

✠ Please remember in your prayers ✠

Those who died recently: **John McGhee** formerly of Leeward Circle (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 9th March at 12noon; thereafter, South Lanarkshire Crematorium at 1.00pm), **Agnes Carrigan** (Requiem Mass on Wednesday 10th March at 10.00am; thereafter, East Kilbride Cemetery), Esther Brady (Penilee), Joseph Hamill.

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Maureen McCourt, Mary Davie (Cambuslang), Clare Keane, Margaret Hannah, Gerard Hart (Hamilton), Pranee & Paul Millar, Joseph Findlay, James & Jeannie McKinney, Frances Doyle (1st Anniversary), Alex Law (Birthday Remembrance), Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, Mary Gillen, Bridy Miller, Nancy McNally, Rena Carleton, Hugh McGowan (1st Anniversary).

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

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 - frcoyle@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>

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 at the time of Holy Communion during live-streamed Masses:

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.

PARISH LENTEN TALKS 2021

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 - frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk

MASS CARDS

We have a selection of Mass Cards for almost all the normal occasions in Catholic life in the Parish House.

If you require a Mass Card, it's best to phone or email Mgr Millar first to make sure he'll be in the house when you call for the requested Mass Card. We can also supply some of the items currently available from the Parish Stall. Phone or email in advance to make arrangements to have cards signed or collected.

In answer to several recent questions about Mass Cards, one that occurs most frequently is - do we pay for these separately from the Mass Offering or is it all inclusive? Usually, an offering is made for the Mass being requested and a separate payment is given for the card.



OUR LADY of LOURDES

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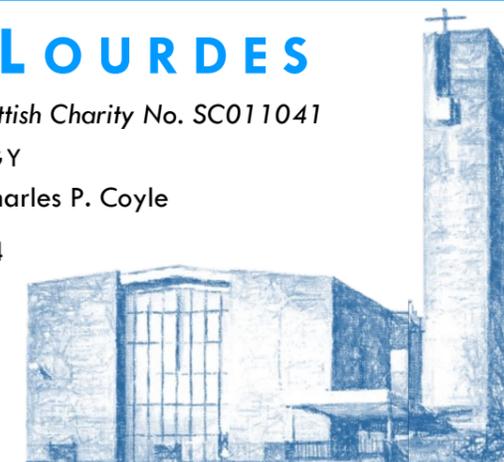
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The Third Sunday of Lent / B

7th March 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.

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.

LOCAL FOODBANK

Our next collection for the local Foodbank is due this weekend (6th/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 generosity of our parishioners, particularly over the past year. 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. **(If you are making your donation by cheque, please make it payable to 'Our Lady of Lourdes Church, East Kilbride' and we will allocate your donation to the Foodbank).**

POPE FRANCIS IN IRAQ

Pope Francis will visit Qaraqosh, one of the main places on the Nineveh Plains where Catholics have returned to rebuild their lives and their Church. He is also due to go to Erbil where some have decided to stay and make it their new home. Erbil was the target of a rocket attack only a few days ago, and Baghdad had two of their depressingly frequent suicide bomb attacks within the last month. 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.

The Holy Father is also due to have a meeting with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, the leader of Iraqi Shia Muslims. This is part of his ongoing campaign to improve relations with Islam, and that better relations between all religions will be a powerful influence towards international human fraternity. Muslims are divided mainly into Sunni and Shia with some other smaller groupings. Pope Francis met with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, a major Sunni leader from Egypt, in Abu Dhabi in February 2019. There, they signed the "Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together", and the Grand Imam has since been to the Vatican to follow up on the practical continuation of that document. Pope Francis hopes that the visit to the Grand Ayatollah will bring the Sunni Muslims to support the same document. Pope Francis is due home on Monday 8th March.

