

✠ **Please remember in your prayers** ✠

**Those who died recently:** Frank Coogans (St Leonard's Parish), Agnes McCafferty (Shettleston), Patrick White (Carmyle), Phyllis Robertson, Fr Angus McLaughlin OP, David Roden (Tweed Street), John Ferrie (Craigneuk, Wishaw).

**The Months Minds and Anniversaries of:** Austin Toner, Bridget & James Gardyne, Hugh Boland, Fr Patrick Walsh, Fr Joseph Martin, Paul Millar Snr (Birthday Remembrance), Michael McLuskey, Ellen O'Kane (Birthday Remembrance), Jan Sproul (Birthday Remembrance).

*When the shadows of death gather round me, and the portals of heaven draw nigh, will you come to me Mary Immaculate, come and help me to die, come with St. Joseph, your escort; let me hear the sweet sound of your voice, saying 'now your exile is ending, the time is at hand to rejoice.'*

**LOL FILM CLUB**

Please meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm to review 'Local Hero'. Contact [frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk) for password etc.

**ST JOSEPH'S NOVENA**

On Wednesday at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. We take it that parishioners know at which time they are attending. Contact [frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk) for password etc.

**Online Lecture**

**'Leadership as Witness'**  
by Cardinal Joseph W Tobin CSsR.

**Tuesday 23rd February 7.00-8.00pm**

The University of Glasgow St Andrew's Foundation invites you to this online lecture. Cardinal Tobin is the Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey. He was Superior General of the Redemptorists from 1997 until 2009. In 2010 he was appointed as Secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. He has participated in five Synods of Bishops. This lecture is part of the Catholic School Leadership Expert Seminar Series. We encourage Catholic school leaders, aspiring leaders, researchers and those that support our Catholic school leaders to join us for this final seminar in the series. To register, please email: [education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk)

**TELEVISED MASSES**

On BBC Scotland at 12 noon on

- ◆ Sunday 21st February from St. Joseph's, Clarkston.
- ◆ Sunday 14th March from Our Holy Redeemer, Stornoway.
- ◆ Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday) from St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley.

The BBC Scotland Documentary 'Priest School' is now available on the iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hmvf/priest-school>

It's also available on YouTube which can be viewed worldwide, unlike iPlayer which can only be viewed in the UK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyVwwxOmsdl>

**UPDATE ON THE SACRAMENTS**

First Reconciliation for Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners will be scheduled for after Easter and we will give dates once the picture on restrictions becomes clearer. Similarly, First Holy Communions may have to be re-scheduled and Fr Millar will be in contact with parents over the next few days to have a chat about this. The dates for Confirmations are also likely to have to be reviewed. We await details from the Government about the map for the weeks ahead.

**HELPING US**

**TO KEEP THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON**

Have a look at BCOS website where you will find some resources:  
[www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources](http://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources)

**PARISH LENTEN TALKS 2021**

**An Introduction to Personal Prayer**

**Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm**

by Fr Jamie McMorrin of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh

**Mary, Woman of Prayer**

**Thursday 4th March at 7.30pm**

by Fr Peter Heiskell, SM, of the Society of Mary, New York

**Praying with the Word of God**

**Thursday 11th March at 7.30pm**

by Fr Patrick Hennessy, a retired priest of the Diocese of Motherwell and now Assistant Priest in St Columbkille's, Rutherglen

**Meditating on the Passion with St Paul of the Cross**

**Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm**

by Fr Anthony Connolly, CP, of St Mungo's Parish, Townhead, Glasgow

**Discussion and Feedback on our Lent Talks 2021**

**Thursday 25th March at 7.30pm**

**Fr Charles can you give you the Zoom ID and Password for all of these Talks by emailing [frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk)**

