

**Called to Priesthood?** If you are a single male, 18 years or more and feel God may be calling you to serve His people in diocesan priesthood you are invited to come along to an informal "First Discernment Evening" at the Holy Ghost Fathers, Carfin on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Fr Brian Lamb at St Joseph's Blantyre on 01698 823896.

### **FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

#### **Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Programme**

The Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass. The preparation programme for First Communion will run on 14th, 21st, 28th February and 6th March.

**The Legion of Mary** would like to visit families of the First Communicants with the Fatima Statue. If any family would like a visit, please contact Kathy (238474) Betty (226313) or Ann [anne2ski@hotmail.com](mailto:anne2ski@hotmail.com) *(please note corrected email address)*

**St Andrew's & St Bride's High School:** Mass will be celebrated by Fr Rafal in the Oratory at 8.15am on Monday and Friday this week, and by Fr Chromy at 8.15am on Wednesday. *Note the earlier time.*

**St Kenneth's Primary School:** Fr Rafal will celebrate Mass in the school on Friday 19th February at 2.00pm.

**The Beginning Experience** are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or bereavement. The weekend will take place from 11th - 13th March at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For further details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email [rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Please pray for at our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:**

Canon Ryan, Fr Bergin, Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Bernadette Coogans, Margaret Donachy, Dan Hughes, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halleron, Chris Cusack, Marjory Hughes, Nan Martin, Pat Fullarton, Ann O'Neil, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Peden, Lorraine O'Donnell, Rose Drumgold, Cathie Spiers, Richard Tamburrini, Betty Murphy, Margaret Rose McMahon, Joseph Gallagher, Michael McShane, Mary Hoban, May Cheney, Elizabeth Graham, Jim McFarlane, Mairi Louise Carberry, Alexander Warren, Robert Moffat, Fr Michael O'Leary, Helen Paynter, Robert Williamson, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Dermot Ryan, Richard O'Donnell, Dennis Waddell, Harry Sheridan, Jim Thornbury, Sheila Torrance.

**Recently dead:** Mary McCabe, Alex Thomson (Devon), Alan Richmond

**Anniversaries** Barry Spicer, Ann Spicer, Mary and John Handley, Mary McGowan, Mary Roberts, Cathie McGregor, Alan Richmond, Jim Thomson.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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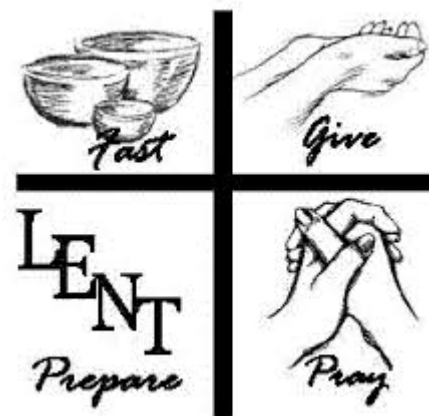
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IN RESIDENCE: CANON MICHAEL RYAN (RETIRED)



## **Sunday 14th February 2016 First Sunday of Lent**

### **Masses**

Monday - Friday 10.00am  
Saturday 6.00pm Vigil  
Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,  
6.00pm.



### **Confessions**

After Vigil Mass  
(in the Oratory),  
After the **Thursday**  
**Evening Stations of the**  
**Cross**(from 7pm in the Hall),  
and on request.

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## SUNDAY REFLECTION FROM THE REDEMPTORISTS.

*The Lord hears our voice.*

*In the midst of all our troubles, the Lord hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation that cannot be overcome if we are open to the Spirit who tells us that Jesus is Lord, raised from the dead by God. Through the risen Jesus, God is always with us, just as in the Old Testament the Lord rescued the Jews from slavery in Egypt.*

### THE SEASON OF LENT

Last week we printed a passage from Bishop Toal's Lenten letter. The letter continues: *We are well into the Jubilee Year of Mercy now and Pope Francis has encouraged us to live this Lent intensely "as a privileged moment in which to celebrate and experience God's mercy." The Holy Father commends to us meditation on the many pages of Sacred Scripture which "help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father." He strongly commends to us the Sacrament of Reconciliation saying, "Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent it will be a source of interior peace." Confessors are encouraged to take initiatives to make the sacrament available for their people in their parishes.*

### SPECIAL PARISH LITURGIES THROUGHOUT LENT:

**7.00am Mass** will be celebrated every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** throughout Lent (except when Fr Rafal is away between 21st - 27th February).

