

St Bride's Ladies Phoenix Club starts back again on Monday 8th February at 1.30pm. Our guest will be singer Rhona Hughes and we will also have a raffle so any prizes will be appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Holiday Group: Tour to London Friday 18th –Sunday 20th March. Many thanks to those who have booked places on the above tour. A few vacancies are still available on this trip which will include a wonderful concert in the Albert Hall. Places are also available (sharing only) for our trip to Killarney. Enquiries: Marion (tel 223088)

The World Day of Prayer: St Bride's parishioners are invited to join the service at the Old Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 2pm. The theme for 2016 is "Receive children. Receive me." Andrea Muldoon is looking for a parishioner to join her in representing St Bride's. Please contact Andrea on 07854134900

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. This is the final week of "The Big Hug" programme. 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 (please note corrected email address)

St Andrew's & St Bride's High School: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Rafal in the Oratory at 8.20am on Friday this week.

St Andrews and St Brides Parent Council are proud to present Studio 32 Theatre Company in "The Sound of the Musicals" with extracts from 'The Steamie', Oklahoma, Les Miserable and lots more. Friday 12th February 7.30pm in the school. Tickets £5.00. To book call Hilary on 07714981908.

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, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Peden, Lorraine O'Donnell, Rose Drumgold, Richard Tamburrini, Betty Murphy, Margaret Rose McMahon, Joseph Gallagher, Michael McShane, Mary Hoban, May Cheney, Elizabeth Graham, Mairi Louise Carberry, Alexander Warren, Robert Moffat, Jim McFarlane, Fr Michael O'Leary, Helen Paynter, Robert Williamson, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Richard O'Donnell, Dennis Waddell, Cathie Spiers and Harry Sheridan, Ann O'Neil

Recently dead: May Taylor, Lena Hall, Peter Sweeney, Sheila Morton, Jim McGlynn
Funeral Arrangements for May Taylor: Requiem Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Monday 8th Feb at 12 noon.

First Anniversary: Cameron Slorach **Anniversary:** Betty McGuckien, Bridget McHugh
Months Mind: George MacLellan **Birthday Mass:** Archie Stuart
*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 7th February 2016 Fifth Sunday of the Year C

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.

Here I am, send me.

Jesus Christ calls his apostles. He transforms them from fishermen into “fishers of men.” We are all apostles and prophets to proclaim the saving power of God. Like Isaiah, we are touched with the burning fire of the Holy Spirit. When the Lord asks who will be his messenger, we reply: “Here I am Lord, send me.”

THE SEASON OF LENT

In his Lenten letter this year, Bishop Toal writes, ‘Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Lent has come very early this year and it may well take a special effort on our part to take up the spiritual, penitential and charitable activities associated with this holy season. I encourage you to do your best and to respond with faith and generosity as the Lord invites us again to “Repent and Believe in the Gospel”.’

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Lent prepares for Easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and catechumens to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Preceded by the Penitential Rites of Ash Wednesday and preparatory days following, Lent opens formally on the First Sunday and continues for 40 days to Holy Thursday. Purple is the colour of the season, and flowers are not used. The Gloria is omitted except on Solemnities or Feasts.

On the first two Sundays of Lent, the Gospel enumerates the two fundamental truths of our Faith, that Jesus is fully human *and* fully divine. In this year of Luke the Sunday readings in Lent are thereafter dominated by the theme of repentance and forgiveness. A golden thread also runs through the weekday readings: encounter inviting change.

Ashes will be distributed at morning Masses: 7.00am in the Hall and 10.00 am in the High School.

Wednesday 10th February is an In-Service day for all schools. Fr Rafal will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass in the High School for staff of St Andrew’s and St Bride’s and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend this liturgy. A retiral collection will be taken up at both these Masses for the Third World Group.

Note there will be NO EVENING MASS in our parish on Ash Wednesday. Evening Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated in our neighbouring parishes: by Fr Chromy in St Leonards at 7.00pm, and by Fr Parkes in Our Lady of Lourdes at 7.30pm

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.

40 Days for Life: What are you doing for Lent 2016? Can you consider taking part in 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. This campaign is not looking for financial aid but is looking for a personal public prayer witness.. For more info contact 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., as follows:

11th Feb	The Bible– an overview	Fr Stuart Parkes
18th Feb	Exodus and the theology of Easter	Fr Stephen Reilly
25th Feb	The suffering servant in Isaiah	Fr Tom Magill
3rd Mar	Introduction to the Gospel of John	Fr Stuart Parkes
10th Mar	Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles	
17th Mar	The Passion Narratives of Luke	Fr Frank Dougan

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.

Last weekend’s special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service

raised the sum of £591.01. Thank you for your generosity.

Thursday February 11th is World Day of the Sick which is celebrated each year on the Commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm on Thursday 11th February in Kingsgate Care Home.

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”, just fill in the tear-off slip and leave it in the box on the passkeepers’ table.

Parish Together Committee: Meeting on Tuesday 9th February after 10.00am Mass. All welcome to attend.