

Collection Envelopes: Please uplift your Gift Aid collection envelopes from the sacristy. If payments are made by standing order, envelopes are not provided. We renew the appeal for parishioners who contribute regularly to our parish collections and who pay tax on their income to increase by 20% at no cost to them their payment to the church by signing a Gift Aid Declaration. Two parishioners joined the Scheme after last Sunday's appeal. The Declarations are available from Fr. Ness and also standing order forms if desired.

Ladies Phoenix Club meets this Monday 7th April at 1.30pm. Father Michael Briody is coming to speak and he is hoping for a big turnout at his talk. Everyone welcome. Tea/coffee £2.

Holiday Group: Marion would like to thank all who travelled on our enjoyable weekend to Pitlochry. Our next Parish holiday is to the attractive Welsh resort of Llandudno, 23rd -27th June. Places still available (sharing only). Enquiries 223088.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (27th June – 4th July 2014):

Applications forms from the Diocesan Office (01698 269114). Sick Pilgrims application to Mairi-Fiona Mackay, 112 Swinton Crescent, Glasgow G69 6AT.

Youth Group (must be 17 by 28/02/14): Still some places available to help sick pilgrims in Lourdes. Cost £700 includes full board, flights and programme for the week. Interested? Speak to Fr Ness as some support with costs may be available.

“Wicked” Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh Saturday 27th December at 2.30pm—list is available for names at the back of church. Circle ticket £55 is to be paid by 27th April. Coach travel (amount to be confirmed) will be payable later in the year.

Please pray for our sick and our housebound who are unable to share the liturgy with us, their families and those who care for them:

Canon Ryan, Willie Johnston, Lorraine Tamburrini, Pat Lynch, Jimmy Fox, John Magill, Richard Tamburrini, Marjorie Kidd, Graham White, Paul Crilly, Bernadette Coogans, Jack McLaughlin, Joan Howie, Jean Bannon, Baby Nolan Dyet, Margaret Donachy, Helen Paynter, Brian Walker, Ellen Thompson, May Mulheron, Phyllis Ralph, Jo Reilly, Hugh McCarney, Ellen Kelly, Rosemary McKenzie, Robert Moffat, Ellen Welsh, Mary McCafferty, Eileen Biggins, Michelle MacNeil Wilson, Annette Bredin, Dan Hughes, Marjory Hughes, Jim Thornbury, Dennis O'Neill, Lily Halloran, Geoff O'Donoghue (Oxford), Thomas Drumgold (Canada), Amy Brennan (Helensburgh), Adam Ferguson, Margaret Brennan (Greenock), Elizabeth McCluskey, Dr Richard Wrigly, James Hendry, Eddie Meighan, Frank Mellon, Richard O'Donnell, Brendan McGhee, Sadie Sutherland, Marie Carberry, Maureen McPhillie, Margaret Wood, Frank Coyle, Adam (ITU Yorkhill), Lee Jamieson (12 years), Jacqueline Newlands, Kathy Marzella, Layla O'Neill (aged 4 yrs, S Africa), Jenny Giles, Mary Boyle, Ivy Jordan, Pat and Marie Fullerton, Jacqueline Buskie, Susan Hone, Alana Strong, Anne Renfrew, Anne Robb, Lisa Hewkins, Peter and Norah Rankin, Christina Boyle, Tess Murray, Lorraine O'Donnell, Grace Armstrong (age 9), Rita Martin, Anne Marie Banks, Carol Kerr, Christina Farren and Patrick McMonagle.

For those who have died recently: William McGuinness (Mount Vernon) and Patrick McBride (Nottingham)

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gerald McGhee, James Dodds Snr, James Dodds Jnr, Charlie Mitchell, John and Rose Whyte, Anne Drum and Rose Lee.

Months Mind: Jim Murray

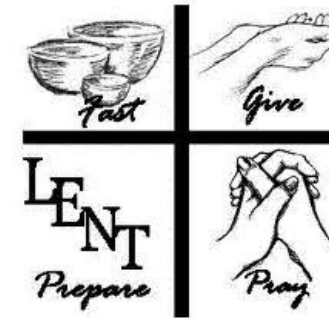
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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6th April 2014

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Deanery Lenten Penitential Services: (all at 7pm)

Wednesday 9th April: here in St Bride's

Thursday 10th April: Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday 14th April: St Leonard's

Tuesday 15th April: St Vincent's

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser: *“.....fewer people are going to Confession these days. This is unfortunate because private confession is one of the pillars of the spiritual life. At a certain point in our growth there is no progress without it. Confession is the sacrament of the (spiritually) mature person and we become mature through confessing our sins. We do have to confess sins explicitly if we hope to live a transparent life, free of dark skeletons in the cupboard, and to make progress in the spiritual life. We are as sick as our sickest secret.”*

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Deacon: Reverend John McGarry

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SERVICES DURING LENT

Weekday Mass 7am and 10am . No 7am Mass on Saturday.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: 9.30 Mass starts in Hall, where all are invited to gather before joining in solemn procession into the church. The children will join the procession before returning to their groups in the Hall for their own liturgy. On Palm Sunday an information sheet will be available giving times and details of all the Holy Week and Easter services.

