

Please pray for those who died recently - John Wright (Reception & Vigil today/Sunday at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass tomorrow/Monday at 10.00am. Thereafter, Philiphill Cemetery), Elizabeth McGinn (Reception at 9.45am on Thursday 14th March with Requiem Mass at 10.00am. Thereafter, Philiphill Cemetery), Martin Joseph Stirling (Reception at 9.45am on Friday 15th March with Requiem Mass at 10.00am. Thereafter, St Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth), Peter Padden, John McAdams, Bobby Marshall, Patrick Sludden (St Leonard's), Alisa Gallagher, Mr Brady, Margaret Toner, Brian Wheelan (St Bernadette's, Motherwell), Bernadette Keenan (St Francis Xavier, Carfin).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Mary Davie, James Branagan, Robert McDermott (Birthday Remembrance), Bridget & Thomas O'Neill & Family, Isabella Donaldson, Maureen McCourt.

Please pray for the sick -

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Collection for 24th February 2019

GiftAid Envelopes £454.10 + Standing Orders £800.00 Loose Plate £1196.20 Total £2450.30

Stall (includes CTS) £122.32 Roof Fund £10.00 Votive Candles £250.45

Statue Donations £702.00 + £60.00

Thanks to all who supported the Fish Tea Evening and for the generous donation of £702.00

HCPT - Hosanna House Group 522

We are on the lookout for 4 female helpers and 1 male helper for our pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 12th to the 19th July 2019.

The costs of our week are £733.00 per adult which includes flights, full board accommodation and insurance. We also ask for £100.00 per adult head towards our Lourdes kitty.

Those interested should contact Robert Kinghorn on 01355 702187 for further details.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr Brian Lamb, Vocations' Director, asks that notice be given now that anyone thinking about the Priesthood make contact with him at Saint Joseph's, Blantyre - 01698 823896. In order to be ready to be accepted for the Propaedeutic Period of January-June 2020, those considering the call to Priesthood need to make themselves known now. Bishop Toal asks us to pray that there will be a positive response and that we will continue to be blessed with Vocations to the Priesthood.

How Can We Hope? - Lessons from the Middle East

The Newman Association, together with the St. Andrew's Foundation of the University of Glasgow, has organised a meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st March 2019 in Lecture Theatre 213 of the St Andrew's Building, Department of Education, University of Glasgow, 20 Eldon Street, G3 6NH, when Fr Timothy Radcliffe, OP, former Master of the Dominican Order and an outstanding communicator of the Catholic faith today, will present the above talk.

LENTEN TALKS by Canon John Udris

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IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Online Lent Retreat: "Walking together with Jesus"; from the Jesuits in Scotland. An online programme of daily prayer through Lent, with materials for running groups in parishes. Already there are many groups planned for Scotland. A free book is available. Fuller details: www.lentretreat.uk

Individually Guided residential Retreats: suitable for priests, deacons, religious or lay people. The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, based in Glasgow, runs retreats from 3 to 30 days in Scotland, Ireland, England and Spain at times suitable for Scottish holidays. Further details: www.iscglasgow.co.uk/retreats.html

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This is the fourth annual Lenten Prayer Vigil by 40 Days for Life, encouraging Catholics to pray publicly and peacefully for a Culture of Life in Scotland and around the world. See the poster on the church notice board.

Mary's Meals

Charity gig night featuring U2 tribute band "Rattled and Hummin". Friday 22nd March - 7.30pm in the Butterfly and Pig, Bath St, Glasgow.

Contact Michael (07456 791382) or Lisa (07901 371821) or email MMLMMarysMeals@outlook.com for tickets (priced £10). All proceeds going to Mary's Meals.



Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar

Father Seán G. Wyllie

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

3rd March 2019

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER EVERY DAY

The church is open from 6.45am until 6.00pm or until after the Evening Mass or Service.

LOCAL COMMUNITY FOODBANK



This weekend we have our monthly collection for the Community Foodbank. Once again, thank you for your generosity to this cause.

Interestingly, the East Kilbride News under its 'Churches' banner carries a small section on our February donations.

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland have set aside the Friday after Ash Wednesday as a Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse. This Day will be observed each year on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. You are invited to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, participate in Mass and join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday evening at 7.00pm. Special prayers for victims of abuse will be said at the Stations of the Cross.

PLEASE

- * Take home the SCIAF package which includes the WEE BOX for use at home as a focus for your Lenten almsgiving. The WEE BOX should be returned to us at the end of Lent - best practice is to bring the WEE BOX to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- * There are copies of the Annual Financial and Pastoral Statement available on the table in the church porch. Please take a copy home with you.
- * The weekly Parish Bulletin is, as always, available for you. Get into the habit of taking one home with you, especially during Lent. You can also download or view the bulletin on-line on our website - ourladyoflourdeschurch.org.uk
- * There are also plenty of copies of the Lenten Programme. We ask you to take a copy home with you. It might be a good idea to share the Lenten Programme with others in family or neighbourhood who might benefit from the Lenten Invitation to renew our discipleship of the Lord during Lent. You never know - someone might just be looking for an opportunity to re-engage with Christ and with his Church. It's a moment to practise evangelisation in our own community.

