

NEXT SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Palms will be blessed at the beginning of the Vigil Mass and 9.00am Mass next weekend.

If you are attending 11.00am Mass next Sunday we would encourage you to arrive a little bit earlier and gather in the Lower Hall for the Blessing of Palms, the Reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel and the Procession to the church for Palm Sunday Mass.

The Children's Liturgy will take place as usual **BUT** we ask the children to take part in the Palm Sunday Procession from the Hall to the church. Once in the church and after the Opening Prayer of the Mass (and before the church congregation listens to the Scriptures) the children will be invited to return to the Hall for their Liturgy of the Word.

Please pray for those who died recently – Canon Timothy Brosnan (Retired PP of St Gerard's, Bellshill), Jimmy Larkin of Livingstone Crescent (Reception on Thursday at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Friday at 10.00am), Annie Flaherty, John Ness, Ray Donald (Brighton), Agnes Reilly, Robert Snape, Jim Cleary, Frank Lynch, Domenico Capaldi, Margaret Mary Toner.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of – Betty Quinn, John A.H. McIntyre, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Patrick & Hannah O'Hare, Alice & Tommy Tierney, Rita Tweedie (Sweeney), May McKeown, Rose Tierney, Peter Smith, Rose Douglas, Thomas Flaherty, Tommy Flaherty.

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), Mary McGuire.

PARISH READERS

All Readers are asked to meet this Sunday (18th March) in the Oratory at 3.00pm. Changes to our practice will be introduced next Sunday (25th March) and so it would be helpful if as many Readers as possible could attend to learn about these. A new booklet containing these arrangements will be issued at this meeting, but if you are unable to attend please collect your copy from the sacristy as soon as possible after the meeting. We will also spend some time looking at the Readings for Holy Week.

The new Rota, beginning next Sunday, Passion (Palm) Sunday is available in the porch.

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 229723** as soon as possible? Please note: this is now the correct phone number. Apologies for providing the wrong number for the past few weeks!

We also ask Day by Day subscribers to pick up their Easter Booklets from the Stall.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Offertory Collection	£1208.19
Stall	£120.00
Votive Candles	£163.78
Donations	£460.00
SCIAF Collection	£1739.03

A copy of the Parish Financial Statement for 2017 and the Parish Pastoral Statement for 2017 are available for you today.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

This week's selection of books in the box at the back of the church includes books on various saints including Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Saint Pio and St Columba and several books by the spiritual writer Fr Thomas Merton.

Does anyone have a spare CD Player they could donate to the Tuesday Mothers Prayer Group? Perhaps an unusual request at this time of the year. Anyway, always happy to accommodate!

READINGS FOR TODAY/SUNDAY 18th March 2018

Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent

A PURE HEART CREATE FOR ME, O GOD.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-15;
Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-30.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24th March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Philippians 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15: 47.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

This solemn feast day is usually celebrated on 25th March except when that date falls in Holy Week, as it does this year. For 2018 The Annunciation is transferred to Monday after the Octave of Easter—9th April.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Collection will be taken up on Easter Sunday. There will be only **ONE** collection at Mass—the Offertory Collection which is your opportunity to give your Easter Gift to our parish. Please be generous with your support.



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18th March 2018

Fifth Sunday of



PASSIONTIDE

The title "Passiontide" for the final two weeks of Lent would be familiar to an older generation of Catholic. Although the term is not officially used in the liturgical books of today, Passiontide remains a valid way of referring to this stage of our Lenten journey. Why? Well, the Church is clad in mourning as she contemplates the sorrowful events of the last year (fifth week of Lent) and of the last week (Holy Week) of Our Blessed Lord's mortal life. Passiontide brings us face to face with the intense sufferings of Jesus which will culminate in his carrying of the Cross, his death on Calvary and his burial in the Tomb. Only after that will come the joy of his Resurrection at the Easter Vigil as we renew our faith in Jesus, risen from the dead and conqueror of sin and death. He will be victorious over humanity's suffering.

So, as you come into the church today for Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, you will notice immediately that the Crucifix and the Statues are covered with purple veils. This custom, which is optional in today's Church, suggests that the devotion of the saints should give way for a time to the great work of Redemption. Of course, the Crucifix is also covered and we may wonder why? All these veils are a relic of the former custom of hanging a curtain between nave and sanctuary during the whole period of Lent to signify that all Christians were penitents (and not just those public penitents who were not allowed to enter the church until Holy Thursday). All penitents were not worthy to take part in Eucharistic worship or to receive their Easter Communion until they had shown fruits worthy of penance. The sanctuary and all within it was hidden from their view to emphasise the depth of sin which had caused our Saviour to suffer so much for them. The Church is in sombre mood for her Lord. That mood will change on Easter Day to one of joy and hope!

During Passiontide, no bells will be used during our liturgies and no announcement bell used at the beginning of Mass.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN REPLICA

We are hosting "The Shroud" Replica in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this week. The Replica arrives before Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evening and stays with us throughout the week.

There will be a special presentation on "The Shroud" Replica on Wednesday evening in the Church at 7.00pm.

Prior to the presentation there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.00pm with recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries at 6.30pm.

We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to hear about "The Shroud" especially in this time of Passiontide and on the verge of Holy Week when we celebrate the Passion of the Lord. The presentation lasts about an hour.