There will be a special collection at all Palm Sunday Masses for Diocesan needs. This is a new appeal for financial support for Motherwell Diocese.

Scripture study and meditation on the Passion Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and John: at 3pm in the church for one hour, *this Sunday 6th April* (Matthew's Gospel), and on Palm Sunday (John's Gospel).

Ecumenical Lenten Talks continue at 7.30pm each Sunday evening in Lent, in the United Reformed Church, Old Coach Road, hosted by the Rev Lyndsey Sanderson. This Sunday Deacon John McGarry will lead.

Stations of the Cross at 7pm on Tuesday.

Holy Hour this Thursday evening at 7pm led by John McGarry– please note there will be no opportunity for Confessions, as Fr Ness will be at the Penitential Service at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday: A coach has been arranged and will leave from Platthorn Drive immediately after Morning Prayer. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal at 11.30am in Motherwell Cathedral.

Legion of Mary: The Good Friday Walk on 18th April 2014 will start from St Vincent's Greenhills at 9am calling at Our Lady of Lourdes, Columban Sisters, St Bride's and finishing at St Leonard's about 12.15pm. Walk with us for the whole or part of the way. Bring rosaries and wear suitable clothing. See notice board for details.

The Lenten Children's liturgy for our P1-P6 children throughout Lent continues this Sunday at 9.30 Mass, including the Parish programme for our P4 children preparing for First Communion. We ask the parents of all the children in our parish to bring their children to celebrate this together. We congratulate the P4 children for their careful and sacred preparation in class and at home and we are very happy to see them complete this with the High School young people in our Parish.

Meeting for Altar Servers on Wednesday 16th April (Wednesday of Holy Week) at 3pm in the library, to plan for the Services in the Easter Triduum. The rehearsal for Mass on Holy Thursday evening will follow immediately after the planning meeting.

Palm Sunday Youth Event: On 13th April young people between 14 and 25 from all over Scotland will gather in Perth to celebrate this year's World Youth Day with Archbishop Leo Cushley. A bus will leave from Airdrie at 1.30pm, returning approx 7.45pm. Interested? please contact: Fr Stuart Parkes, 01236 754545 (please leave a message if there is no answer), or email sjparkes@btinternet.com

Mass with Canon Ryan: A list is available at back of church for anyone who would like to form a community with Canon Ryan for 10am weekday Mass.

Choral Reflection for the Season of Lent by St Augustine's Choir, Coatbridge: - a mix of traditional and contemporary choral music and hymns with readings. Monday 14th April at 7.30pm, in St Augustine's Church on Dundivan Rd, Coatbridge (opposite The Time Capsule). Free, followed by light refreshments.

OUR PARISH IN THE COMMUNITY

"SCIAF Sunday": Last Sunday's SCIAF Appeal raised £1510.91. A member of the SCIAF Appeals team will speak at all masses on one of the weekends in May to acknowledge the consistent generosity on the part of this parish. SCIAF "Real Gifts" catalogues are available in the sacristy and at the back of the Church.

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2pm on Monday 7th April in Cathkin Home, and at 2pm on Thursday 10th April at Kingsgate.

Food bank: Thank you for your continued generosity in bringing donations of tinned and dried foods, teabags, instant coffee etc to the collection points in the hall and the Church.

East Kilbride Joint Churches Summer Outreach Programme: Deacon John McGarry attended a meeting on 31st March to discuss plans for 5th -20th July, including events for children, families, young people and adults, in the James Hamilton Heritage Park and Calderglen Country Park. We will join with our fellow Christians in this initiative as part of our participation in the New Evangelisation. More details from Deacon John when the programme is finalised.

FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

Permanent Diaconate 'Come And See' Enquiry Night: Tuesday 8th April 7.00pm: St. Patrick's Hall, Coatbridge. Do you feel called to the permanent diaconate or are you interested in finding out more? Come along to one of the 'Enquiry Nights' without fear of any commitment to take things further. This is simply an informal evening to share information about the permanent diaconate and the present programme of formation leading to ordination as a permanent deacon. (The permanent diaconate is open to all males over 25 yrs of age.)

Catholic Media: in the lead up to Easter please renew support for the various forms of media about the Church and the practice of our faith, and continue to develop and deepen our knowledge of Liturgy and Scripture so that we might know the Risen Jesus and let our lives be transformed by that knowledge.