**OUR LADY of LOURDES**

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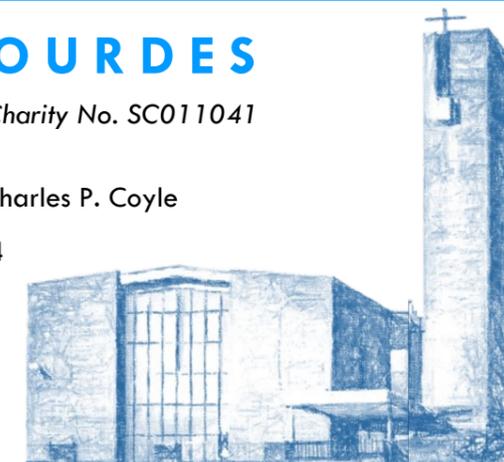
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**The First Sunday of Lent / B 21st February 2021**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

THANKS TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE STARTED THE NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH AND TO FR CHARLES FOR PROMOTING THIS SPECIAL YEAR

**BISHOP TOAL'S LENTEN MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I hope this finds you and your family and friends well.

I heard someone remark in recent days that it has been a year-long Lent since last February. We have indeed come through an extraordinary period, marked for all of us by some deprivation and anxiety; an extended communal penance inflicted upon us by the coronavirus. For some, the suffering has been more acute, because of personal illness, the illness of others, or the death of a loved one. We continue to hold each other in prayer, even when separated by the lockdowns, and we reach out to God for protection and healing. As we begin therefore the liturgical season of Lent and accompany the Lord in his suffering and death, we look forward to Easter and the hope of new life promised by his Resurrection.

The season of Lent mirrors the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in prayer and fasting, and these days also reflect the forty years the Jewish people spent wandering in the desert before they were able to reach the "Promised Land". The Old Testament books tell us of the difficulties of these years – the deprivations of food and water, the tensions and conflicts, the crises of leadership, the loss of hope for the future as they looked back to their past life, and, yes, anger at God and times of apostasy and loss of faith. It was a hard, almost brutal experience, but they survived it as a people and came at last to the "land of milk and honey". My thought as we begin this Lent is that the reality of life for us in the times ahead may be more akin to the forty years than the forty days, and it may take a long time and a lot of hardship before we fully recover from the travails of the past year. Our faith encourages us not to lose hope, and indeed we have the Lord Jesus within and among us to help us persevere, strengthening and protecting us through the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

In the reading at Mass today from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructed the people as they were about to enter the promised land after their long years in the desert:

"Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, in the love of the Lord your God, obeying his voice, clinging to him; for in this your life consists, and on this depends your long stay in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob he would give them."

God wants us to cling on to him, whatever happens, and in doing so we will experience and know his love within us and the life of grace and goodness he offers us when we obey his voice and place our hope in his promises. While we seek security and consolation here in our earthly homeland, we also trust that we will share eternal life with the Lord in our heavenly homeland, and that the way there is through, with, and in the Lord himself. Through Lent then, let us cling to the Lord and ask him to cleanse and purify us of all that would keep us apart from him and from showing his love to all our brothers and sisters with whom we share our time here on Earth. This is our time – "The day of salvation" as St Paul told us on Ash Wednesday - and we must make the best of it. With the Lord Jesus we can do so, without him we may lose hope and patience. Let us cling on to Him!

Wishing you a fruitful and holy Lent, full of faith, hope and love,  
Yours in Christ,  
+ Joseph Toal

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY** (Readings: Genesis 9: 8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15)

10.00am **Morning Prayer** of the Church for the First Sunday of Lent

11.00am **Holy Mass** of the First Sunday of Lent

6.00pm **Angelus** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **Evening Prayer II** **Benediction**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY** (Readings: 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Psalm 22; Matthew 16: 13-19)

### The Chair of St Peter - Feast

*This feast emphasises the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair or cathedra is the place from where each bishop teaches his people, and gives us the word 'cathedral'. The Pope presides over the whole Church and teaches us the Faith which unites us with each other.*

9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church for the Feast of the Chair of St Peter

10.00am **Holy Mass** for the Feast of the Chair of St Peter

6.00pm **Angelus** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **Evening Prayer** **Quiet Prayer**  
**Rosary** **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY** (Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6: 7-15)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church

10.00am **Holy Mass** for Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

6.00pm **Angelus** **Evening Prayer** of the Church **Rosary**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY** (Readings: Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalm 50; Luke 11: 29-32)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church

