

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson;
 Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin Jnr; Baby Alfie James Milligan;
 Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Elaine McCarren;
 Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally Snr; Peter Convery; Bill Wood;
 Ciara Loughery; Nicholas McAnaw; Helen Woods; Mary Goodwin;
 David & Elizabeth Cooper; Margaret Higgins; Jean Welsh; Brigid Nolan
 Moira McDonald; Patrick Cook; John Miller; Patrick McEwan;
 Kathleen McElhinney; George McGowan; Michael McMullen; Julie Hay.

Deaths: Sean Groome – formerly Ivanhoe Crescent;

Antonia Leonard – formerly Oronsay Place;

Catherine Love – formerly Cambusnethan;

Frank Cunningham; Raymond Marshal; Thomas Ferrie.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Anne Branson; Catherine McMahon;
 Liz Gallen.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – March:

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

**Takes place at the
10:00am Sunday Mass**

Weekly collection –

15th/16th March – £1688.00

Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collection and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the special collection last week, for Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese of Motherwell. The total collected was £1277.00 and will be forwarded to the Diocese.

Pro Life Mass at Carfin - the National Marion Shrine

This Mass is organised by the Family Life group in the Diocese and is held on the last Thursday of every month. The time includes: 7.00pm - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and 'Pro-life Rosary'; 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Opportunity for Confession; 7.30pm - Holy Mass; and after Mass - Refreshments in the Xavier Centre. See Poster at the entrance to the Church. The next Mass will take place, this week, on Thursday 27th March.

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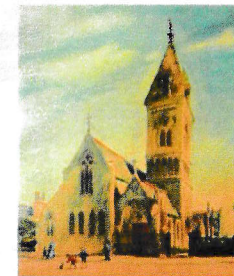
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THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – 23rd March 2025

Sunday 23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass
Monday 24th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 25th March <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i>	8:15am Mass 8:50am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Wednesday 26th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 10:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00noon Stations of the Cross
Thursday 27th March	8:15am Mass 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 11:00am Funeral Mass – Antonia Leonard 12:00noon Angelus
Friday 28th March	8:50am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Saturday 29th March	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



"We want to encourage and support people in the practise of their faith, especially by attending Church, with the aim of helping people to grow in their faith and their relationship with the Trinity; God the Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit." - St. Ignatius' Parish Mission Statement, 2025

The next meeting will take place this week on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel House. A reminder that if any other parishioners would like to come along to the meeting, they would be most welcome.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Children of the Parish who attend St Ignatius Primary School who made their 1st Reconciliation (Confession) last Tuesday 18th March. We continue to keep the children and their families in our prayers.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 10:00am Sunday Mass

Thank you to all who attended the coffee, tea, juices and all last Sunday. Thank you also to the volunteers who prepared for and provided everything. The next Coffee, tea, juices and all will take place on Sunday, 20th April, the 3rd Sunday of the month, and we hope that many will come along and participate in this important part of Parish life at St Ignatius.

Vocations Evening

The next Vocations Evening for those considering a vocation to the priesthood takes place this Tuesday 25th March at 7:00pm in the Cathedral House, Motherwell. Any man who is considering a vocation to the priesthood is invited along to this evening to join a time of prayer and discussion.

Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The next meeting takes place on Sunday 6th April at 7:30pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. A poster with details of all the future Meetings is on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

Gift Aid

Thank you to all who are members of the Gift Aid Scheme here at St Ignatius, your participation in the Scheme is greatly appreciated. The new Gift Aid envelopes that are due to be used from the weekend of 5th/6th April are available from the entrance to the Church.

If anyone who is currently in the scheme but is no longer paying tax, please let Fr Kevin know as soon as possible. Also, if you have changed your name and/or address please let Fr Kevin know.

A reminder that being a member of the Gift Aid scheme is an excellent opportunity to support the Parish. For every £1 contributed an extra amount of 25p can be claimed by the Parish from HMRC. It does not cost any extra to take part in the Scheme, you make your collection using the envelopes provided or by Standing Order to the Parish Bank Account. Subsequently, if anyone wishes to join the Scheme, then please speak with Fr Kevin.

Lent 2025

As we begin our 3rd week of Lent 2025. A reminder that additional Masses are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15am in St Ignatius Church. It continues to be great to see so many children, teachers and staff from St Ignatius Primary School as well as young people from St Aidan's and Our Lady's High Schools, and the family members coming along to the Masses.

On Monday from 6:00pm – 7:00pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place, followed by, at 7:00pm, Stations of the Cross.

Again, on Wednesday from 10:00am - 12:00noon, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place, followed by, at 12:00noon, Stations of the Cross.

