

Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
Wednesday of Fourth Week of Lent  
*St. Patrick, Bishop*

“Thus says the Lord: ...to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness, show yourselves!” “For the Lord comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted.” “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.” God showed how much He cares when he sent His only begotten Son, Jesus. “THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL.” “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.” Patrick believed and it transformed him to return where he was enslaved. He had been set free twice – escaping slavery but also freed from his fears and sins to announce to this Good News to those who had taken him captive. “For he who pities them leads them and guides them beside the springs of water.” Yes, Patrick brought the Gospel, announced Jesus Christ and led the people to baptism. The Word transformed them and Ireland was ever so grateful for the one who came from Wales and is hailed as the apostle and patron of Ireland.  
Happy St. Paddy’s Day!

God Love You!

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