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

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

MONDAY 8TH MARCH (Readings: 2 Kings 5; 1-15; Psalm 41; Luke 4: 24-30)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Monday of the Third 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 9TH MARCH (Readings: Daniel 3; 25.34-43; Psalm 24; Matthew 18: 21-35)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office
 12 noon **Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of John McGhee
 6.00pm **Angelus** **Evening Prayer** from the Divine Office **Rosary**
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH (Readings: Isaiah 50: 5-9; Psalm 76; John 12: 24-26)

Feast of St John Ogilvie, Martyr

John Ogilvie was born at Drum, near Keith, in the north east of Scotland. Educated a Calvinist, he went to the Low Countries and was received into the Catholic Church by Father Cornelius à Lapide. He became a Jesuit, was ordained priest in 1613 and landed in Scotland that year. In Edinburgh and Glasgow, he reconciled many to the ancient faith, but was betrayed, imprisoned and tortured, and finally hanged in Glasgow in 1615.

He was proclaimed a saint of the Catholic Church by Pope Paul VI in 1975.

9.15am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office
 10.00am **Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of Agnes Carrigan
 6.00pm **Angelus** **Stations of the Cross** **Litany of Supplication**
 6.30pm **Holy Mass** for the Feast of St John Ogilvie
 9.30pm **Night Prayer** from the Divine Office

THURSDAY 11TH MARCH (Readings: Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalm 94; Luke 11: 14-23)

9.30am **Morning Prayer** from the Divine Office
 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Thursday of the Third 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 12TH 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 Third 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** from the Divine Office

**Sorry to have to tell
 you that Fr Charles is
 not likely to be back
 with us until after
 Easter!
 Oh dear!**

JUST A THOUGHT

You can fail so very often. But you are not a failure until you give up

THE SEASON OF LENT

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH (Readings: 2 Chronicles 36; 14-16.19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2: 4-19;

John 3: 14-21)

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

COLLECTION & DONATIONS

Sunday Offertory 21st February £1,370.00+GiftAid/Standing Orders £900.00
Stall £5.00 **Votive Candles** £30.00 **Flowers for the Altar** £10.00

Please give your support to the Second Collections normally taken up during Lent -

- **SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS** (normally taken up on the Second Sunday of Lent - 28th February).
 - **SCIAF** (normally taken up on the Fourth Sunday of Lent - 14th March).
 - **THE HOLY PLACES** (taken up as the Collection at the Good Friday Liturgy - 2nd April).
 - **THE WEE BOX** for **SCIAF** (The Charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland - please collect a **WEE BOX** from the Parish House or make a donation from your Lenten almsgiving before the end of April).
- ⇒ Please place your donation in an envelope marked for the Collection. (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 Collection is 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).

The Financial and Pastoral Statement for 2020 is more or less ready - we hope to make it available early in this coming week. We can tell you, ahead of its being made available, that our income fell by £45,357.24 during 2020. Offerings for Charities were down £16,562.17 on the 2019 figure and the Offertory Collection fell by £17,940.00 compared with the 2019 figure.

We have expressed many times our gratitude for the financial support that was given to the parish in 2020 through the Offertory Collection and through donations given by a number of individual parishioners to help the parish through the financial challenges caused by the pandemic. We realise that a substantial number of parishioners were unable to make an offering last year because they were not able to attend Sunday Mass - and that continues in 2021. Perhaps this can act as a gentle encouragement to those who missed out on making their offerings over the past year to the parish and the Catholic Charities we support.

It would help keep the parish finances on a sure and firm foundation if everyone who benefits from the parish for the likes of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and First Reconciliation kept in mind the need to support the parish, especially, and perhaps more significantly, during these months when the church building is closed or when numbers attending are severely restricted. This is not to be ungrateful to those who have contributed significantly over the past year; nor do we want to place a burden on those families who are struggling financially. We are just asking for support from those who found it challenging to make their normal weekly offering to the parish.

Places of Worship may be closed or have restricted access but parishes have remained open all during the pandemic. The work of the parish has continued in our schools and in ministry at the hospital, hospice and the Care Homes for which we have responsibility. We have also tried our best to keep in touch with the sick and housebound - sometimes one of the priests speaking to them on the phone and, at other times, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion giving them regular phone calls. The sacramental life of the parish continues as well - mostly through the live-streaming of Masses and other opportunities for prayer together every day of the week.

Please support your parish and make a contribution to its financial well being. When we speak 'money', we know we are in a very sensitive area but, in conjunction with the Parish Finance & Fabric Team, we felt we should make everyone aware of how much we, first of all, appreciate your support, but also how much we rely on and need your offerings. Thank you for taking the time to read this little section - it's not easy to speak about money, especially at this time.