

✠ **Please remember in your prayers** ✠

**Those who died recently:** Agnes McNally of Westwood Nursing Home (Funeral Service at South Lanarkshire Crematorium tomorrow/Monday at 1.00pm), John McGhee formerly of Leeward Circle (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 9th March at 12noon; thereafter, South Lanarkshire Crematorium at 1.00pm), Christine Mitchell of Carnegie Hill (Requiem Mass on Friday 5th March at 1.00pm; thereafter, Philipshill Cemetery at 2.00pm), Agnes Carrigan (Requiem Mass on Wednesday 10th March at 10.00am; thereafter, East Kilbride Cemetery), Frank Kilbride (Dollar), Geoff Gardyne (Linwood).

**The Months Minds and Anniversaries of:** Francis Bradley (Jnr), Liz McGinn (2nd anniversary), James Branagan (Dublin), Robert McDermott (Birthday Remembrance), Mary McDonnell, Tommy, Annie & Thomas Flaherty.

*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.'*

**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.

**SOME EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER**  
**Stations of the Cross** are live-streamed on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6.00pm.  
**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** is prayed on Fridays at 3.00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.45pm, concluding with Benediction at around 3.15pm.  
**The Rosary** is recited on the Fridays of Lent at 9.00pm followed by Night Prayer at 9.30pm.

**ST JOSEPH'S NOVENA**  
On Wednesdays at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. We take it that parishioners know at which time they are attending. Contact Fr Charles by email - frc Doyle@rcdom.org.uk for password etc.

**TELEVISED MASSES**  
On BBC Scotland at 12 noon on  
♦ 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**  
Parishioners in our Primary Schools now beginning their preparations for First Reconciliation (Confession) will celebrate the Sacrament after Easter - probably in the month of May.

Parishioners in our Primary Schools now preparing for First Holy Communion will celebrate the Sacrament in the month of May - hopefully on the dates already agreed with parents. Mgr Millar is in contact with the parents concerned at the moment.

Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are also underway for the Primary 7 children in our Primary Schools. New dates for this Sacrament will probably have to be given as soon as we can make arrangements.

Mgr Millar will send a letter to all parents with children preparing for these Sacraments (via the schools) in the middle of March.

**PARISH LENTEN TALKS 2021**  
**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**  
**You can get the Zoom ID and Password for all of these Talks by emailing Fr Charles - frc Doyle@rcdom.org.uk**



# OUR LADY of LOURDES

A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell Scottish Charity No. SC011041

PARISH CLERGY

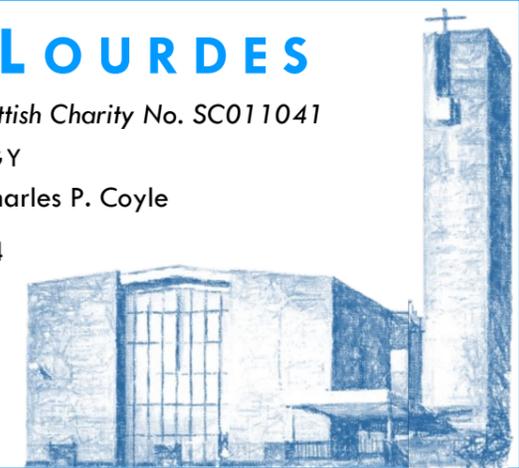
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## The Second Sunday of Lent / B 28th February 2021

### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

#### SUNDAY MASS

Now that the children in our Primary Schools are preparing for the Sacraments either in school or on-line, this is a good opportunity to encourage parents and carers to do their very best to have the children - indeed the whole family - participate in Mass on a Sunday. We live-stream our Sunday Mass at 11.00am every Sunday. Participating in Mass virtually in these times when our lives are restricted helps keep us in touch with the parish community and, more importantly, keeps our minds and hearts focused on observing Sunday as the 'special' day in the week - the day when we celebrate and remember the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead - the very foundation of our faith.

While some may, understandably, find this a challenge in the setting of a busy and demanding home life, nevertheless, we give as much encouragement as we can to parents and carers to make this a priority each Sunday. We also ask our young boys and girls and all our young people to cooperate with their parents and carers in keeping Sunday as a holyday and to participate in Sunday Mass from the comfort of home.

When our Churches reopen for Sunday Mass, we pray that as many as possible will gather for Mass in the church building itself, even with limited numbers.

In the meantime, please make good and positive use of the live-streaming opportunities while our Churches are closed for public worship. We look forward to the day when we can gather much more freely for the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments of the Church.

**Pope Francis** is heading off to Iraq this coming Friday, 5th March. He will visit Baghdad first, and then will go to the Nineveh Plains which were overrun by ISIS about four years ago and our Catholic brothers and sisters were given an ultimatum to convert to Islam or pay a hefty fine to be allowed to stay. Many fled and were prevented from taking much more than the clothes they stood up in. Many were put to death simply for their Faith. Erbil in Kurdistan, towards the east, was seen as a safe haven for many who managed to get away, and they are only now beginning to get back to their homes.

