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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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This Week in the Parish

Vigil Mass of Sunday
6.00pm (Saturday)

First Sunday of Lent
11.00am Mass
5.30pm Exposition with
opportunity for Confessions
6.00pm Evening Prayer &
Benediction

Monday
09.10am Morning Prayer
09.30am Mass
7.15pm Pro Life Rosary

Tuesday
8.30am Mass in St Lucy's
School
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
7.30-8.30 pm Learning how to
"listen" to the Sunday Scriptures –
meet in Church

Wednesday
09.10am Morning Prayer
09.30am Mass
Fr Joe's Day Off

Thursday
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
10.00am Adoration of the Most
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
7.30pm Fabric & Finance Group

Friday
8.30am Stations of the Cross in
St Lucy's School
09.10am Morning Prayer
09.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass of Thanksgiving
for Pope Benedict XVI in St.
Andrew's Cathedral.

Saturday
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays
10.30-11.00am: 5.15 – 5.45pm
Sunday
10.30-10.45am & 5.30-6.00pm

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the
Ministry of Pope Benedict
XVI** at St. Andrew's, Cathedral
on Friday, 1st March at 7.00pm.
Sign up at the back if you want
the parish to arrange a bus.

Please Pray For

Anniversaries
Bishop Charles Renfrew, Matthew
Boland Sr., and Matthew Patrick
Boland Jr.
Sick
Clare Adams, Ellen Mc Ara, Ian
and Anne Fulton, Isa Daly, baby
Luke Brannan, Walter Green, and
Henry McDonald,

**Fair-trade Fortnight 25th
February till 10th March.** This
takes place every year to help
farmers and other small producers
in the developing world by
encouraging people to buy fairly
traded products. Fair-trade requires
companies to pay fair prices, and
thus fight the injustices of
conventional trade, which has
worked against the poorest,
weakest producers. It enables them
to improve their position and have
more control over their lives.
Fairly traded products, marked
with the fair-trade logo, including
tea coffee and biscuits, are now
available in shops, cafes and
workplaces. Many schools have
adopted fair-trade policies and
many parishes in Scotland are fair-
trade parishes.

Scotland for Marriage The
consultation by the government
closes by 22nd March. The
Church's teaching on
homosexual relationships is not
in any substantial way different
from her teaching on all sexual
relationships.
From the time of Christ to the
present day the Church has
always believed that the law of
God prohibits **all sexual**
relationships outside of lawful
marriage and that they are
gravely sinful. It is for this
reason that all people who **live**
in a sexual relationship outside
of a marriage which has been

blessed by the Church cannot
receive Holy Communion,
unless they are able and willing
to live as brother and sister.
To live the virtue of chastity is
a life-long struggle. The
Church is called to treat people
who struggle with purity and
chastity with the greatest
sympathy and understanding.
We cannot condone the sin
because of the grave harm it
does to the individuals
concerned and to the common
good, but we must support
those who are trying their best
in often difficult situations.
Clearly the practice of
homosexual relations is not
only against the law of God but
it is also against nature. From
the beginning God created us
male and female but from the
entry of sin into the world men
and women have struggled to
be true to their nature and live
pure and chaste lives both
inside and outside of marriage.
We must defend the true
meaning and definition of
marriage for it protects the
truth about human nature and is
the only natural bond which
can lead to peace and justice in
our world.

Unity, peace and justice cannot
be built on lies and it is a lie to
say that people of the same sex
can consummate their love for
each other in a way which is
comparable with or equivalent
to that of a man and a women.
The quality of the love between
the persons may be the same or
even greater, but that love
cannot be consummated in the
sexual act of love.
Only human beings have been
created to make love "**face to
face**". In this respect, the Act
of Love between man and
woman reflects and indeed
mirrors the love relationship
between us and God. All other
ways of celebrating the Act of

Love degrade the human
person. The scriptures
constantly urge us to "**seek the
face of God**" and we sing in
our hymn: "You shall see the
face of God and live!" **Sign up
for life and for love!**

Fabric & Finance Meeting this
Thursday at 7.30pm. Copies of last
year's accounts are available in the
porch and members are asked to
pick up a copy. The main area of
discussion will be the running of
the Hall. If you have any matters
to bring to the attention of the
group please speak to Calum Mc
Auley, Stephen Kilday, Robert
Hayes, Eileen Forsyth, Patricia
Malarkey or myself or put a note
in the 'black box'.

**In Conversation with Valerie
MacLennan** on Fri. 22nd March at
St. Mungo's Church, Town
Centre, Cumbernauld. See notice
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MANY THANKS

First Collection

Non-GAD £ 285.09
GAD £ 260.50

Parish Second Collection in Lent Sick & Retired Priests

Non-GAD £208.07
GAD £162.50

Sick and Retired Priests

A priest is paid an annual salary of
£2,530 and there is no Pension
Scheme. It is the responsibility of
the Diocese to care for their priests
when they are no longer able to
serve as parish priests or assistant
priests.

By custom, the Catholic Church in
Scotland, to reflect the very low
sums paid to the clergy, deems that
donations made by the faithful on
the occasion of baptisms,
marriages and deaths are personal
offerings for the support of the
clergy.

Clearly the salary levels do not
of themselves enable priests to
adequately fund for retirement,
although, depending on the parish,
some priests are clearly better off
than others. Secular clergy do not
take avow of poverty.

Please be as generous as you can.