MARCH 2026

	OLDCASTLE	MOYLAGH
Saturday:	Karen, Bernie & Elizabeth	AnnMarie & Mary
Sunday:	Mairin, Mary, Kay & Brigid Mc	Marie & Rosaleen

Special ministers are asked to come to the Altar at the 'Lamb of God'

