



Please pray for those who died recently – Catherine Watson (Reception on Tuesday at 9.45am with Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10.00am. Thereafter to Philipshill Cemetery), Isabel Barrett of Abbey Lodge Nursing Home, formerly of Battlefield (Funeral service at South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday at 12.30pm), Elizabeth (Betty) Mowat (Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.00am), Rose Campbell, Stephen Gamble (Motherwell), Peter Reilly (Corby), Geraldine Perry, Charlotte Jordan, Patrick Friel (London).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of – Francis Bradley (Jnr), Maureen McCourt, Jacqueline Condon, Joseph Findlay, Pranee Millar, Fr Karl E. Meindl OMI, Fr Deutmeyer OMI (St Bonifacio Monastery, Germany), Bishop Erwin Hecht OMI, Fr M. Bessemani OMI, Fr Adeymar OMI, James Branagan.



Please pray for the sick – Jackie Fleming, Eileen Robertson, Carole Gaffney (Australia), Samuel Ruddy (age 20), Marianne Doherty, Kerr Gildie, Eileen Mullan, Dick Cohen, John Watson, Ann Gough, Susan Gough, Roseanne Dupree, Tony Slaven, Lena Connochie, May McCormack, Marie Docherty, Leslie Docherty, Linda Hogg, Joseph Berry, Anne Adams, Gerry Kelly, Nancy McLellan, Terry McLellan, Paul Gallagher, Mary Johnstone, William Ellis, Elizabeth Hunter, Gian Adjuda, Betty McKenna, Sister Margaret Conroy FMM (Thatcham, Berkshire), Mary McManus, Margaret (Rita) Mackay, Margaret Steele, William Oliver, Stephen Hart, Mary Higgins (Wishaw), Robert Dunlop (Northfield), Maria Christie, Maureen Cockburn (Montreal Park), Barbara Veitch, David Scott (St Leonard's Parish, age 41), James Farmer (age 2), Elizabeth Rogers (London), Carol Stewart (Larkhall).

#### THANKS FROM SVDP

Last Sunday 37 senior parishioners enjoyed a visit to the Arts Centre for Lunch or High Tea followed by a Play. The SVDP thank our parishioners for their generosity in financing this outing. Our SVDP hope to hold, or support, another event later in the year.

#### MY DAY BY DAY

Would any subscriber who wishes to renew his or her subscription and has not already done so, or any new subscriber, please contact 01355 229733 as soon as possible? Thank you.

#### OLOL HIKING CLUB

Meeting on Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Hall. Sign-up for walks in the Callander area and AGM.

#### PARISH READERS

We would be grateful if Parish Readers would meet on Sunday 18th March (5th Sunday of Lent) at 3.00pm in the Oratory. A revised set of Guidelines for Readers will be available for Readers at this meeting and we will spend a little looking at the Holy Week Schedule and the Readings for that week. Hope you will be able to attend.

#### MEN'S DAY RETREAT

The Diocesan Branch of the Catholic Men's Society has organised a Lenten Men's Retreat to take place on Saturday 17th March in the Holy Ghost Father's House, Carfin. Commences at 10.00am and finishing at 3.00pm. The Retreat will consist of talks, Mass, Confessions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross in the Grotto, weather permitting! The Retreat is open to all men. The cost will be £15.00 including lunch. If you are interested in taking part please contact George McAleenan on 01698 842846 or email: georgemcaleenan@gmail.com

#### PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The proposed meeting for Tuesday evening of this week has been postponed – until the weather takes on a more acceptable pattern! We will re-schedule and let you know next week when we can have our first meeting.

#### PARISH GIVING

Offertory Collection	£1493.00
Second Collection	£1032.76
Stall	£100.00
Votive Candles	£179.00

Once again, thank you for your financial support for our parish and for a generous offering for the Lenten Collection for the Diocese of Motherwell.

#### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for SCIAF

We have had a Second Collection for SCIAF on the Fourth Sunday of Lent for a number of years now. This Collection goes in its entirety to SCIAF (previously 25% of the Collection was retained for Papal & Episcopal Charities).

Whatever you give next Sunday at Mass will assist SCIAF in Cambodia, helping poor families out of poverty by showing how to defend their rights when they are bullied by big business and criminal gangs who destroy their livelihood which is based mainly on fishing. They are also taught how to grow more food and from the money this brings in they can pay for their children to go to school and buy clothes for the family members.

Simple but important changes can come about as a result of our generosity, giving people dignity and confidence.

