

Please pray for those who died recently - Elizabeth McGinn (Reception at 9.45am on Thursday with Requiem Mass at 10.00am. Thereafter, Philipshill Cemetery), Martin Joseph Stirling (Reception at 9.45am on Friday with Requiem Mass at 10.00am. Thereafter, St Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth), Frances Archibald, Tony Ainsworth, Josephine (Josie) Brown, James Cullen (Carfin).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Catherine Madden, Tony Madden, Harry Carroll, Josephine McLarnon, Arthur Smyth, Pranee Khamjoy Millar, Alex Law (Birthday Remembrance), Robert Gough, Frank Brien, Catherine McCabe, James O'Donnell, Jimmy McAnsh, John A.H. McIntyre, Annie Flaherty (1st Anniversary), Bill Whitters, Sadie McGrotty, Elaine McGrotty, Joseph Findlay, Louise Morrison, Desmond McMahon, Hugh Ward, Anne Ward.

Please pray for the sick -

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Collection for 3rd March 2019

GiftAid Envelopes £513.00 + Standing Orders £800.00 Loose Plate £1347.45 Total £2660.45

Stall (includes CTS) £148.10 Roof Fund £166.04 Votive Candles £202.89

### SECOND COLLECTION

All parishes in our diocese have a **Second Collection next Sunday** for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese of Motherwell who served our communities over many years.

### NUNRAW ABBEY

The Monks at Nunraw Abbey are pleased to announce the opening of a wing of their monastery as guest quarters. The guesthouse reflects the simplicity of the Cistercian way of life but is warm and comfortable with single rooms £65/£75: double £90/£100: triple £100/£120 per night, depending on length of stay. Phone 01620 670 096 to book or email ghr@nunrawabbey.com

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

Saint Aloysius College Junior School and Kindergarten is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 16th March from 11.00am to 1.00pm. All are welcome.

### RITE OF ELECTION

Takes place today in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Coursington Road, Motherwell, at 3.00pm.

We have three members in our RCIA Group and they will be at the Cathedral for today's ceremony. Please remember them in your prayers today and in these weeks of Lent. We look forward to receiving them into the life of the Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

### 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](http://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](http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/retreats.html)

### 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](mailto:MMLMMarysMeals@outlook.com) for tickets (priced £10). All proceeds going to Mary's Meals.

### LOURDES REUNION

Bishop Toal will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass in the Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Monday March 25th at 7.00 pm for those who took part in the Lourdes Hospitalite and Pilgrimage last year.

# Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Clergy Monsignor Thomas Millar

Father Seán G. Wyllie

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT/YEAR C

10th March 2019

### OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER EVERY DAY

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

### LOCAL COMMUNITY FOODBANK

Yet again, sincere thanks for your outstanding generosity to last week's collection - 77 bags and £900.00. The outstanding charity you show each month is breathtaking and continually sustains the work of the Foodbank on behalf of those most in need. So far this year 192 bags and £2630.00 have been donated. Thank you and well done!

### SCIAF

#### Make Big Changes Happen With Your Wee Box

This year's SCIAF Lent Appeal focuses on Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people who, with your support, are being helped to create a brighter future for themselves. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and make big changes happen with your WEE BOX.

Uganda has one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in the world. However, the legacy of war and a high rate of HIV and AIDS, has left many orphans and a generation of young people without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Thank you for taking your WEE BOX this Lent. If you didn't manage to get a WEE BOX last Sunday, there are still plenty left on the table in the church porch. Together we can end poverty.

### SOME THOUGHTS

- ◆ 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 at 9.30am and on Fridays at 7.00pm.

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT DURING LENT?

"The most basic Christian gesture in prayer is and always will be the Sign of the Cross" - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

"The Cross is the badge that shows who we are: our speaking, thinking, looking, working (we are) under the Sign of the Cross, that is, the love of Jesus, to the end." - Pope Francis.

When making the Sign of the Cross, let's do so deliberately and thoughtfully. It's so easy to make this gesture "just something we do" that we pass it off lightly. Whether making the Sign of the Cross as we enter and leave the church, at the beginning of the celebration of Mass or when we receive the blessing at the end of Mass, remember that our Sign of the Cross literally covers us with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Be reverent when making the Sign of the Cross.