10.00am **Holy Mass** for Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

6.00pm **Angelus** **Stations of the Cross** **Litany of Supplication**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY** (Readings: Esther 4: 17; Psalm 137; Matthew 7: 7-12)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church

10.00am **Holy Mass** for Thursday of the First Week of Lent

6.00pm **Angelus** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **Evening Prayer** of the Church  
**Litany of the Blessed Sacrament** **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY** (Readings: Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5: 20-26)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church

10.00am **Holy Mass** for Friday of the First Week of Lent

2.45pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

3.00pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet** **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

6.00pm **Angelus** **Stations of the Cross**

9.00pm **Rosary** **Litany of Our Lady**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY** (Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5: 43-48)

9.15am **Morning Prayer** of the Church

9.30am **Rosary**

10.00am **Holy Mass** for Saturday of the First Week of Lent

6.00pm **Evening Prayer I** of the Church for the Second Sunday of Lent

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY** (Readings: Genesis 22: 1-2.9-13.15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8: 31-34;

Mark 9: 2-10)

10.00am **Morning Prayer** of the Church for the Second Sunday of Lent

11.00am **Holy Mass** of the Second Sunday of Lent

6.00pm **Angelus** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **Evening Prayer II** **Benediction**

9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

**PLACES OF WORSHIP IN SCOTLAND ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**FUNERALS (20 persons maximum) and MARRIAGES (5 persons) are permitted.**

**ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED.**

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER DURING LENT**

(Prayer of the Faithful)

**Priest** Lord, in your mercy.

**Response** Hear and answer our prayer.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

At the moment, many of our community are prevented from receiving the Lord sacramentally in Holy Communion, but we can unite ourselves spiritually with the Lord by saying the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**SCIAF have their annual Lenten Appeal** which will be challenging for us and for them as we continue to live with restrictions. We have the SCIAF pack available for you to pick up from the Parish House when you're out for fresh air and outdoor exercise. We would also be very willing to pop the SCIAF package through your door - well, Mgr Millar will be happy to do that! Let's call it a Lenten exercise for him! Phone or email if you require this 'free service' - it's all in a good cause. Please support SCIAF this Lent 2021 and enable them to help the poorest and neediest people in the world, especially during this continuing pandemic of Covid-19. Thank you in advance for supporting SCIAF this year.

**SCIAF'S Wee Box, Big Change** focuses on the ongoing crisis in South Sudan and how a generation of children with disabilities is locked out of an education and trapped in a cycle of poverty. Frequent conflict has left behind a legacy of fear, displacement and despair, making it one of the world's poorest and most fragile states. Children with disabilities were already the most vulnerable in society. Now, the coronavirus pandemic has deepened already existing levels of poverty, putting them at greater risk. How does this affect these children? No education and no prospect of work to earn a living in later life; no access to support services or hospitals; they face stigma and exclusion; they also miss out on vital learning that helps them to break out of the cycle of poverty and prevents unlocking their potential to live life to the full. We can help and our help will allow SCIAF to work hand in hand with local partners and key community members to improve the lives of those with disabilities in that part of the world. Our support will help to adapt six schools so that pupils with disabilities can access mainstream education; teachers will be trained to understand the needs of children with disabilities and how to include them in their classes. The children will be provided with - wheelchairs, ramps, hearing aids and canes, as well as healthcare to give them some independent living and active participation in lessons, sports and other activities with their classmates. A small amount of help can make a big difference! For example, £35 could buy a classroom desk so that children don't need to sit on the floor. This year, all donations given between 12th February and 11th May 2021 will be doubled by the UK government. How can we stand by and do nothing when children and young people are so disadvantaged????

## COLLECTION & DONATIONS

<b>Sunday Offertory 14th February</b>	£619.00 +GiftAid/Standing Orders £900.00
<b>Stall</b>	£286.00
<b>Votives</b>	£10.00
<b>Donations</b>	£200.00
	£100.00
<b>St Margaret's Family Care (Crib Offerings)</b>	£40.00

*Thank you*