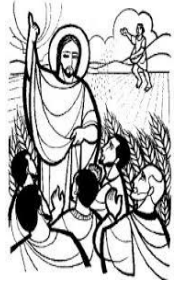




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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. YEAR B

This week in the Parish

Vigil Mass of Sunday

Saturday
6.00pm Mass

Sunday:

11.00am Mass
5.00pm Station of the Cross and Benediction

Monday:

Opt. Comm. Of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
5.00pm Liturgy Preparation
7.00pm Meeting with children and parents of P4
7.15pm Pro Life rosary Chapel House

Tuesday:

8.30am Mass in School
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
6.00pm to 7.30 pm Children's Choir/Club

Wednesday

Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
7.30pm Lectio Divina, Chapel House
Fr. Joe's Day Off

Thursday :

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
10.15am -11.15am Rosary and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11.40am Daily Prayer & Benediction
7.00pm St. Matthew's, Bishopbriggs, Reconciliation Service.

Friday:

8.30am Stations of the Cross in school
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
6.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday:

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday:

10.30-11.00am

5.15-5.45pm

Sunday:

10.30-10.45am

RIP:

John Hamilton

Anniversaries:

Sick:

Fr. Noel Barry, Fr. Joseph Mc Shane, Franco Leto, Billy Kerr, Cathy Taylor, Jamie Daly,

Many Thanks

First Collection:

GAD: £313.50

SDS: £281.94

SCIAF

GAD: £1,006.89

Including £67 from the Christmas pig.

Weekly Café

£25.91

Celebrating Parish Life: Celebrating with the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Pope Francis would have been proud of the parish on Monday night, as we gathered together to pray for and to support our children on the occasion of their receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. It was truly a night of joy, as parish, family and school shared in this precious moment in the lives of our children. Almost 30 children took part in the youth choir and were wonderfully accompanied by Brian, Mary and Patrick on keyboard and guitars. Anne Hunter through her beautiful rendition of psalm 50 helped us to reflect on the Word of God proclaimed for us by Natalie Hutchison. Fr. Paul Gargaro, from the parish of St. Jude & St. John Ogilvie, Barlanark generously gave of his time to assist in the celebration of the sacrament. Mrs Johnston and the other members of the school community had worked so hard in conjunction with our parish catechists to ensure that the children were well prepared, which indeed they were. Patricia MacAulay's beautiful calligraphy truly enhanced the certificates providing a nice reminder to the children of an important step in their journey of faith.

On the Social Side the St. Patrick's night dance was a great success and the Live Band helped to create a most joyful, lively and happy atmosphere. Well done everyone who helped the spiritual and social activities of the our parish.

Liturgical Feasts: the liturgy this week .

Our celebration of Lent this year has been lightened by the feasts of the Church. Following on the feast of St. John Ogilvie, we then had the joy last week of celebrating the feast of St. Patrick and the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This week, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord (9 months prior to the celebration of his birth). This Sunday, however, marks the beginning of Passiontide, which we will be highlighting with the veiling of the statues. This ancient custom has various levels of meaning. One of the symbolic meanings of this action is that it is reminding us that there is only one mediator between God and the human race, the man Jesus Christ. Until, with his death, he opens the gates of heaven to us, the intercession of the angels and saints and even of Mary is of no avail. The starkness of the atmosphere created can help us to feel the emptiness and darkness of a world without Christ. Even if we have done little by way of

extra prayer and devotion until now, let us be resolved to "finish the race" with renewed fervour, joy and enthusiasm.

The Martyrdom of St. John Ogilvie presented by AGAP Theatre, is the story of Scotland's Martyr brought to life in a special production for the 400th anniversary. **St. Joseph's, Cumbernauld 7.30pm Wednesday 25 March.** Tickets £5 (under-16's: £2) Contact: 0141 554 1333. email: lentfest @agap.org.uk.

Programme for SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 2nd April

9.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Mass of Chrism in Cathedral
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8.00-10.00pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose
10.00pm Night Prayer

Good Friday: 3rd April

9.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am March of Witness with other Christian Churches
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion.

7.30pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Holy Saturday: 4th April

9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30-11.00am Confessions
8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 5th April

11.00am Mass

Parish Messengers can you please uplift the Easter cards for delivery to the homes. We could do with more help in this area. If you can offer assistance, it would be greatly appreciated.

AGAP Brave Faith Art Exhibition, AGAP Gallery, St. Patrick's Church, Anderston. Open daily, 8.30am-4pm, (1pm on Wednesday) until 5 April. FREE ENTRY.

Care not killing: Last week we were at Parliament talking to MSPs about the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill. GP and palliative care specialist Professor Scott Murray warned of the potential for abuse, and spoke of the urgent need to make our excellent palliative care available more widely and earlier: it is about living well to the end, and being in control.

Catherine Garrod explained why assisted suicide is a disability issue. Disabled people are too often seen as burden with a low quality of life, and the bill sends the message that death is preferable to disability.

Our own Gordon Macdonald then gave an overview of the national and international context, including the shocking euthanasia and assisted suicide statistics coming out of other countries. A study in the Belgian region of Flanders found that 4.65% of all deaths are by assisted suicide or euthanasia, which is equivalent to 2,500

deaths per year in Scotland. MSPs then had a chance to ask questions and raise any concerns of their own, making some excellent points. The conclusion was that assisted suicide is dangerous and unnecessary. Instead we need to focus on improving care, in particular making excellent palliative care available more widely.

Our thanks to Paul Martin MSP for hosting the event, and to all the MSPs who joined us. If you want to help encourage their colleagues to join them in opposing assisted suicide, please sign [our petition](#) (if you have not done so already) and ask your MSPs to reject this dangerous bill. Thanks for your continued support, Aidan Cook Scottish Campaign Officer

Thanks to Eddie Mullen who has been representing the SVDP on the PPC for the past few years and who, of course, was also chair of the Council for many years. Eddie has given so much to the life of the parish and has served with great distinction on the council. His many skills and wide experience have been of invaluable assistance not only to myself as Parish Priest but, I know also, to all who serve us on the PPC. He falls now, however, that the time has come to 'step down'. Well done Eddie and every blessing.

Music Ministry The endeavour to establish a Youth Choir/Club got off to a great start on Tuesday.....three adults and nae weans!! At least Mr Michael Clinton [P6 teacher in St. Lucy's] had rescued his guitar from a cupboard and put new strings on it and was 'raring to go'. Let's hope this week we will have better luck. As regards the **Adult Choir Group** some people have been lamenting the loss of their talent and experience. I hope this will not be the case. Whilst their life as a group had come to a natural end, I see absolutely no reason why as individuals or groups of individuals they cannot continue to assist the parish in this area. *The seed may have died* but if we water that seed with the grace of the Holy Spirit then new life will emerge. Be positive, be creative and be generous.

God is rich in mercy This Friday, 27th March priests will be available in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow from 8.30am until 8pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament is so dear to Pope Francis but so neglected by devout practicing Catholics. He has announced an **Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy**. Please do not neglect the Sacrament of Mercy.