SOME THOUGHTS

- ◆ Ash Wednesday is set aside by the Church as a Day of Fast and Abstinence. This means that we should give up some food on Wednesday and abstain from eating meat. Ideally, we should have one main meal and eat something light either in the morning or evening, depending on what our normal eating habits are each day.
- ◆ The important thing is to experience "going without" so that we can have a sense of discipline in our lives of faith and can also share in the experience of those who suffer starvation and hunger in many parts of the world today.
- ◆ We are encouraged to make Wednesdays and Fridays days of particular penance during Lent.
- ◆ Please give some thought to attending weekday Mass during Lent, especially if you have the time to do that. We encourage our children at Primary School to take part in Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.15am, prior to beginning the school day.
- ◆ Make use of the church for private prayer during the day and at those times when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- ◆ The Stations of the Cross are a well established Lenten practice and we encourage you to join us for the Stations on Wednesdays and Fridays.

WEEK EIGHT IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3rd March (Readings: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58; Luke 6: 17. 39-45)

9.00am Mass for the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C
 11.00am Mass for the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
 12.30pm Sacrament of Baptism
 6.00pm Reception & Vigil for John Wright R.I.P.
 6.30pm Mass for the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C

Monday 4th March (Readings: Ecclesiasticus 17: 24-29; Psalm 31; Mark 10: 17-27)

10.00am Requiem Mass for John Wright R.I.P.
 Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass
 7.00pm Mass for Week 8 in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY READERS
 Please collect the new rota from the sacristy.

Tuesday 5th March (Readings: Ecclesiasticus 35: 1-12; Psalm 49; Mark 10: 28-31)

8.15am Mass for Week 8 in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Mass for Week 8 in Ordinary Time
 Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass

THE SEASON OF LENT



Wednesday 6th March ASH WEDNESDAY A Day of Fast and Abstinence

7.00am Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes
 10.00am Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes
 1.30pm Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes
 7.00pm Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Thursday 7th March (Readings: Daniel 30: 15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9: 22-25)

8.15am Mass for Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Oratory until Night Prayer at 7.45pm
 7.00pm Confessions in the church until 7.30pm

Friday 8th March DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE

(Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9; Psalm 50; Matthew 9: 14-15)

7.00am Mass for Friday after Ash Wednesday
 7.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
 10.00am Mass for Friday after Ash Wednesday
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross and Prayers for Victims of Abuse

Saturday 9th March (Readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 85; Luke 5: 27-32)

8.15am Mass for Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Oratory)
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
 9.30am Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal & Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Church)
 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent/Year C

Sunday 10th March (Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10: 8-13; Luke 4: 8-13)

9.00am Mass for the First Sunday of Lent/Year C
 11.00am Mass for the First Sunday of Lent/Year C (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
 12.30pm Sacrament of Baptism
 6.30pm Mass for the First Sunday of Lent/Year C

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lady of Lourdes School will join the parish community for 10.00am Mass and St Louise School will join the parish community for Mass at 1.30pm. If you find 10.00am Mass too busy with the large number of school children in attendance, then think about coming to Mass at 1.30pm where the school community is much smaller in numbers and so the Mass is less busy.

PARISH HALL

- Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
 - The Friendship Club on Thursdays at 1.30pm
 - Mother & Toddler Group on Thursdays at 10.30am
 - Wednesday Tearoom after 10.00am Mass
 - Sunday Tearoom after 11.00am Mass today
 - Indoor Bowling on Sundays from 4.00pm until 6.00pm
 - OLOL Hiking Club AGM on Thursday at 7.30pm in the Hall
- ⇒ Pancake Day Tearoom on Tuesday 5th March
 ⇒ No Tea Bar on Ash Wednesday

Diocesan Courage Apostolate for Catholics with Same Sex Attraction

Motherwell Diocese has set up a Courage Chapter of pastoral ministry for those in our Diocesan community with same sex attraction who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments and an appreciation of the Church's teaching on chastity. It extends the Church's invitation to mature in Christ, seeking his grace and peace.

For information or advice please email in confidence our Diocesan priest chaplain at Courage@rcdom.org.uk.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on the second Thursday of March (March 14th) when Professor Bart McGettrick visits us. His talk will be related to the life and education of Christian and Muslim people in The Holy Land/Palestine.

Please note that this next meeting will commence with tea/coffee at the earlier time of 7.30pm.

Professor McGettrick will enhance his talk with an on-screen presentation, illustrating some of the present conditions that people experience there.

FOOD AND DRINKS HAMPER

The winning ticket is a green edged ticket - numbers 306-310, security number AA73489.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesday after 10.00am Mass
 Rosary in the church and Prayers for the family afterwards in the Oratory

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

On Friday at 2.00pm in the church

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

We continue to ask for your prayers for the children from our parish and primary schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in recent weeks.

Please remember the children who are preparing, at the moment, for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We also commend to your prayers the parents, carers and families of those preparing for the Sacraments.

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CTS STALL

- Way of the Cross - uniting our sufferings with Christ
- 40 Days and 40 Ways
- Calvary through the eyes of Mary
- Information booklet about the Season of Lent

LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrate Mothers' Day on 31st March in a special and prayerful way.

Buy a candle (£1.00) in thanksgiving for your mother or someone special and have the candle blessed at the end of Sunday Mass on Mothers' Day. The candles can then be lit and placed at the Lady Altar, in front of the Statue of Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of all who believe in her Son.

The candle is for a Mother or for someone special, for giving thanks for them, or for remembering those who are no longer with us.

SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the "Short-Term Pledge for Lent." Prayer leaflets are available on the table in the church porch and there's a poster giving further information on the notice board.

Fr Eamonn Sweeney will lead a Lenten Evening Retreat in St Patrick's Church, Coatbridge, on Tuesday 9th April at 7.00pm.