

Please pray for those who died recently – Cardinal Keith Patrick O’Brien, Colm McMullen, Ellen Campbell, Mary Beers (Clarkston), Margaret Mary Toner, Frank McConnell (Motherwell).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of – Betty Stevenson, Greta Ritchie, Rena Gallagher, John & Celia Cooper, John Rae, James Hislop, Catherine McCartney, Jim Hendry, Sheila Deary.

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.

If you wish to have any of the deceased members of your family remembered especially at Easter, please hand in their names to the Parish House or sacristy by Thursday evening of this week. If you wish Mass to be offered for them please place the stipend for Mass in an envelope with their name(s) clearly printed on the front of the envelope. If you have any announcements for the bulletin for next weekend please have those handed in to us by Thursday evening as well. Thank you.

BILL PATERSON R.I.P.

Mrs Jeanne Paterson and family would like to thank Mgr Millar, Fr Wyllie and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for all Masses, kind words and beautiful cards received following the sad loss of her husband, Bill. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were very much appreciated. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

MY DAY BY DAY

Please collect your booklets for April/Easter Season from the Stall at Mass this weekend. Thank you.

ST PATRICK’S NIGHT

Many thanks to all who attended with a special thanks to John Burns and to the many who contributed with goods, took part in the Raffle and gave practical help on the evening itself. A very special word of appreciation to the young people (the Caritas students) who gave a generous helping hand and were inspirational in the way they undertook all that was asked of them—running up and down the stairs with pies, raffle prizes and even moving tables and chairs. Thank you everyone! £1400.00 was raised for Pro-Life which will be given to SPUC. If you are the holder of the winning ticket for the Hamper please see Ennis. Winning No. Orange 386 to 390.AD 127773.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

This week’s selection of books in the box at the back of the church includes Bibles, Gospels, books on Our Lady and Lourdes and books by well known writers such as Malcolm Muggeridge, Alan Paton and Delia Smith.

Thank you to Pat Hunter and Marie Connelly for donating a CD player for the Mother’s Prayer Group.

THE PARISH HALL IN HOLY WEEK

- ♦ Sunday Tearoom as usual today/Sunday 25th March
- ♦ No Wednesday Tearoom this week (28th March)
- ♦ Light Refreshments after the Easter Vigil

FOR PARISH READERS AND FOR THE CONGREGATION

- ♦ From Masses this weekend we ask our Readers to allow a suitable period of silence after the First Reading and before the singing or recitation of the Psalm of about 20 to 30 seconds.
 - ♦ Similarly after the Second Reading and before the singing of the Gospel Acclamation to allow another suitable period of silence—again of between 20 to 30 seconds.
 - ♦ This will afford all of us an opportunity to reflect/meditate on the Word of God proclaimed to us at Mass.
 - ♦ At weekday Masses a period of silence should also follow after the Reading and before the recitation of the Psalm.
 - ♦ Readers are asked to note that the silence takes place **after** announcing “The word of the Lord”.
- ⇒ Sunday and Weekday Parish Readers are asked to collect the new Guidelines from the sacristy today if they do not already have them.
- ⇒ The revised Guidelines come into effect from today.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Offertory Collection £1364.41
Stall £70.00
Votive Candles £151.42

**Thank you for your generosity
in support of our parish**

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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 the Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
(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 from 5.00pm until 5.45pm Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6.00pm.

Monday 26th March

8.30am Mass in St Louise Primary School for Monday in Holy Week

10.00am Mass for Monday in Holy Week

7.00pm Stations of the Cross (Confessions from 6.30pm until 7.15pm)

7.30pm Mass for Monday in Holy Week

Tuesday 27th March

8.15am Mass for Tuesday in Holy Week (Confessions after Mass)

9.30am Stations of the Cross

10.00am Mass for Tuesday in Holy Week (Confessions after Mass)

7.00pm Short Penitential Service in preparation for Confession (2 visiting priests available for Confession)

Wednesday 28th March

7.00am Mass for Wednesday in Holy Week (Confessions after Mass)

9.30am Stations of the Cross

10.00am Mass for Wednesday in Holy Week (Confessions after Mass)

Thursday 29th March HOLY THURSDAY

The church will be open today from 9.00am until 4.00pm and re-open at 6.30pm.

NO MORNING MASS

11.30am Mass of the Chrism in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. All welcome to attend.