Don't miss out. Come along and hear about this extraordinary piece of cloth so long associated with the death and burial of the Lord.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

This Week the church will be open from 6.45am each day and close at 6.00pm or after the Evening Liturgy or Talk.

SCIAF'S WEE BOX

Please return these at the end of Lent – preferably at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

Holy Week begins next Sunday – Palm Sunday.

Please make every effort to keep Holy Week as a very special time for the whole community by making every effort to take part in daily Mass and especially in the Sacred Triduum on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week.

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.30pm (28th March)

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday at 3.00pm (29th March)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8.00pm on Holy Saturday (31st March)

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THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday 18th March

- 9.00am Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year B
- 11.00am Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year B (with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
- 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Quiet Holy Hour of Prayer)
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Benediction

Monday 19th March

- 8.30am Mass in St Louise Primary School for the Solemnity of St Joseph
- 10.00am Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph
- 6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Quiet Holy Hour of Prayer until 7.25pm
- 7.30pm Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph

Tuesday 20th March

- 8.15am Mass for Tuesday in the Fifth Week of Lent
- 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church for Lent
- 10.00am Mass for Tuesday in the Fifth Week of Lent

Wednesday 21st March

- 7.00am Mass for Wednesday in the Fifth 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 Fifth Week of Lent
- 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6.30pm The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and Litany of the Precious Blood
- 7.00pm Presentation on The Shroud Replica

Thursday 22nd March

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

Friday 23rd March

- 7.00am Mass for Friday in the Fifth Week of Lent
- 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
- 9.30am Stations of the Cross in the Oratory
- 10.00am Requiem Mass for Jimmy Larkin R.I.P.

Saturday 24th March

- 8.15am Mass for Saturday in the Fifth Week of Lent
- 8.45am Confessions until 9.45am
- 9.30am Novena in Honour of the Miraculous Medal and the Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for Saturday in the Fifth Week of Lent
- 10.30am Confessions until 11.00am
- 4.30pm Confessions until 5.45pm
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Blessing of Palms)

Sunday 25th March

- 9.00am Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Blessing of Palms)
- 11.00am Blessing of Palms in the Parish Hall with the Palm Sunday Procession to the church for Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord in the church (Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place after the Opening Prayer of the Mass)
- 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Quiet Holy Hour of Prayer)
Confessions until 5.45pm
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Benediction

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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| Thursday 22nd March | 7.00pm until 7.30pm |
| Friday 23rd March | 9.15am until 9.45am |
| Saturday 24th March | 8.45am until 9.45am |
| | 10.30am until 11.00am |
| | 4.30pm until 5.45pm |
| Sunday 25th March | 5.00pm until 5.45pm |
| Monday 26th March | 6.30pm until 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 27th March | Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.00pm
Penitential Service with Individual Confession |

CONFESSIONS IN OUR LOCAL CHURCHES IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER

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| Tuesday 20th March | St Vincent de Paul Church at 7.00pm (during their Mission Week) |
| Tuesday 27th March | Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.00pm
Penitential Service with Individual Confessions |
| Wednesday 28th March | St Bride's Church at 7.00pm.
Penitential Service with Individual Confessions |

It is important that we set aside "time" for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and go to Confession in preparation for Easter. Sadly, this Sacrament has been abandoned or looked upon as irrelevant to so many of our community. And that is a real pity! For in this Sacrament we meet the Christ who forgives and heals, who restores and renews, the Christ who reconciles our relationships with God, with one another and with ourselves.

Do take seriously our words of encouragement to celebrate this Sacrament over the closing days of Lent. If you feel unsure what to say or what to do, please be assured that your priests are here to help you in the celebration of this Sacrament. You will find that we will warmly welcome you and give every help you need to make the celebration of Confession a moment of receiving the joy of God's forgiveness and mercy and a meeting with Christ who raises us up and encourages us in our pilgrimage of faith.

Don't put off coming to Confession! Your Lord waits for you to come back to him and to be at peace.

FINAL LENTEN TALK FOR 2018

(Walking with Jesus on the Way of the Cross)

On Tuesday at 7.30pm in the church.

Thank you for the warm welcome given to Fr Andrew Robison and for the very positive reception given to his inspiring reflections over the weeks of Lent.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Thank you to all who helped prepare our Primary 3 children in our Primary Schools for their First Confession – parents, carers and families, teachers – and we offer our congratulations to the young boys and girls for the reverent and dignified way in which they celebrated the Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

THE PARISH HALL

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| Sundays | NO TEA BAR TODAY/18th March |
| 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 |

FOUNDATION OF OUR PARISH

The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes was established on 28th March 1958 by Bishop James Donald Scanlan. This year that date falls on the Wednesday of Holy Week and it will not be possible to mark the occasion on that date. However, Bishop Toal will come to our parish on Easter Sunday and be the principal celebrant at 11.00am Mass to mark the occasion of the celebration of 60 years of parish life in this area of East Kilbride.

DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesdays in the Oratory after 10.00am Mass

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

On Wednesday in the Oratory at 7.30pm

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

LENTEN CHORAL REFLECTION St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge, present an evening of traditional and contemporary music and readings on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm. See the noticeboard for more information.