Many of their homes were destroyed as well as churches and convents and precious religious and cultural heritage going back centuries. Christians have lived there, practically since the time of Our Lord. They are native to there. We might have thought that a place like Iraq would have no Catholics. There were more there than in Scotland until Saddam Hussein was deposed. In his time, they were able to live quietly making their contribution to Iraqi society, but when he was ousted it let loose a whole range of extremist groups some of whom were far from friendly to Christianity. The result was that many Iraqi Catholics left their native land seeking safer places to raise their families.

The Holy Father has had the Catholics of Iraq on his mind for a long time and has been determined to visit them to let them know that the Church has not forgotten them. It will be a great boost to our Catholic brothers and sisters in Iraq.

I think the whole Church is anxious for Pope Francis, so let us gather round him with our prayers for his safety and that his words and actions there will have a good effect. He is due home on 8th March.

*Courtesy of Fr Michael Briody, St Michael's, Moodiesburn.*

## 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** for the Second Sunday of Lent from the Divine Office  
 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** from the Divine Office

**MONDAY 1ST MARCH** (Readings: Daniel 9: 4-10; Psalm 78; Luke 6: 36-38)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office  
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Monday of the Second Week of Lent  
 6.00pm **Angelus Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament **Evening Prayer** from the Divine Office  
**Quiet Prayer** before the Blessed Sacrament **Rosary** **Benediction**  
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

**TUESDAY 2ND MARCH** (Readings: Isaiah 10: 16-20; Psalm 49; Matthew 23: 1-12)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office  
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent  
 6.00pm **Angelus Evening Prayer** from the Divine Office **Rosary**  
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

**WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH** (Readings: Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalm 30; Matthew 20: 17-28)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office  
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent  
 6.00pm **Angelus Stations of the Cross** **Litany of Supplication**  
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

**THURSDAY 4TH MARCH** (Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 16: 19-31)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office  
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Thursday of the Second Week of Lent  
 6.00pm **Angelus Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament **Evening Prayer** from the Divine Office  
**Litany** of the Blessed Sacrament **Benediction**  
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

**FRIDAY 5TH MARCH** (Readings: Genesis 37: 3-4.12-13.17-28; Psalm 104; Matthew 21: 33-43.45-46)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office  
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Friday of the Second Week of Lent (First Friday Mass)  
 1.00pm **Requiem Mass** for Christine Mitchell of Carnegie Hill  
 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** from the Divine Office

**SATURDAY 6TH MARCH** (Readings: Micah 7: 14-15.18-20; Psalm 102; Luke 15: 1-3.11-32)

9.15am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office  
 9.30am **Rosary**  
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Saturday of the Second Week of Lent  
 6.00pm **Evening Prayer I** for the Third Sunday of Lent from the Divine Office  
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

### JUST A THOUGHT

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**SUNDAY 7TH MARCH** (Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25)

10.00am **Morning Prayer** for the Third Sunday of Lent from the Divine Office  
 11.00am **Holy Mass** of the Third Sunday of Lent  
 6.00pm **Angelus Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament **Evening Prayer II** **Benediction**  
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

### 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.*

### COLLECTION & DONATIONS

**Sunday Offertory 21st February** £568.00+GiftAid/Standing Orders £900.00  
**Stall** £7.00

- ◇ Some parishioners have been asking about Offertory Collections and the other Collections normally taken up by the Church at this time of the year - **all of these Second Collections are suffering very badly by the on-going pandemic restrictions we are living under during Lent and beyond.**
- ◇ Normally, we would have distributed the **SCIAF WEE BOX** Appeal at Sunday Masses but that can't happen at the moment, although the **SCIAF** package which includes the **WEE BOX** can be collected from the Parish House.
- ◇ We would also have taken up a Second Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund on the Second Sunday of Lent - but again that's not possible in our current situation.
- ◇ On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, a Second Collection would usually be taken up for SCIAF - but . . . .
- ◇ In Holy Week, on Good Friday, a Collection is taken up for the Holy Places - those Shrines and Sacred Sites in the Holy Land associated with the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and with the saving events of his Birth, Passion, Death and Resurrection, including the Appearances of the Risen Christ to the Apostles and Disciples. This Collection may well be taken up - if Places of Worship are able to open for Holy Week, and we hope and pray that this will happen. (A second Holy Week and Easter with closed Churches is an unbearable thought at this point in time).
- ◇ It would be very kind and very much appreciated if you are able to make a donation to the 'normal collections' taken up at this time of year. They are all good Charities deserving of our support - **SCIAF, SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS** and **THE HOLY PLACES.**
- ◇ Please place your donation in an envelope marked for the Charity. (If you are making your donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and mark on the envelope which Charity/Charities is/are to benefit from your offering. We will then make the appropriate allocation in our weekly Balance Sheet).
- ◇ Our bank details are: Virgin Money (Clydesdale Bank). Sort Code: 82-62-24. Account number: 40450205 (If paying into the Parish Account, please reference the Charity/Charities of your choice).

### LOCAL FOODBANK

Our next collection for the local Foodbank is the weekend of 6/7th March. As has regrettably been the case throughout the pandemic, we are not in a position to accept food donations. However, we can readily accept monetary donations to build on the outstanding figure that was offered so generously last month (£1730). If you would like to donate to this local cause, please put any offering in an envelope marked 'Foodbank' and post it through the Parish House. Many thanks for your consideration of this and your sustained and remarkable generosity over a period exceeding six years.