*Blessing of the Oil of Catechumen, the Oil of the Sick and the Holy Chrism
Renewal of Priestly Promises*

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

29th March

HOLY THURSDAY

The church will open for the beginning of the Sacred Triduum at 6.30pm

The Holy Water stoups will be empty and votive candles are unlit during the Triduum

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

In this Mass we commemorate the New Commandment given by Christ, the Institution of the Priesthood and the Gift of the Eucharist

The Washing of the Feet and the Procession to the Altar of Repose form part of the ceremonies at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

11.00pm Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose (in the Oratory)



30th March

GOOD FRIDAY

(A Day of Fast and Abstinence)

9.30am Morning Prayer in the church

3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

No Mass is celebrated today.

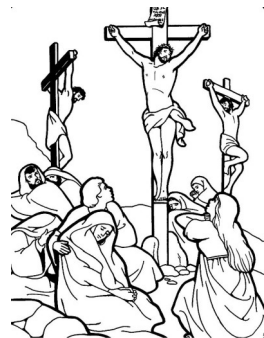
The Liturgy of the Word, The Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion form today's celebration

Collection for the Holy Places

7.30pm Prayer Around the Cross

Veneration of the Cross

Collection for the Holy Places



31st March

HOLY SATURDAY

9.30am Morning Prayer in the church

12noon The church will be closed until 7.30pm

8.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

The principal ceremony of the Church's worship is celebrated in four stages:

The Service of Light

(Blessing of the Easter Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle)

The Liturgy of the Word with Readings from the Book of Genesis, the Book of Exodus and the prophet Isaiah concluding with the letter to the Romans and the Easter account from the Gospel of Mark

Baptismal Liturgy

Blessing of Water, Sacrament of Baptism, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The newly baptised and the newly confirmed bring forward the bread and wine for the celebration of Mass

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the Easter Vigil for light refreshments

1st April

Easter Sunday

9.00am Mass for Easter Day
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Blessing & Sprinkling of the congregation with Easter Water

11.00am Mass for Easter Day celebrated by Bishop Toal to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of our parish.
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Blessing & Sprinkling of the congregation with Easter Water



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER

Sunday 25th March

5.00pm until 5.45pm

Monday 26th March

After morning Mass and from 6.30pm until 7.15pm

Tuesday 27th March

After morning Masses

Penitential Service at 7.00pm

With 4 priests available for individual Confession

Wednesday 28th March

Confessions after morning Masses

CONFESSIONS IN ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

Wednesday 28th March

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.

We encourage you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession before the Sacred Triduum and so experience the reconciliation Christ offers us in this Sacrament. As priests, we wait to welcome you in Christ's name and to help you through the celebration in any way we can. Don't put off coming to Confession!

Your Lord waits for you to come back to him and to be at peace.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.30pm, continues with the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm and reaches its climax at the Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night on Holy Saturday at 8.00pm. One celebration spread over three days. Please join us!

LEGION OF MARY

The Good Friday Walk on 30th March will start from St Vincent's Church at 9.00am calling at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Bride's Church and finishing in St Leonard's Church about 12.15pm. Walk with us for the whole or part of the way. Bring Rosaries and wear suitable clothing. See the noticeboard for details.

GOOD FRIDAY

Abstinence, on this day, refers to not eating flesh meat. Fasting can refer to things other than food and drink, but on this day means we should cut down on the normal amount we eat, eating only one main meal.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This traditional annual collection will be taken up at the Afternoon Liturgy at 3.00pm and the Evening Prayer Around the Cross at 7.30pm. The purpose of the Collection is to help maintain and preserve those Shrines and Churches in the Holy Land associated with the Life of Our Blessed Lord. The political situation in the Holy land over the past few years has put pressure on these sites and, with fewer Christians living in places like Bethlehem, there is a real danger of a meaningful Christian presence becoming a thing of the past. Whatever we give to the Collection for the Holy Places will be an immense boost to Christians working and living in the Holy Land and will help keep sacred spaces for future generations around the world. So, please be generous on Good Friday for this Collection. Thanking you in advance.

HOLY THURSDAY SCIAF'S WEE BOX

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.30pm we re-enact the Lord's washing the feet of his disciples as a visible demonstration of his command to love our neighbour, the "new" commandment which he gave on the first Holy Thursday.

One way of acknowledging the new commandment is to have a care for the poor. In addition to the Bread and Wine for the Mass, our SCIAF Boxes will also form part of the Offertory Procession. **Please bring your WEE BOX to Mass on Thursday and deposit it in the black bin bags in the church porch.** (If you forget to bring your Wee Box or will not be present at this Mass please hand the boxes in as soon as possible

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

This year we have invited a number of the Pope Francis Faith Award children from our Primary Schools to take part in the Washing of the Feet.

HOLY THURSDAY OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The Caritas students have been asked to bring forward the gifts in the Offertory Procession.

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.

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