**Stations of the Cross** in the Hall every **Thursday** evening at 7.00pm.

**Holy Hour:** Every **Friday** morning in the Hall, beginning with Exposition at 9.00am followed by Morning Prayer at 9.40, and concluding with Mass at 10.00am.

**SCIAF WEE BOXES** are now available to take home. Please give generously as all contributions received before 4th May will be doubled by the UK Government, thanks to the "Aid Match" scheme.

**Third World Group:** The retiral collection taken up by the Third World Group after Ash Wednesday masses raised the sum of £704.68. Thank you for your generosity.

**40 Days for Life:** a Christian Profile Campaign to raise awareness about the crisis of abortion in our country. It has three parts:- 1 Prayer & Fasting. 2 Peaceful Vigil. 3 Community support. For more info contact [rosedocherty@Hotmail.com](mailto:rosedocherty@Hotmail.com)  
**PLEASE COLLECT A COPY OF THE "EVERY DAY" PRAYER FROM THE PASSKEEPERS' TABLE AND RECITE IT EACH DAY THROUGH LENT.**

**Inter-denominational Lenten Talks** for the first five Sundays of Lent, in the Old Parish Church "Old Hall" at 7.30pm. Deacon John & Fr Rafal will lead the talks on 28th Feb and on 6th March.

A series of **Scripture talks for Lent** will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall at 7.30 pm each Thursday from 11th Feb till 17th March. On Thursday 18th Feb Fr Stephen Reilly will speak about "Exodus and the theology of Easter".

## Gonzaga Lectures 2016: Celebrating the Year of Mercy

Tuesday 16th Feb: Bishop Hugh Gilbert - *Mercy and Sin*;

Monday 22nd Feb: Lord Maurice Glasman - *Foundations of Mercy? Catholic Social Teaching and The New Politics*;

Friday 26th Feb: Lord David Alton – *The Mercy Factory: Catholic Education and the Fight for Human Rights*.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 232 St Vincent Street. Lectures begin at 7.30pm, spaces limited.

**Carfin:** A Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots with Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament begins on Wednesday 17th February at 7pm and continues for the following eight Wednesdays. *"In this unfailing Novena Our Lady comes to untie the knots of our life..."* **Pope Francis.** Please use the opportunity to gain the Plenary Indulgence for the Great Jubilee of Mercy by passing through the Holy Door.

**Care Homes:** Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 16th February in McKillop Gardens.

**200 Club:** Please take home the leaflet with the latest update on the repairs programme and on fundraising. If you would like more information on the Covenant Scheme or our planned "Club 200", please fill in the tear-off slip and leave it in the box on the passkeepers' table.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A training session is being arranged for our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. A person of High School age or older who is a practising Catholic and of good standing in the Parish community may ask to be considered for this ministry. If you think you may be called to this role or if you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John.

**A Selection of Catholic Newspapers and Magazines** including the Scottish Catholic Observer, The Catholic Herald and The Tablet is available from the passkeepers' table at weekend Masses in the school, or in the hall on weekdays. **In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer:** Bishop Murray laid to rest in Oban; St. Andrews University invites Pope to interfaith event; Pope Francis to meet Russian Orthodox leader; Prayer is key to opening God's heart.

**Parish Library:** A new collection of books has been purchased for Lenten spiritual reading. These can be viewed and borrowed in the Parish Library before or after Mass. A small selection will also be displayed each Thursday and Friday in the Hall.

**The World Day of Prayer:** At the Old Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 2pm. The theme for 2016 is "Receive children. Receive me." Parishioners are invited to join Andrea and Evelyn who are representing St Bride's at this interdenominational event in our local community.

**Canon Glackin RIP:** A months' mind Mass will be celebrated for Canon Glackin in St Columba's Viewpark on Thursday 18th February at 7.00pm.