

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent A

Ezekiel	Romans	John
37:12-14	8:8-11	11:1-45

✠ **Please Remember in Your Prayers** ✠

Recently Dead:

Funeral Arrangements
Agnes Rosalyn Thompson Requiem Mass: Tuesday 12 March 9.30am
Derek Macey Requiem Mass: Wednesday 20 March 9.30am

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Sarah McCulloch (6 March), Gerald McAleer (9 March), Bobby Leith (12 March).

...it is at your summons that we come to birth, by your will that we are governed,
and at your command that we return, on account of sin, to that earth from which we came.
And when you give the sign, we who have been redeemed by the Death of your Son,
shall be raised up to the glory of his Resurrection.

Preface IV for the dead

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; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget McIlvaney; Peter Convery; Margaret Bartlett; Bill Wood.

Those preparing for Sacraments

in particular those preparing for Holy Matrimony or to receive Holy Communion for the first time, or the Sacraments of Confirmation on Thursday 21 March.

Those who will be received into the Catholic Church:

especially the Elect of our own diocese who will receive holy baptism or full reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year.

Children's Liturgy: Fr Krzysztof is looking to reestablish a Children's Liturgy group. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch.

Trip to Poland: Monday 14- Friday 18 October 2024: Cost is £450 for Bed & Breakfast, plus approx. £300 for flights. Booking Forms available at the back of the church and from alba-tours.co.uk Deposit £250- required before Easter- by cheque, made payable to Alba Tours Ltd or by Bank Transfer to Alba Tours Ltd, sort code 802260; account number: 00898164, using reference STPI410 plus your surname.

St Andrew's Hospice: Support the Hospice by making or updating your will. Several Lanarkshire legal firms have agreed to write a basic will or update an existing will and waive their legal fee this month, in return for a donation to St. Andrew's Hospice. For further information, call 01236 772087 or visit st-andrews-hospice.com

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LOYOLA CENTRE

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - B 10 March 2024

SUNDAY 10 MARCH	10.00am	Holy Mass
Fourth Sunday of Lent	12noon	Holy Mass
MONDAY 11 MARCH	9.10am	Holy Rosary
	9.30am	Holy Mass
	6.30pm	Confessions until 7.00pm
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
TUESDAY 12 MARCH	8.15am	Holy Mass
	8.45am	Confessions until 9.20am
	9.10am	Holy Rosary
	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Agnes Rosalyn Thompson
WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH	9.10am	Holy Rosary
	9.30am	Holy Mass
THURSDAY 14 MARCH	8.15am	Holy Mass
	9.10am	Holy Rosary
	9.30am	Holy Mass
FRIDAY 15 MARCH	9.10am	Holy Rosary
	9.30am	Holy Mass
	1.15pm	Stations of the Cross led by the children of St Ignatius'
SATURDAY 16 MARCH	3.00pm	Confessions until 3.40pm
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 17 MARCH	10.00am	Holy Mass
Fifth Sunday of Lent	12noon	Holy Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
Loose plate £798.50
Gift Aid £618.00

*Many thanks for your donations
to support the parish. Your generosity
is greatly appreciated.*

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

*To support the work of the
Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.*



Volunteers are needed to help clean and prepare the church for the Easter liturgies. Please be as generous as you can with your time on **Friday 22 March** after the morning mass to help pristine our beautiful church. Men and women are required. Many thanks. Please note the change of date, necessitated by Thursday evening's Confirmations.

Penitential Liturgy: In preparation for Easter there will be a Penitential Liturgy in St Ignatius' on Monday 25 March, 7.00pm, with visiting priests to hear confessions. Please share this with friends and family in the district.

Baptism course: Parents and Godparents of infants who are being presented for baptism this year are invited to a evening course to support them as Christian parents. The course is held at the rear of the church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 March. Speak to Deacon Stuart for more details.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



On Friday, Bishop Toal will visit the primary school to meet the confirmandi, those candidates who will be presented to him on **Thursday 21 March** for the sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for these young people, that their parents and godparents truly support them in their faith and that they cooperate with the great grace received in this sacrament.

*In Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters.
Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen
his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.*

THE LOYOLA CENTRE

Music Night

Friday 15 March, 7.00pm
entry £5 (under 16s free)

Featuring various singing artists. Hot pies and sausage rolls included. Raising funds for HCPT group 19's Lourdes pilgrimage.

Bingo Night

Friday 5 April, 7.30pm
cash entry on the door from 7.00pm

Raising funds for the parish.
Cash prizes and raffles on the night.
We're looking for donations of prizes.

- The recent **quiz night** raised £735, to be shared between the Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie and the Kilbryde Hospice, East Kilbride.
- The **bar** will be open on Saturday 16 March from 7.00pm — 11.30pm.

'In **Holy Week** we participate in the most sublime drama of religious history.' -Fr. Pius Parsch. Please make every effort to attend the principle celebrations of the Church's Holy Week, 24-31 March, which will be published in full next weekend.

Donations are needed for the parish foodbank for the weekend of 17 March. Please leave donated items in the belfry.

Rose vestments: The rarest of liturgical colours, rose is used on only two Sundays of the year, *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent and *Laetare* Sunday in Lent. At this midpoint of the penitential season, the rose represents our joyful preparation for Easter, and that, even as we do penance, we have cause for joy and hope.

Both the Old and New testaments reveal **God's plan for humankind**- that's why we read from each at Holy Mass. The Liturgy reveals the **unfolding mystery** of this plan as the Old Testament is read in the light of the New, and vice versa.

The New Testament recounts God's revelation in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, **God among us** who died on the cross in sacrifice out of love and rose again on the third day. The **gift of faith** permits us to see Jesus as such. There have always been people who doubt this truth. In the Gospel according to St John, those who accept Jesus as Saviour are in the **light**; those who reject him remain the **darkness**.

In baptism, when we received the great gift of faith, and in the sacrament of Confirmation, we became the **Lord's anointed**- just like David, as recounted in the first reading, though his anointing was solely to make him King of Israel. Jesus' anointing, in which we also share, fulfilled the messianic hope of Israel in his threefold office of priest, prophet, and king.

St Paul teaches us believers who have been **enlightened by faith**, that baptism raises us from the death of sin and into the light of Jesus Christ. It is only through the Sacrament of Christian **Baptism** that we attain the new life as a child of God and receive the gift of eternal salvation. The true Christian is a '**child of light**' because Christ gives him insight into the kind of behaviour pleasing to God.

The Gospel recounts Jesus' **miraculous healing** of a man born blind. There are varied reactions to his testimony: Hostility, indifference, opposition. Some did not believe. Some did declare their belief in Jesus and His healing miracle. We can view the **blind man** as a **symbol of humanity**. Born in sin, he became a **new creation** by the saving power of Jesus Christ.



This reading was chosen around 500AD to be read at Mass at this point in Lent to those preparing for baptism at Easter. It should cause us to ask ourselves: *What is our belief? Is Jesus our Lord and Saviour? Do we turn to him to remove our spiritual blindness? Do we take no part in the works of darkness, choosing rather to walk in the Light of the Lord?*