A reminder that additional Masses, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction takes place in St Thomas' Church starting at 4:00pm on Sundays - see leaflet at the entrance to the Church.

Thank you to all those who came along to explore the Catholic Faith last Monday in St Ignatius Chapel House. Again, just in case, the format of the evening involves watching a video made by a Catholic organisation - Sycamore and then prompted by the questions that are asked during the video, discussions on aspects of our Catholic Faith takes place. If you didn't manage to come along last week but would like to do so, please come along this Monday 24th March to St Ignatius Chapel House at 7:30pm with finish time no later than 9:00pm.

SCIAF - Wee Boxes and Annual Collection

Thank you to all who have taken a Wee Box and the leaflet for this Lent. Wee boxes and leaflets continue to be available at the entrance to the Church.

The Annual Collection for SCIAF takes place next weekend – 29th/30th March. Thank you in anticipation for your support on behalf of SCIAF and all they do to support those in need throughout the world. The SCIAF Lenten appeal for 2025 focuses on the country of Columbia. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church for those who wish to have their donations Gift Aided by SCIAF.

Parish Social Events

The following social event is confirmed to take place at the Loyola Centre:

Friday 2nd May – Cash Bingo Night with Licensed Bar.

Further events were discussed at the Loyola Centre meeting, more information will be provided in due course. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

The Parish Hall – Loyola Centre

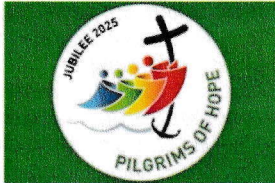
Thank you to all those who attended the meeting on Tuesday 11th March. Discussions included a review of those events that have taken place since the reopening of the original part of the Centre with positive comments being acknowledged and appreciated about the facilities available in the Centre. It is planned to continue to have the monthly meetings that have been taking place regarding the Operation of the Hall. Also, the meeting will enable an ongoing participation of those interested in Phase 3 of the reinstatement of the Hall. The next meeting is planned to take place on Tuesday 8th April at 6:00pm in the Loyola Centre.

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Parish Bulletin continued ...

St Augustine's Coatbridge – Jubilee Year Healing Mission

A Jubilee Year Healing Mission is being held at St Augustine's in Coatbridge from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th March 2025. The Mission is being led by Sr Briege McKenna and Fr Pablo Escriva and includes Masses and Talks. Full details can be found on the poster at the entrance to the Church and some leaflets are available also. All are welcome to attend.



Jubilee Year 2025

More information is now available on events for the Jubilee Year, beginning with Lent, within the Wishaw Deanery. This information can be found on the additional sheet made available over the past weekends with some continuing to be available at the entrance to the Church.

Pioneer Short-term pledge for Lent

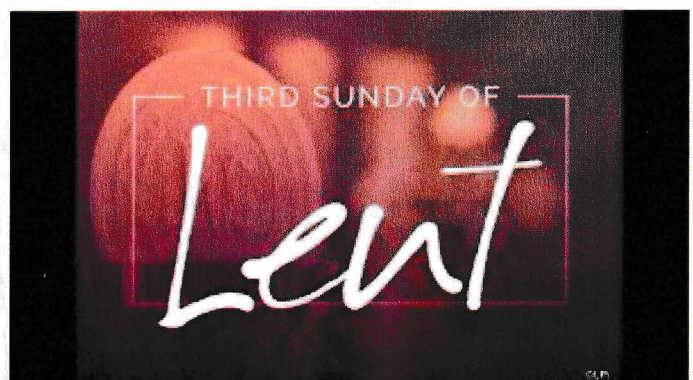
Information regarding the Short-term pledge for Lent from The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is on display on a poster on the notice board at the entrance to the Church. Supplies of a prayer leaflet are also available at the entrance to the Church.

Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference - 'Courage to be Catholic'

A reminder from Aid to the Church in Need (Scotland) – next Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. For more information go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register." See Poster at the entrance to the Church.

10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

A message from the Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Laudato Si' Movement – This year we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' universally acclaimed encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home. We encourage all parishes to look to ways of giving hope to our Common Home and to all who inhabit it. We invite you to join a zoom meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 3rd April that will share some plans for 2025 but above all listen to how individuals and parishes can be supported in this essential work. If you are interested in attending this meeting or just finding out more about what is being proposed, see poster on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.*

Or

*When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.*

COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8a. 13-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8. 11. R. 8a

R: The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**
2. It is the LORD who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**
3. The LORD does deeds of justice,
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel. **R.**

4. The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:17

R: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

R: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.

Amen.