

**PRAYER AT THE SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Priest: Almighty and loving Father, as we have received your Son in this Holy Eucharist, we ask you to hear our prayer for our brothers and sisters:

All: **Give your healing, Lord, to those who are sick and housebound.
May those who take the Body of Christ to them
also be a loving sign of our prayers and thoughts.
Keep us united with them in all their sufferings
so that we will grow together as one community
with the presence of Christ among us.**

Please Pray For

SICK Harry Docherty; Jane Cameron; George O'Hara; Frank Slavin; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Marie Laird; Patricia Pearson; Pamela Brown; Fr Jim Casey; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson; Robbie McNaughton; Patti Brassington; Richard Hughes, Jean Reilly; Simon Logan, Gordon Law, Fiona McCall; Marion Fox; Margaret Bachiller; George McGowan; Brian Smith; Graeme Wood; Catherine Nolan; Catherine Hughes; Marie West; Alison Coogan; Patricia Nolan; Danny Moran; Mary Graham; David Clegg; Rosanna & Joe Bulmer; Conor Jamieson; Jamie Hillen; Catherine Anderson; Dillon McLaughlan; David Muir; Betty Wassell; Grace & Sandy Abernethy; Bernadette McLaughlin; Jean Pearson; Liam Benham; Linda Russell; Sr Josephine McGuigan; Cara Louise Jordan; Colleen Ras; Frank McNulty; Janice Ball; Joe Reilly; Catherine McBroom; Mary Byrne; Zelia Simpson; Jeanette Murphy; Eileen Docherty; Kenny Steele; Colette Currier; Donna McCulloch; Kenny Lindsay; Jean McRorie; John O'Kane; Sheila Lennon; Martin Burns; Margaret Bradley; Jane Wood, Mary Cliens; Cathleen Hendry; Gerry Tuite;

Children: Zak Matthew Thomson; Corran Davidson; Jade Law; Megan Macauley; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb; Isabella Mooney; Connor Simpson; Avannah Baillie; Shay Nevans; Aeden, Louise Fraser; Edward Whitfield; Iona McMillan

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

DIED RECENTLY

Joe Cushley; Caroleann Mundie; Mother Jarlath Poor Clares/Bothwell

ANNIVERSARIES

James & Fanny Sarah Brown; Mary & Bernard Morgan; Eileen, James & Robert Doyle; Rose Kelly; Mary Laven; Cathie Kelly; Margaret Reilly; Bert O'Hare snr, John O'Hare jnr; Rosa & Frank Marsella

MONTHS MIND

James & Teresa Murphy

LENTEN OPORTUNITIES

Contemplative Theology: Scripture and Prayer for Lent No experience necessary Thursdays of March 7:15pm in Carfin— seeking to understand God's Revelation

40 Days for Life: What are you doing for Lent? Will you come and pray one hour with us each week this Lent for a culture of life in Scotland? 40 Days for Life seeks to replace the culture of death with a culture of life. Since 1967 the UK has aborted 9 million babies. Half a million Scottish children To join email Ogilvie2019@outlook.com . 40 Days for Life stands in prayerful solidarity with all of the women, men and children whose lives have been damaged/taken by abortion.

Pioneers Pledge for Lent— prayer cards are available at the back of the Church for those giving up alcohol for Lent **SCIAF's Wee Box** 6K Family Fun Run will take place on Saturday, 4th May 2019, Strathclyde Country Park, gathering at 10am for 11am run start.

Retreats at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, Perth— see posers for details.

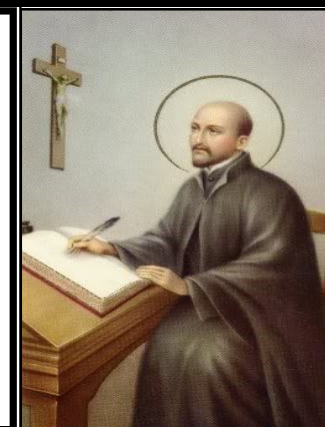
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off mobile
phones and
remove
chewing gum

3rd Sunday of Lent Year C
23rd/24th March 2019

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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you
deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the
wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your will.



THE BARREN FIG TREE



SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon 6pm
WEEKDAY: Mon–Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am *Mondays Exposition till 1pm*
CONFESSIONS: *Saturday 9:30am and after the Vigil Mass*
Church open till 1pm Mon; Fri; till 4pm Tues, Wed, Thurs

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St. Ignatius'

LENT 2019

Mass during **Lent at 8:20am** especially for school children This Mass is open to parents & Parishioners.

