

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Programme:

- Sun 6th March** Children's Liturgy for all children of Primary School age continues at the 9.30am Mass
Last week of preparation programme for First Communion
- Thurs 10th March** First Reconciliation for St Kenneth's at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Fr Rafal and Fr Chromy)
- Sun 13th March** Family Mass with young readers (no Children's Liturgy)
- Tues 15th March** First Reconciliation for St Hilary's in St Hilary's School at 7.00pm (Fr Rafal and Fr Chromy)
- Sun 20th March** Children's Liturgy resumes for all children of Primary School age.

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion: We wish to maintain a parish record of all children presenting for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please give Father Rafal or Deacon John details for any child not yet registered.

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

Confessions will be heard by the 5 priests of East Kilbride Deanery from 10.50am - 1.50 pm on Tuesday 8th March and Thursday 10th March, for all High School pupils.

Holy Year of Mercy - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome: Led by Bishop Toal from 16th -21st October 2016. Estimated cost £720-£760. For more information see the Notice Board or contact Alba Tours on 01698 262941. Places limited to 45 persons.

Annual Lenten Retreat: Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart - Tuesday 8th March in St Patrick's Coatbridge at 7.00pm. Confessions, Mass.

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, Marisa Kidd, Frank Mellon, Alice Nimmo, Ann Robb, Marion Greenan

Recently dead: Brian McGovern, James Ralston, John Henderson, Angela Lavery, Lee-Ann Gemmell, Tommy O'Neil

Anniversaries: Theresa Mullen, Eddie Callaghan, Duncan Muldoon, Bobby Hughes, Nan Scrimgeour, Archie O'Connor, Andrew McShane **Remembrance:** John Degnan, Tommy Degnan, Mary Duffey, Kathleen Muldoon, Isa Hornby, Peggy Dunn, Holy Souls.

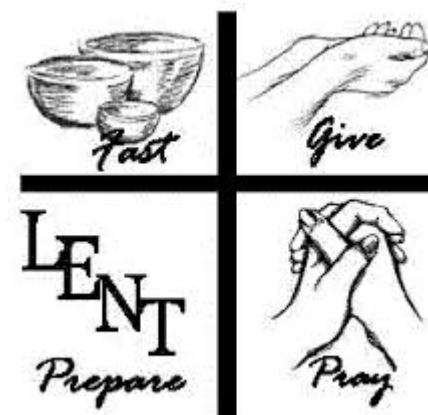
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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Sunday 6th March 2016
Fourth 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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Feasts this Week: Thursday, St John Ogilvie

THIS IS SCIAF SUNDAY: There will be a Special Collection at all weekend Masses 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 SCIAF Special Collection envelopes.

PARISH LITURGIES FOR LENT:

7.00am Mass for Lent 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: *We can think also of the ‘Hands of Mercy’ often extended over those who sought the Lord’s healing and forgiving touch as he moved among his people here on earth. These hands are stretched out also upon the Cross to embrace us all, reassuring us that we all benefit from his suffering and death. From the Cross also we hear ‘Words of mercy’, offering pardon to those crucifying him (‘Father, Forgive them. They know not what they are doing’), and forgiveness and eternal happiness to the repentant thief (‘Indeed I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise’). The Liturgical celebration of Holy Week is very important for us and in the Proclamation of the Passion from St Luke’s Gospel on Palm Sunday we will hear these great words of mercy. Inspired by them we will enter fully into our annual commemoration of the Lord’s Paschal Mystery, his saving Passion, Death and Resurrection.*

Inter-denominational Lenten Talks in the Old Parish Church “Old Hall” at 7.30pm. Deacon John & Fr Rafal will lead the talk on 6th March.

Scripture talks for Lent in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall: at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th March Fr Michael McMahon will give an introduction to the Acts of the Apostles.

“Take off your Shoes” - A Call to True Discipleship - Claremont Parish Church on both Friday 11th March at 7.30pm - 9.30pm and Saturday 12th March till 10.30am - 4.30pm. Tea and coffee provided but bring your own lunch.

Mother’s Day: On the Fourth Sunday of Lent let us celebrate and give thanks for the wonder, miracle and gift of mothers and mothering, and their ongoing relationship of love and care for us.

Care Homes: There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 2.00pm in Cathkin Home on Monday 7th March, and in Kingsgate on Thursday 10th March.

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

Parish Together Committee: Next meeting THIS TUESDAY 8th March in the Library after 10.00am Mass. New members welcome.

Bereavement Group meeting THIS THURSDAY 10th March at 8.00pm in the library.

Eucharistic Ministers: A training session has been arranged for our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on 2 Sundays, 13th and 20th March, at 2.00pm in the library.

The Ladies Phoenix Club meets this Monday 7th March at 1.30pm. Our guest will be John Wright. We will also have a raffle. Cold drinks £2.

Club 200: We’re still looking for more people to sign up – fill in the form on the green leaflet “Report on Repair Programmes and Fundraising” for further information.

Covenant: 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.

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 10th March.

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

In this week’s Scottish Catholic Observer: Pope calls for united plan to help refugees; Do not be afraid, Vatican official tells priests of Archdiocese; Scottish Church websites hit by cyber attack; Devolution of abortion law may provide opportunity for reform.

Mary’s Meals: A can collection for Mary’s Meals will take place in East Kilbride Town Centre on Saturday 19th March. Volunteers would be much appreciated - if you can help, please contact Pat McCormick (phone 243216)

Mary’s March: On 30th of May, Jamie McGowan and Matthew Sheppard (former pupils of St Andrew’s and St Bride’s High School) will embark on a 174 mile pilgrimage from Iona Abbey to St Andrews in aid of Mary’s Meals. Donations to "Mary's March" can be made online via <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/jamie-mcgowan/marys-march>

Deanery News: Fr Justin Isaac has been appointed as an assistant priest in Our Lady of Lourdes. He is the first of three priests from India who have come to the Diocese for a stay of between 6-10 years. Fr Justin is a member of the Order of the Heralds of Good News.