When the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, we usually make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, over our mouth and over our heart as a sign of respect for the Gospel. It's also a prayer and a sign that we want the Gospel to be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts. Let's make the Sign of the Cross deliberately and with devotion on our forehead, over our lips and on our hearts. To think as God thinks; to speak God's word; to have God's word in our hearts.

**Come along to the LENTEN TALKS by Canon John Udris, from St Mary's College, Oscott, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.00pm on Tuesdays 12th, 9th and 26th March and Tuesday 9th April. Title: "The Third Day in Sacred Scripture."**

## THE SEASON OF LENT - WEEK ONE

**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

**Monday 11th March** (Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2. 11-18; Psalm 18; Matthew 25: 31-46)

8.30am Mass in St Louise Primary School  
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary  
 10.00am Mass for Monday in the First Week of Lent Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass  
 6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm  
 7.00pm Mass for Monday in the First Week of Lent

**Tuesday 12th March** (Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6: 7-15)

8.15am Mass for Tuesday in the First Week of Lent  
 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church  
 10.00am Mass for Tuesday in the First Week of Lent Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass  
 7.00pm First Lenten Talk by Canon John Udris (Church)

**Wednesday 13th March** (Readings: Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalm 50; Luke 11: 29-32)

7.00am Mass for Wednesday of the First Week of Lent  
 9.30am Stations of the Cross  
 10.00am Mass for Wednesday of the First Week of Lent Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass  
 6.00pm First Reconciliation for Primary 3 of Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Thursday 14th March** (Readings: Esther 4: 17; Psalm 137; Luke 7: 7-12)

8.15am Mass for Thursday in the First Week of Lent  
 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (Oratory)  
 9.45am Reception of Elizabeth McGinn R.I.P.  
 10.00am Requiem Mass for Elizabeth McGinn R.I.P. Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass  
 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 15th March** (Readings: Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5: 20-26)

7.00am Mass for Friday in the First Week of Lent  
 7.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30am  
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
 9.45am Reception of Martin Joseph Stirling R.I.P.  
 10.00am Requiem Mass for Martin Joseph Stirling R.I.P.  
 Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass  
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 16th March** (Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5: 43-48)

8.15am Mass for Saturday of the First Week of Lent (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 in the First Week of Lent (Church)  
 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm  
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent/Year C

**Sunday 17th March** (Readings: Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3; 17-4:1; Luke 28-36)

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



### PARISH HALL

- Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- The Friendship Club on Thursdays at 1.30pm
- No Mother & Toddler Group this week
- Wednesday Tearoom after 10.00am Mass
- Sunday Tearoom after 11.00am Mass today
- Indoor Bowling on Sundays from 4.00pm until 6.00pm
- Pancake Day Tearoom raised £35.70 which will be donated to "Let the Children Live". Thank you.

### CTS STALL

You are making good use of the CTS Stall. There are still a number of publications available for Lent. Stop and have a look!

- 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

### GREENHILLS PARISH CHURCH

Lent Group The Mystery of God  
 Mondays of Lent at 7.30pm. All welcome.  
 More details on the church noticeboard.

### THE MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN MISSION AND EVANGELISATION TEAM

Invite you to some Lenten Evenings of Contemplative Theology in the Xavier Centre, Carfin, ML1 5AJ, on Thursdays 14th, 21st and 28th March at 7.15pm until 9.00pm. The first evening took place on the 7th March, but all are welcome to come when they can.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday of this week at 6.00pm for Primary 4 of Our Lady of Lourdes School

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Thursday of this week 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

Kenny Welsh is the winner. Congratulations!

### Novena in honour of St Joseph

Monday 11th March until Tuesday 19th March

### 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.

### 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.

**Candles on sale this weekend at Sunday Masses.**

### THE GONZAGA SERIES

**Tuesday 12th March**

Fr Stephen Reilly, Co-ordinator of Spiritual Formation, University of Glasgow. "Young Catholics: the problem or the solution."

**Tuesday 19th March**

Dr Sohaib Saeed, Muslim Chaplain, University of Edinburgh. "Knowing Allah through the Divine Names."

**Tuesday 26th March**

Fr Geoffrey Wheaton, SJ, Lecturer of Art and Scriptures. "Encountering the Divine through Scripture and Art."

All at 7.00pm/Free Admission. Venue: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, 232-242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5RJ.

### 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.

**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL BEREAVEMENT SERVICES** are looking for individuals who died in armed service between 1922 and 1939. See the noticeboard for further information.