Children’s Liturgy continues this Sunday 1 March in the Parish Centre at 9:30am. We will also be commencing our 4 week programme of sacramental preparation for First Communion, so we are expecting a good turnout.

Please pray for our sick and housebound and for those who care for them: The Diocesan Office has advised parishes that with the introduction of new Data Protection laws on 25 May 2018 it is no longer permissible to publish the names of the sick on the online version of parish bulletins. It is still permissible to do so on the print version.

Anniversaries: Doreen Warren, Margaret Tollan, Theresa Mullen, Terry Dolan, Duncan Muldoon (3 March), Denis Hannigan, Andrew McShane, Vittoria Simi.

Month’s Mind: John, William and Tommy Degnan, Kathleen Muldoon, Mary Duffy, Isa Hornby, Peggy Dunn.

Recently Dead: Harry Doherty, David Shuttleton, Ted McCorgray, Marie Byrne, Arthur Clark (Carlisle), Michael McCallias (Co Donegal), David Shuttleton, William Finlay (Hampden).

Funeral Arrangements for:
(1) RIP Sheila Torrance:
   The Body Reception - Monday 2 March 6.30pm
   Requiem Mass - Tuesday 3 March 10.00am followed by service in Linn Crematorium
(2) RIP Anne O’Hanlon:
   Requiem Mass – Friday 6 March at 10.00am and then to Philipshill Cemetery.
(3) RIP Margaret Kennedy:
   Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium at 2.45pm on Friday 6th 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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1 March 2020
First Sunday of Lent – Year A

Masses
Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00am
Monday - Saturday 10am
Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am and 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Hour
Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm
Confessions
After Saturday morning Mass, Vigil Mass, Holy Hour and on request
Stations of the Cross will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 7.30pm followed by Holy Hour from 7.30pm to 8.00pm. Free SCIAF Stations of the Cross for Lent 2020 written by Fr Stephen Reilly are available at the back of the church.

During Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.00am to 10.00am to give Parishioners time for personal prayers.

Lenten Talks will be held together with the Old Parish Church, the West Kirk and the United Reform Church in our Church Hall on Friday 6, 13, 20, 27 March, and 3 April from 12.30 till 1.30pm.

Our Parish is hosting the annual World Day of Prayer in our Church on Friday 6th March at 2pm. We will be joined by parishioners from across our neighbouring churches in the village. Tea and coffee will be available in the Parish Hall afterwards. All welcome”

The Annual Public Rosary in Honour of St John Ogilvie will take place at Glasgow Tolbooth, the site of the martyrdom of St John Ogilvie, on Sunday 8 March at 3.00pm.

Collections: The collection on 23 February raised £1,485.44 of which £446.10 was gift-aided. The second collection this Sunday will be for the Building Fund. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken up for Sick and Retired Priests.

Club 200: This week’s £60 winner is Kathleen Bryceland. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

Franciscan Friars of The Renewal invite everyone to St Vincent's Church in East Kilbride for Parish Missions between Saturday 29 February and Thursday 5 March. Confessions will be heard at 7.00pm.

Mass will be said in Cathkin Care Home on Monday 2 March at 2.00pm.

The latest Readers’ Rota for 10am Mass, Monday to Friday from 6 March to 13 April, is displayed on the noticeboards at the back of the Church, in the Sacristy, and on the Church website.

Lenten Bible Study based on Ignatian spirituality will be held in our Parish Hall on Sunday at 7pm during the period of Lent. Free books ‘Journey into Freedom’ (a retreat based on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola) are available at the back of the church. Please, take a copy.

The Coffee Morning is on this Thursday after Mass in the Hall. We are looking for people to help at the Coffee Morning. If you have the time, please come along.

Sunday Cafe will be on after 9.30 Mass on Sunday.

SCIAF need you! Volunteers Wanted: If anyone feels that they could do a short talk about our Wee Box Big Change appeal during Lent, please email us at getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk today.

Wee Box Appeal: You can learn more about this year’s Wee Box Big Change Appeal through a series of videos available at www.sciaf.org.uk/resources or www.youtube.com/SCIAFTV.

Deacon Michael and Mary Ross are walking the Via Francigena in Italy in March 2020 to raise funds for the Scots College in Rome. Anyone wishing to make a donation can go to ‘JustGiving’ on the internet and searching for Mary Ross or give their donation to either Fr Rafal or Deacon Michael.

Baptismal Course: There will be a Baptismal Course for all Parents and Godparents who are preparing for Baptism, and for those who wish their child to be Baptised. The meeting will be held in the Parish Library on Thursday 5 March from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Baptism Congratulations to Nicholas and Kirsty Thomson whose children, Olivia and Luke, will be baptised in our Church this Sunday at 1.00pm.

11.30am Sunday Café: Thank you to all our volunteers for their kindness in offering their help. The necessary training on Food and Hygiene for all our volunteers will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 22 March at 12.30pm. It will last about 2 hours.

East Kilbride Fairtrade Group: To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight a coffee morning is being held in Greenhills Parish Church Hall from 10.00am until 12.00 noon on Saturday 7 March. Prizes will be presented to winning primary school children for their poster or poem entries. Entry is £2 at the door. Stalls and raffle.

Third World Group’s Charity gig last Saturday was a huge success and raised £856. Also, very many thanks for the generous response to the Ash Wednesday Appeal, which raised £1,024. These monies will go to Sr Eleanor in Nairobi working with street children.