

**In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer:** Pope Francis chooses 6 priests to be Missionaries of Mercy in Scotland; Scottish government minister defends its inquiry in child abuse; Joint pastoral declaration from Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch; Holy Father speaks out against Mexico's drug trade

**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.

**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)

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

**Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Programme:** The Children's Liturgy for all children of Primary School age continues this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass.

**Parents of First Communicants** are earnestly encouraged to bring their children to the preparation programme for First Communion which will run until 6th March. Last weekend 19 children attended, less than half of those preparing to receive the Sacrament in May.

**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 at 8.15am on Wednesday 24th February by Fr Stuart Parkes.

### **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, Joseph Gallagher, Michael McShane, Mary Hoban, May Cheney, Elizabeth Graham, Jim McFarlane, Mairi Louise Carberry, Robert Moffat, Alexander Warren, Fr Michael O'Leary, Helen Paynter, Robert Williamson, Dermot Ryan, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Richard O'Donnell, Dennis Waddell, Harry Sheridan, Jim Thornbury, Sheila Torrance, Lyndsay McMahon, Frank Mellon, Alice Nimmo, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maria Kochańska.

**Recently dead:** John Dickie, Mr Allan, Tina Dick

**Anniversaries:** Eileen McGuigan, Vittoria Simi, Frank Corrigan, Thomas Devlin, David Knight, Joe & Daniel Harkins, Terry Dolan, Rosemary Madden

**Birthday remembrance:** Charlie Mitchell

*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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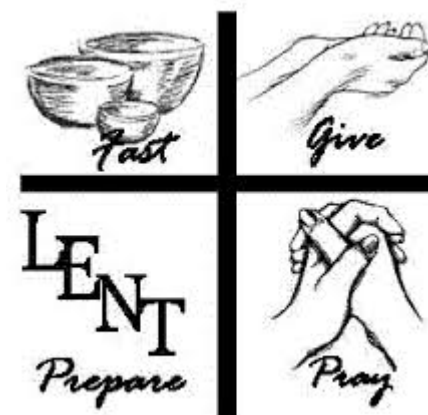
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## Sunday 21st February 2016 Second Sunday of Lent

### 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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**Fr. Bergin** contacted Father Rafal and Deacon John to let them and the parishioners know that he will not be returning to St Bride's parish. He has indicated that because of his recent health problems he needs more time to recover his energy. He will be assisting Fr Lamb in both St Joseph's and St John Ogilvie's parishes in Blantyre in the immediate future. Fr Bergin passes on his thanks and best wishes to all in the parish for the many kindnesses he has been shown in recent months. **Father Rafal** will remain in St Brides' parish as our priest for the foreseeable future and we wish him every good wish and blessing as he continues his ministry with us.

#### PARISH LITURGIES THIS WEEK:

**THERE WILL BE NO 7.00am Mass** this week while Fr Rafal is away in Poland. The early morning Mass will resume on Tues 1st March. Other liturgies this week are as follows:

<b>Sunday 21st Feb</b>	We welcome Fr John McFadden from the Spiritans community in Carfin to celebrate our 3 Sunday Masses.
<b>Monday 22nd Feb</b>	10.00 am: Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 23rd Feb</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24th Feb</b>	10.00 am: Mass celebrated by Fr John McFadden
<b>Thursday 25th Feb</b>	10.00 am: Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion, led by Deacon John McGarry 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross
<b>Friday 26th Feb</b>	Holy Hour: beginning with Exposition at 9.00am and concluding with Morning Prayer at 9.40. NOTE that there will be no Mass or Liturgy of the Word on Friday morning.
<b>Saturday 27th Feb</b>	6.00 pm: We will welcome one of the priests from St Anne's, Dennistoun to celebrate our Vigil Mass.

**A further extract from Bishop Toal's Lenten letter:** *"Pope Francis asks that the initiative of "24 Hours with the Lord" be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday of Lent, with a special encouragement to young people to attend. It is good to encourage our young people to come on occasions to visit and worship in our Cathedral, and I think our "24 Hours with Lord" in the Cathedral would be a good opportunity for our youth groups and other young people to participate in. There is Eucharistic Adoration and times for the liturgies and set prayers as well as the opportunity to go to confession throughout the 24 hours.*

*Through our Lenten almsgiving we extend the "Hand of Mercy" to those in need. I encourage your generous support for our Special Lenten Collections – for SCIAF on the 4th Sunday of Lent, and for the Church in the Holy Land through the Collection for Holy Places on Good Friday. A collection should also be taken up on one of the Sundays of Lent for Diocesan needs. I am linking this collection to the charities the Diocese supports which include St Margaret's Family and Children's Society, SPRED, The Innocents, and The Family Life Project."*

**Feasts this week:** Monday, The chair of St Peter the Apostle.

**Inter-denominational Lenten Talks** for 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.

**Scripture talks for Lent** in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall: at 7.30 pm on Thursday 25th Feb Fr Tom Magill will speak about "The Suffering Servant in Isaiah".

#### **Gonzaga Lectures 2016: Celebrating the Year of Mercy**

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*.  
7.30pm in Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 232 St Vincent Street.

**New Readers' Rota 10am Mon-Fri Mass:** The rota from 2 March to 11 April is displayed on the door at the back of the hall.

**Care Homes:** Deacon John will lead a Liturgy of the Word at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 24th February in Acorn Park.

**Club 200:** We are progressing how this will run. So far, 90 people have asked for more information. As the name implies, we are hoping to have 200 participants. Our idea is to fund this by monthly standing order (£5 per month) to avoid the need for regular collection. However, some people have asked if they could pay 6 months or one year in advance as a lump sum and this would be fine too.

**Covenant:** Following the announcement as Masses last week, many people came forward for more information and asking for forms. We now need to translate this into actually signing up to join the covenant scheme (either using contribution envelopes or by standing order). We will provide a running count of the numbers of participants in the scheme, and there will be ongoing promotion, as this is a strong source of free funding.

**Parish Centre** – work is proceeding well on the kitchen extension and the re-modelled bar area. It will still be a few weeks before fully re-opening.

**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.

**The Ladies Phoenix Club** meets this Monday 22nd February at 1.30pm. Our speaker will be Mr John Brown, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire. Cold drinks and cakes £2.

**The World Day of Prayer:** At the Old Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 2.00pm. Parishioners are invited to join Andrea and Evelyn who are representing St Bride's at this interdenominational event in our local community.

**Used postage stamps:** We have received a letter from St Patrick's Missionary Society thanking parishioners for the latest parcel of used stamps. Last year the Society made over £8000 for the Missions by selling donated stamps to collectors and dealers. Please continue to save your stamps and leave them in the box at the back of the hall.