

Parish News & Events

All Night Adoration

To prepare for Holy Week we will be having an **all night vigil of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, beginning at **3.00pm on Friday 22nd March** (the Hour of Mercy), and continuing through the night until **3.00pm on Saturday 23rd March**.

In the hours during the night the front entrance to the church will be open. **Everyone is most welcome at any time to come to the church for silent prayer before the Lord.** I am very grateful to our parish St Joseph's Men's Group for organising this and for being guardians of the Blessed Sacrament during this time of Adoration.

Lenten Talks on Prayer

On Monday, 18th March, we welcome back Mgr Burke for his **third and final talk on "How to Pray"**, everyone is most welcome to attend. Mgr Burke will also give a talk on **Monday 25th March** reflecting on St John's Passion (the Gospel read on Good Friday). Both talks are at 7.00pm in the Hall.

SCIAF Second Collection

Thank you for your very generous contributions to the SCIAF second collection last week, you raised an amazing **£1,408**.

Dates for your diary:

First Communion Catechesis

To help our First Communion children prepare for receiving the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, we will be having **three sessions of catechesis which all children making the Sacrament should attend**.

The dates are: **Saturday 20th April, Saturday 27th April, and Saturday 4th May, all taking place at 3.00pm in the Hall.** The sessions will be finished by 4.00pm, and families are very welcome to stay for the Vigil Mass, or come to their normal Sunday Mass.

RCIA

Please keep our candidates and catechumens Senga Bell, Gary Campbell, Leigh Chisholm, and Eleanor McNee, in your prayers in these final days of their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. **At our 10.30am Mass they will receive their Third Scrutiny.**

Hall Bookings

For those wishing to book the Hall, please contact Val Reid on 07938 873113.

Solemnity of St Joseph

The Solemnity of St Joseph is this Tuesday 19th March, and we will celebrate a **solemn evening Mass at 7.00pm** to enable more of our parishioners to attend. At this Mass we will bless our **new statue of St Joseph** (which is not restored and looking wonderful!) **and pray the Litany together.**

Please note that our Tuesday **8.00am Mass is on as normal**, but there will be **no 9.45am Mass**. Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm as normal.

Sacrament of Confession

As part of our preparation for Easter, it is strongly encouraged that we each take the opportunity to go to Confession and receive the Sacrament of God's mercy and healing.

Our Confession time before Easter are:

Thursday 21st March 6.00-6.40pm

Saturday 23rd March 3.30-4.00pm

Monday 25th March 9.10-9.40am

Tuesday 26th March 9.10-9.40am and 6.30-8.00pm (three priests available)

Wednesday 27th March 9.10-9.40am

Good Friday Meal

Orders have been placed for the Good Friday meals. You can pay after any Sunday Mass, this week or next. Please try and bring the correct change if possible. Thank you.

Early Morning Masses in Lent

Our additional Lenten Masses continue, so I encourage you to make the most of the opportunity to come to Mass during the week.

On Wednesdays, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from **7.50am-9.40am**, and is another lovely opportunity for parents to pop in for a few moments of quiet prayer with their children on the way to school.

Catechesis of The Good Shepherd

Our new catechesis programme for our youngest children runs in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All children aged 3-6 years are welcome to join. Parents of children in this age group are very welcome to view the atrium and get more information from the catechists too.


Sunday Breakfast

Our Sunday breakfast takes place after the 10.30am Mass. Everyone is most welcome to the Hall after Mass for a bite to eat.

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Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

Mass Schedule

Monday 18th March

Mass at 7.30am

Holy Rosary 9.20am

Mass at 9.45am

Tuesday 19th March

Solemnity of St Joseph

Mass at 8.00am (breakfast for children after Mass)

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Solemn Mass at 7.00pm

with Litany and Blessing of our new Statue

Wednesday 20th March

Mass at 7.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.50-9.40am

Mass at 9.45am

Thursday 21st March

Mass at 7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm, concluding with sung Benediction before Mass.

Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.

Friday 22nd March

Requiem Mass for Theresa Meechan at 9.45am

24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3.00pm and concluding at 3.00pm Saturday 23rd March.

Groups Schedule

Monday Club 1pm

RCIA 6pm

Final talk on "How to Pray" 7pm

Cantores Matris

Dei Schola - 7.30pm

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)

Vigil Mass Sat 23rd March at 4.15pm Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.

Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am (with Children's Liturgy)

Prayers for the sick and housebound

May Rooney, Neil McDade, Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, Mary Slevin, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, Willie Savage, Rachel Dillon, John & Mary McDade, and William Gilmour.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Theresa Meechan (Requiem Mass Friday 22nd March at 9.45am), and Eleanor Traquair.

Month's Mind: Mary Meany, Dorothy Chatfield, Eric Chatfield, Mamie Chatfield, and Betty Hill.

Anniversaries: Lizzie Sneddon, Alan Price, Jim Meany, and Gerry Reilly.

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