#### SCIAF'S WEE BOX

There has been a very good uptake of the SCIAF package for Lent which included the WEE BOX. Please keep the WEE BOX in a prominent place in your home for donations for the poor and as a means of Lenten almsgiving for family members.

Ideally the WEE BOX should be returned to us at the Mass of the Last Supper to form part of the Offertory Procession. Our financial giving at this Mass should be focussed on the poor as a way of fulfilling the new commandment given by Jesus at the Last Supper.



# Our Lady of Lourdes

A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell Scottish Charity No. SC011041  
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 Parish Clergy: Monsignor Thomas Millar Fr Sean G. Wyllie

4th March 2018

#### PARISH LENTEN TALKS

(Walking with Jesus on the Way of the Cross) continue on Tuesdays 13th and 20th March at 7.30pm in the church. Fr Andrew Robinson from St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, will return on these two evening to complete his reflections on the Passion according to St Mark's Gospel.

Thank you for the very positive support given to Fr Andrew's first two Lenten Talks. The attendance increased from about 50 parishioners on the first evening to just over 70 on the second evening. So that says it all especially given the very wintry weather conditions we are experiencing these days. Fr Andrew is also very appreciative of the questions asked of him after each talk. He says it's certainly making him have to think of the answers he will give! No Lenten Talk this Tuesday. See you a week on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

#### CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday	8.00am until 4.00pm
Monday	9.00am until after Evening Mass
Tuesday	6.45am until 4.00pm
Wednesday	6.45am until 4.00pm
Thursday	6.45am until 7.30pm
Friday	6.45am until 4.00pm
Saturday	7.30am until after the Vigil Mass

#### READINGS FOR TODAY/SUNDAY

4th March 2018

#### Third Sunday in the Season of Lent

YOU, LORD, HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 18: 8-11; I Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25.

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

11th March 2018

#### Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent

O LET MY TONGUE CLEAVE TO MY MOUTH

IF I REMEMBER YOU NOT!

II Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136: 1-6;

Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21.

#### LOCAL FOODBANK

This is the weekend for the Foodbank Collection. Although Easter is still some weeks away this will be our last collection prior to Easter Sunday. Perhaps you would consider an Easter Egg with your contributions since so many of the recipients of your generosity are families with children? Your support and thoughtfulness has been much appreciated in the past and we are sure we can count on your continued generosity this weekend.

#### WHAT ARE WE DOING DURING THESE FORTY HOLY DAYS?

#### 3. A MORE ATTENTIVE LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

In Lent, in order to observe the sort of Lent that is pleasing to God we must apply ourselves to a more attentive listening to the word of God, especially to the Readings designated by the Church for Lent. While great profit can come to us by a meditative reading of the word of God in a prayerful atmosphere, we must begin with the more attentive reading of the scriptural passages selected for Lent in the Lectionaries for Sundays and weekdays and in the Liturgy of the Hours (The Divine Office).

Because of the union with all other Christian communities, personal reading of the scriptures is not simply an exercise of personal or private devotion. Reading and meditating on the liturgical texts first and foremost immediately places this activity in a communal and ecclesial setting by the very fact that the same scripture readings are proclaimed in all Catholic Christian communities gathered for the Eucharist or the Liturgy of the Hours. Even the reading of these scripture texts in the silence of our own room or home or in our "quiet prayer corner" should never be completely secret. We should choose to read from the books of the Bible from which the Church borrows more abundantly during this time of the year.

The reading of the scriptures will benefit from being done in common, in a family, a group, a community whose members agree to read the same book, taking into account the composition of the group and respecting the insights and needs of the group. Union in listening to the word of God will naturally lead to union in prayer.

When we gather for Mass in Lent – be that on a Sunday or a weekday – each of us should be eager to hear what God is saying to us personally and individually while never forgetting that the word of God is also directed at forming the community of faith. The late Fr Henri Nouwen, a man who tried to address the spiritual needs of those of us living in today's world, once said that "what is most personal is also most universal".

