

Parish Library: Our new collection of books for Lenten spiritual reading includes “40 Days, 40 Ways, A new look at Lent”; the “Bringing Lent home...” series with reflections by St Therese of Lisieux, Pope Francis, and St John Paul II; “Sacred Space for Lent 2016” from the Irish Jesuits; and “Asking God for the gifts he wants to give you” (about personal prayer). These can be viewed and borrowed in the Parish Library after Masses. A selection will also be displayed each Thursday and Friday in the Hall.

(We regret that we are unable to accept donated books for the library.)

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. On Sunday 13th March there will be a Family Mass with young readers.

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion: We wish to maintain a parish record of all children presenting for First Reconciliation. Once again this weekend people will be on hand after all Masses to obtain name, address and contact details for any child not yet registered. Alternatively you can also speak to Father Rafal or Deacon John at other times with the details. 25 children were registered for First Communion last week and 9 for First Reconciliation

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 *(please note corrected email address)*

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, Alexander Warren, Eileen Biggins, 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, Robert Williamson, Dermot Ryan, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Richard O’Donnell, Dennis Waddell, Harry Sheridan, Jim Thornbury, Sheila Torrance, Lyndsay McMahon, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Michael McShane, James Ralston, Marisa Kidd, Frank Mellon, Alice Nimmo, Ann Robb.

Recently dead: Patrick Gallagher

Anniversaries: Robert Morrison, Jessie Currie, Henry Charles Currie and Thomas Currie

Months Mind: Joyce Tweddell

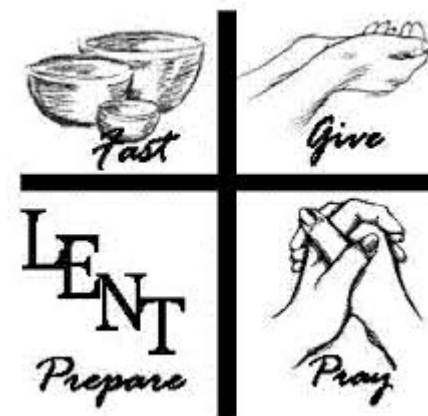
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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Sunday 28th February 2016 Third 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),
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: This Sunday we hear the first of a series of three Gospels about repentance and forgiveness. We must ask what is the connection between the narrative of the events and the Parable that follows? If you think God is like the Landowner then a sudden tragic end is the fate that awaits us for our sins. If we remember that God is like a Gardener then the nurture and encouragement of forgiveness surrounds us – though we have only a lifetime to recognise it, and growth and fruitfulness is justly expected of us. Perhaps our image of God also requires change?

SCIAF SUNDAY: There will be a Special Collection at all Masses next weekend for Papal and Episcopal Charities, including SCIAF. The SCIAF Lenten Appeal includes both the “SCIAF Sunday” Collection and the “Wee Box” Appeal. For the second year in a row, the UK Government will match donations to SCIAF’s Lenten appeal, pound for pound. So every £1 you give is worth £2 to help free people from poverty. As well as the Government’s “Aid Match” scheme, you can also Gift Aid your donations to SCIAF, so if you are an eligible taxpayer please remember to complete a Gift Aid form - you’ll find one inside the envelope your “Wee Box” came in, or you can complete the form on one of this week’s Special Collection envelopes.

PARISH LITURGIES FOR LENT:

7.00am Mass for Lent resumes this week on Tuesday and Thursday, in addition to Mass in the Hall Monday - Friday 10.00am.

Stations of the Cross in the Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday.

Holy Hour on Friday: beginning with Exposition at 9.00am, followed by Morning Prayer at 9.40am and concluding with Mass at 10.00am.

A further extract from Bishop Toal’s Lenten letter: *“During the Year of Mercy I have heard mention of ‘Ways of Mercy’ being set up at shrines and larger churches offering a journey of prayer and reflection round the focal points. Each of our Churches has its own ‘Way of Mercy’ in the Stations of the Cross, and it is important that they are promoted during Lent both for communal and private prayer. In praying the Stations of the Cross we are drawn closer to ‘Our Merciful Saviour’ and in accompanying him on his journey to Calvary we remember those carrying heavy crosses and seek the grace to show mercy ourselves. In the Stations too and on our crucifixes and icons we contemplate the ‘Face of Mercy’ and ask the Lord to look kindly upon us in our great need as we see in his eyes and his features the pain of suffering but also the tender love of the one who gives his life for us all.”*

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in our parish in the Hall at 7.00pm each Thursday throughout Lent.

Inter-denominational Lenten Talks 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 3rd March Fr Stuart Parkes will give an introduction to the Gospel of John.

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.

Third World Group: The next meeting of the Third World Group will take place on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm in the library. New members very welcome.

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 World Day of Prayer: This Friday 4th March in the Old Parish Church 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.

Club 200: So far, over 110 people have expressed interest. We are hoping to have 200 participants. Participants will be able to pay by monthly standing order (£5 per month) or prepay 6 months (£30) or 1 year (£60). This is to reduce the administrative effort.

Covenant: Following the announcement at weekend Masses, 10 people have completed Gift Aid declaration forms and a further 20 have asked for more information. We will be in touch. Contribution envelopes for the 12 months, starting on Sunday 3 April, will be distributed around mid-March. If you are a taxpayer, please sign up to join the covenant scheme (either using contribution envelopes or by standing order), as this is a strong source of free funding.

Fairtrade Fortnight (28th February to 11th March): As St Bride’s is a Fairtrade Church we shall all have to make an effort to ensure that we buy Fairtrade goods where we can. Usually a bit more expensive but it’s good to know the producers are being paid a fair price. There will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall before and after 10.00 am Mass on Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th March.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning: In West Kirk Hall on Saturday 5th March from 10.00 am till 12 noon. Prizes will be presented to the winners of the Primary schools Poster & Poem Competition. This year 10 schools competed. Tickets £2 can be had at door or from Pip Slorach. There will be stalls and a raffle. PLEASE support this event.

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 rsm2524@yahoo.co.uk

In this week’s Scottish Catholic Observer: Motherwell Cathedral offers 24 Hours for the Lord; Ian Dunn meets Fr Walters from Let the Children Live; Pope calls for no death penalty in Year of Mercy; Ronald Rolheiser on infertility; Holy Father on immigration and pregnancy; Scottish Councils back Catholic teachers drive.