

Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service: Article 1 of the Code of Practice - Agreed by the Bishops of Scotland safeguarding the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, states:

“The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God’s purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and adults at risk.”

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children’s Liturgy: No Children’s Liturgy on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. **On Good Friday**, there will be a special Children’s Liturgy at 3pm in the hall of the Parish Centre. This involves the story of the Passion with readings and activities, specially aimed at Primary School children – with all ages together. The Children’s Liturgy will include kissing of the Cross and Holy Communion (for older children), and will last for the entire time of the adult service in the High School.

St Andrew’s and St Bride’s High School: Mass will be celebrated at 8.15 am on Monday by Fr Rafal, and on Wednesday by Fr Justin.

Congratulations to Frank Coogans (former parishioner, now of St Leonard’s) on celebrating his 100th birthday. A thanksgiving family Mass was celebrated in recognition of his long life.

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

Canon Ryan, Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Bernadette Coogans, Alexander Warren, Dan Hughes, Lily Halleron, Chris Cusack, Marjory Hughes, Nan Martin, Pat Fullarton, Ann O’Neil, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Peden, Lorraine O’Donnell, Richard Tamburrini, Rose Drumgold, Cathie Spiers, Betty Murphy, Joseph Gallagher, Mary Hoban, May Cheney, Elizabeth Graham, Jim McFarlane, Mairi Louise Carberry, Robert Moffat, Helen Paynter, Fr Michael O’Leary, Dermot Ryan, Robert Williamson, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Richard O’Donnell, Dennis Waddell, Harry Sheridan, Jim Thornbury, Sheila Torrance, Lyndsay McMahon, Malcolm Buchanan, Michael McShane, Frank Mellon, Alice Nimmo, Ann Robb, Marion Greenan, Olivia Anderson, Sofia Gallacher, Alec Cowan

Recently dead: Margaret Donachy, Betty Gallacher (Barrhead), Moyra Woods, Thomas Paul Flaherty, John McGlone

Anniversaries: Jim Graham, James and Mary McCaffery, Andrew Dryden, Mary Biggins, Kathleen Wylie, Margaret M Muldoon

Birthday Anniversary Elizabeth Tomnay

Requiem Mass for Margaret Donachy in Our Lady of Lourdes church at 12 noon on Monday 21st March

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

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Sunday 20th March 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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This Sunday's 9.30 Mass starts in the Parish Hall, where all are invited to gather for the blessing of the palms before walking in solemn procession into the school.

Please take home and keep on hand the information booklet giving the times and details of all the Holy Week and Easter services.

A final extract from Bishop Toal's Lenten letter: *As adults we also must enter fully into Holy Week. I have asked that Communion under both kinds be offered to all the faithful at both the Mass of the Lord's Supper and at the Easter Vigil. At the Last Supper the Lord raised the 'Cup of Mercy', in which is the Blood of the New and Eternal Covenant poured out for each one of us. He asked that we do this in his memory and that we drink from the chalice. Although it may not be possible to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at every Parish Mass it should happen sometimes, and by requiring that it does during the Easter Triduum I want to make that clear. It is important that the Liturgy is celebrated fully and well in all our parishes and that needs constant care and attention. Everywhere you go in Lanarkshire there are supermarkets of varying sizes providing many alternatives as to where and when we want to shop. A convenience mentality can affect our religious practice also and I think the faithful should be conscious of this and endeavour to support the celebration of the Church's Liturgy in their own parishes as often as they can.*

Thank you for reading this letter. I hope it offers some food for thought and some ideas for our Lenten journey. May the Holy Spirit inspire your prayer and good works as we seek to serve the Lord of goodness and mercy.

Deanery Penitential Services for Lent: Monday 21st March at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm in St Vincent's Church.

Motherwell Diocesan Choir presents "Music of Mercy" at the Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd March.

The Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday: A coach will be provided to allow parishioners to attend this liturgy in the Cathedral, leaving at 10.15, immediately after Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday. At the annual Chrism Mass the sacred Oils are presented and blessed by the Bishop for use in each parish throughout the year, and all priest renew their vows in the presence of the bishop and the whole assembly of the laity.

Holy Thursday: Washing of Feet. Pope Francis has made a change to the instructions in the Roman Missal on the rite of Washing of the Feet. A decree published on 6th January 2016 states that "*pastors may choose a group of faithful representing the variety and unity of every part of the People of God. This group may consist of men and women, and ideally of the young and the old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated persons and laypeople.*" Anyone who wishes to take part in the rite at our Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, should speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John.

Legion of Mary: The Good Friday Walk on 25th March will start from St Vincent's Greenhills at 9.00am, calling at Our Lady of Lourdes, Columban Sisters, St Bride's and finishing at St Leonard's about 12.15pm. Walk with us for the whole or part of the way. Bring Rosaries and wear suitable clothing.

A Special Collection for the Holy Places will be taken up at the Good Friday service.

The traditional blessing of the Easter baskets of food for the Polish community (Święconka, pronounced *sh-vee-en-soon-kah*) will be given by Fr Rafal after Morning Prayer on Easter Saturday. All are welcome to attend.

Easter Sunday: Early Morning Ecumenical Service at 7.30am at the Greenhills High Point (behind Greenhills Parish Church), followed by Breakfast in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated in Acorn Park at 2.30pm Wednesday 23rd March.

Eucharistic Ministers: The second training session will be held THIS SUNDAY 20th March, at 2.00pm in the library. All the Eucharistic Ministers of the Parish are invited to renew their Commitment at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, at which time six new ministers will be commissioned.

Altar Servers: Rehearsal for Easter Triduum at 3.30 on Thursday 24th March in the Hall.

The Ladies Phoenix Club meets this Monday 21st March at 1.30pm. Our guest will be Iain Hunter who will talk about the Hunter Brothers from Long Calderwood. All welcome.

Club 200: We now have 140 people who have expressed interest in Club 200. We are in the process of applying for a license (from South Lanarkshire Council) to operate the lottery and setting up a specific bank account, so we can record contributions efficiently. We will keep you updated on progress.

Covenant scheme: Envelopes for covenanted Offertory Contributions for the new liturgical year will be available for collection at all of the Easter masses (weekend of 26/27 March). If you are a taxpayer, please sign up to join the covenant scheme (either using contribution envelopes or by standing order), to increase the value of your contributions to Parish collections at no extra cost to yourself.

A date for your diary: Fundraising concert in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd April, fresh from a successful appearance at Glasgow's "Lentfest", musician/storyteller group "Heelster Gowdie" and singer/guitarist Franklyn. Also bar and light refreshments. Tickets (£7.00) will be on sale from Easter Sunday.

St Patrick's Day: Despite the lack of kitchen facilities the St Patrick's Bash was a great success! The event was run on contributions from the Parish. Thank you for your generosity - the amount raised was £145.

Thank you from Sophie McEntegart to everyone especially St Bride's Third World Group who donated money to her Ghana charity trip. On her return she promises to tell us of her experiences!

In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer: As year of celebration of St John Ogilvie ends Scots College Rome celebrates 400 years; Mother Teresa of Calcutta to be canonised on September 4th; Pope marks 3rd anniversary of his election with prayers, praise and gifts.