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**THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

**Sunday 4th March**

9.00am Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent/Year B  
11.00am Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent/Year B (with Children's Liturgy of the Word)

**QUIET HOLY HOUR, EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION CANCELLED THIS EVENING**

**Monday 5th March**

8.30am Mass in St Louise Primary School  
10.00am Mass for Monday in the Third Week of Lent  
6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Quiet Holy Hour of Prayer until 7.25pm  
7.30pm Mass for Monday in the Third Week of Lent

**Tuesday 6th March**

8.15am Mass for Tuesday in the Third Week of Lent  
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church for Lent (in the oratory)  
9.45am Reception of Catherine Watson R.I.P.  
10.00am Requiem Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS CANCELLED THIS EVENING due to adverse weather conditions**

**Wednesday 7th March**

7.00am Mass for Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent  
9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
9.30am Eucharistic Stations of the Cross  
10.00am Mass for Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent

**Thursday 8th March**

8.15am Mass for Thursday in the Third Week of Lent  
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church for Lent  
10.00am Mass for Thursday in the Third Week of Lent  
6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Oratory until Benediction at 7.45pm  
Confessions in the church from 7.00pm until 7.30pm

**Friday 9th March**

7.00am Mass for Friday in the Third Week of Lent  
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
9.30am Stations of the Cross  
10.00am Mass for Friday in the Third Week of Lent

**Saturday 10th March**

8.15am Mass for the Feast of St John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr  
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
9.30am Novena in Honour of the Miraculous Medal and the Rosary  
10.00am Mass for the Feast of St John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr  
10.30am Confessions until 10.45am  
5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm  
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent/Year B

**Sunday 11th March**

9.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent/Year B  
11.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent/Year B (with Children's Liturgy of the Word)



**MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

On Tuesdays in the Oratory after 10.00am Mass

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

On Fridays at 2.00pm in the church

**THE ROSARY**

Recited after 10.00am Mass from Monday to Friday and before Mass on Saturdays at 9.30am

**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

Saturdays at 9.30am prior to the Rosary

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP**

Wednesday of this week in the Oratory 6.40pm-8.00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayers for Life Benediction

**THE PARISH HALL**

**Sundays**

Tea Bar after 11.00am Mass  
Indoor Bowling 2.00pm-4.00pm in the Main Hall. All welcome.  
Contact: 01355 267009

**Tuesdays**

Bingo-at 7.30pm

**Wednesdays**

Tea Bar after 10.00am Mass

**Thursdays**

Mother & Toddler Group  
10.30am until 12noon  
Friendship Club  
1.30pm- 3.30pm  
OLOL Hiking Club at 7.30pm

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Today/Sunday at 12.30pm we celebrate the baptism of Odin James Alexander Roseweir of Tivoli Court, Sinead Quinn of Kirktonholme Road, and Eva Grace Conteh of Quebec Drive. We ask you to remember them in your prayers at Mass today. We also invite your prayers for their parents and godparents that they will be the best of teachers in the ways of faith by their words of encouragement and their example in Christian living.

**ST ANDREW'S HOSPICE**

Make or update your Will and support St Andrew's Hospice during the month of March. Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a donation to St Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna McCafferty, Trust Funding Officer, at St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie, on 01236 772087 or email - lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk

**PLEASE HELP YOURSELF**

Over the next few weeks, there will be a box at the back of the church containing books on various religious topics. If any book is of interest to you, please take it.

This week's selection includes books about Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Mother Theresa, and books by Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Basil Hume, Bishop Charles Renfrew and Bishop Fulton Sheen.

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT**

with

**"SILVER STRAND CEILI BAND"**

**Friday 16th March in the Parish Hall**

**7.00pm until 11.00pm**

Light Supper of pies, cakes and tea

Irish Bingo, Raffles etc

BYOB and a glass or two!

**Tickets cost £10.00**

from Ennis and the Stall in the church.

It would be appreciated if you would pay for your tickets in advance of the event. Thank you.

**THE GONZAGA SERIES**

**ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE**

The final talk takes place this Tuesday (6th March) at 7.00pm in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, 232-242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5RJ. Free admission.

Fr Frank Turner SJ (British Jesuit Province)

Delegate for Intellectual Apostolate

**"Integral Ecology as Integral Conversion"**

**THE ROMERO CENTRE**

**SOUTH AFRICA**

**a model of reconciliation or a caution?**

Raymond Perrier,

Director of the Denis Hurley Centre in Durban,

South Africa

Tuesday 13th March at 7.00pm

St Aloysius College, 45 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6RJ

**THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

Residential weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 3rd-25th March at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. For details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

**MARY'S MEALS & HCPT**

Fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 10th March from 10.00am until 1.00pm in Claremont Church Hall. Please come along and support the pupils of St Andrew's & St Bride's in their efforts to raise money to feed some of the world's poorest children and help send some children to Lourdes. Thanks in advance for your support.