Please come along

Mass Mon - Fri at 9:30am

Stations of the Cross Monday 7pm

preceded by confessions at 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross After

9:30am Mass on Tues and at 1pm

on Fridays led by the school

Rosary 9:10am

Please take a **SCIAF Wee Box** from the porch for your Lenten Alms.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Mon 15th April at 7pm

SCIAF COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Rejoice and be Glad

During Lent I will lead a reading group looking at Pope Francis' letter on the call to holiness on Tuesdays after 9:30am

Mass and on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Please sign up if you would like to come along and take the photocopy of the first week. Morning group Tues 26th 3rd week Evening group Tues 26th 2nd week

Gift Aid

books for new financial year are at the back of the Church. I thank all who participate in the scheme and encourage all tax payers to join up

Bus Trip to Livingstone Wed 1st May
List at back of the Church

Celtic Woman in Concert

Thurs 14th Nov Glasgow Concert Hall
Riverdance for the Voice
List at back of the church

Last Week's Collection £1778

2nd Sick/retired priests £1056

No winner New Lotto Total £2781

Many thanks for your generosity

Donations for flowers most welcome. Box at Our Lady's Altar



This year marks my Silver Jubilee as a priest. I will be celebrating Mass in thanksgiving on Fri 21st June at 7pm for all my family, parishioners and friends. Everyone is invited.

I also will take a short Sabbatical from mid July till Nov to recharge the spiritual batteries. **Fr Gerry**

A wee reminder to bow your head just before receiving Holy Communion

Congratulations to P3 Children who celebrated First Confession last Monday
Thanks to Mrs Pearson, Mr Anderson, Mr Fionda and all the staff

Lourdes Mass Bishop Toal will celebrate Mass for the Annunciation on Mon at 7pm in Cathedral for all those who have been to Lourdes and those interested in going

Loyola Centre Update

Updates and photos of the work are posted weekly on the parish Facebook page
Hall will be finished end of April
groundworks at end of May

Baptismal evening on
Tues 26th March at 7pm
in the Church. All parents
and godparents welcome



A Night t the Opera Mozart The Magic Flute Tues 14th May- rear stalls Ticket plus bus £35 Theatre Royal Glasgow
Please pay money now!

Facebook for parish now at
St. Ignatius' RC Church 1562 likes
Have a look and comment!

Wishaw Hospital Chaplain Fr Ricklan for emergency/visit please ask nurse to contact chaplain or call 263945

SVDP Tel: 07840142894 for help.

Furniture Collection Diocesan SVDP
07749467335 Volunteers welcome

GIFT AID- please use white envelope in porch for 2nd collection.

Beavers/Cubs 6:30 Scouts 7:30 Monday Evenings in St Ignatius Primary

Inviting us to think

Some unnamed people spread the news about the slaughter of some Galileans in the holy precincts of the Temple. The perpetrator has been acting on the orders of Pontius Pilate. They add the horrifying detail that the victims' blood has been mixed with the blood of animals that were being offered in sacrifice. We don't know why they brought the news to Jesus. Did they want him to express solidarity with the victims? Or did they want him to explain what sin those victims could have committed to merit such a shameful death? Or why God allowed them to be murdered in the sacred area of the temple?

Instead of a direct answer, Jesus recalled another tragedy that happened in Jerusalem: the death of eighteen people crushed by a falling tower near the pool of Siloam. Then he made two comments about both events. First, that victims were no more sinners than anyone else. And second, that any such tragedy can serve as a warning about the shortness of life. "Unless you repent you will all perish as they did".

This roundabout answer should make us stop and think. Jesus rejects the popular myth that all misfortunes are divine punishments.. We are not to imagine a stern, punitive God who metes out sickness, accidents, misfortunes, as a response to people's sins. Then he changes the topic and invites them to examine their own lives. They must listen to God's call to conversion and to a change of lifestyle.

On our mass-media we often learn of tragic earthquakes, hurricanes and floods. How can we reconcile such tragedies with our belief in divine providence? Jesus suggests that rather than asking how God could let them happen, we should wonder what positive lesson we can learn from them. Rather than ask, "why does God allow this misfortune", let's ask, "how can we leave so many human beings to live in misery, so defenseless and ill-provided for?" We won't find salvation by protesting at God or denying his existence, but by doing our bit to mitigate suffering in our world. Then, maybe, our heightened awareness of the fragility of life will bring us closer to God.

9 Months to Christmas: on Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation exactly 9 months before Christmas. We believe that Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit as announced by the Angel Gabriel. Jesus grew in her womb and Mary carried Him with love. The Angel says to us that we too have been given the Holy Spirit in our hearts and that we too must give birth to Jesus in our world through the witness of living our faith on a daily basis. The pains of childbirth may well be the pains that we suffer if our faith is rejected by others, but that pain cannot prevent the joy of the birth of a child. Let us live out our faith to the full, even facing pain and opposition, derision and cynicism, knowing that like Mary if we say Yes to Jesus, we will bear fruit for our world.

What did the tree wear to the pool party? Swimming trunks! What did the beaver say to the tree? It's been nice gnawing you! Why did the leaf go to the doctor? It was feeling green! What is a tree's least favourite month? Sep-timber! What kind of tree can fit into your hand? A palm tree! How do trees get on the internet? "They 'log'" in. What kind of fruit do trees like the most? Pineapples Why didn't the tree want to play chess? Because he was a chestnut! How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood? By its bark- What do elephants and trees and in common? They both have trunks How do you get close to a squirrel? Climb in a tree and act like a nut. What did the tree do when the bank closed? It started a new branch I've started telling everyone I know about the benefits of dried fruit. It's all about raisin awareness.