

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C **6th March 2016**

	CHURCH HEATING FUND
	BALANCE STILL TO PAY
	Initial Cost £40,000 January £14,142.70

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £506.89 and £339.80 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

The collection for Sick & Retired Priests amounted to £236.80. Thank You.

LENT 2016

The following times of prayer are available throughout Lent:

Morning Mass: Monday—Saturday at 10am in the oratory, except for Friday morning when it will be celebrated in the church.

The Rosary will be recited at 9.30 am Monday-Thursday and Saturday at 10.00am.

Morning Prayer of the Church will be said in the oratory Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9.45 am, prior to Mass.

Prayers for the Year of Mercy will take place on Wednesday mornings at 9.45 am.

A reflection on the Way of the Cross will be on a Friday in the church at 9.30 am.

REFLECTION ON LIFE IN LENT

The Liturgy and Spirituality Group will be holding three evenings of reflection in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 2nd March, Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 17th March at 7 pm to give parishioners the opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through prayer, music and word. These evenings will be led by Catherine Nolan and Carol Ann McLaren and are open to everyone in the Parish. If anyone has any questions, please speak to Catherine, Carol Ann, Gerry Gallagher or David Begg.

ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are holding their Annual Lenten Retreat on Tuesday **8th March** in St Patrick's Church, Coatbridge, starting at 7 pm. There will be the opportunity for confession and the Retreat will close with Mass.

TIMES OF MASSES

Morning Mass
at 10.00 a.m.

(In the Parish house Monday-Saturday inclusive, except for funerals and First Fridays.)

Saturday Vigil Mass
at 5.15 pm.

Sunday morning
10.00 am

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

10.00 am. & 7.00 pm.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday
10.30-11.00 am.
4.30-5.00 pm.

BAPTISM
Sunday at 12 Noon.

MARRIAGE
Arranged by appointment.
At least six months notice is required for preparations

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The children from Primary 4 in St Peter's School, will be making their First Confessions on Monday 7th March. Please keep these children and their families, in your prayers.

SCIAF SUNDAY

TODAY, 6th March there is a collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities, including SCIAF. Please use the SCIAF envelope to put your donation in the second collection.

Remember all donations for the Wee Box collection (which includes next Sunday's SCIAF collection) will be doubled by the Government this year.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION
At St Mirin's Cathedral 5 pm every Sunday

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Jim McIntosh, Christine Clark, John Ward, Anne Craig, Peter Smith, Christine McPherson, Eileen Knowles, Janet Ferguson, Elizabeth Lomas, Allister McNeill, Jonathon Arthur, Christine Hughes, Lynn Smith, Jean Alison, Irene Baillie, Rhian Docherty, Tony Browning, Susan Mullen, Annie Hampson, Rona Kinnell, Drew Meiklejohn, Gavin Lanigan, Mary Shannon, Nancy Heaton, Kathleen Boyle, Isabel McGregor, James Flanagan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Jim Harrison, Margaret D'Arcy

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Patrick Donnachie, Winifred Barclay, David Orr, Thomas McGrath, Peter Heron, Mary Heron.

MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

'Encountering Jesus in his Passion'

On Saturday 12th March there will be a morning of prayer and reflection in St James' Church, Renfrew, starting with Mass at 9.30 am and concluding at 1 pm. All Welcome.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass this year takes place on Wednesday 23rd March at 7 pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. All welcome.

CAR BOOT SALE

St Andrew's Academy is proud to have 6 pupils participating in Youth to Lourdes and World Youth Day this year. To help them in their fundraising efforts, a Car Boot/Table Top Sale will be held on Saturday 12th March at St Charles' Church from 11 am—1 pm. Why not have a Spring clean/de-clutter and book a car space/table for £5. Contact Miss J. Clunie on 887 5201 to book a place. Any donations of goods, medium or small, can be handed into the school.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

An evening of Prayer and reflection, organised by the Diocesan Service Team of Scottish Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will be held in Holy Family Church, Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow, PA14 6BT on Monday 7 March commencing at 7pm. This is a time of quiet prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Light refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

PARENTS AND OUR PAISLEY SYNOD

Parents please complete this Survey Monkey for Our Paisley Synod to help get your priorities and concerns onto the floor of our synod sessions. Family life is at the heart of the wellbeing of our diocese and we want your views to be the heart of our synod. <http://tinyurl.com/zejtgo>

THE BIG PICTURE COURSE

CaFE, in partnership with Bible Society & Oscott College, have produced a new 12 session Bible course called *The Big Picture* exploring Salvation History in an inspiring step-by-step way. It has been inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium* and is an ideal foundational study for the Year of Mercy. It includes a high quality course journal and personal TV quality DVD. The course can be very simply run by individuals, with a friend, in small home groups or café style in the parish hall. The teaching is given by a wide ranging selection of experts including weekly input from David Oakley (Oscott College) and includes an introduction from Cardinal Nichols. The sessions have been filmed across the UK, Rome, Patmos, Ephesus and the Holy Land. Full information and a short trailer can be found at www.thebigpicturecourse.org or by calling café office on 01727 375290

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayerful profile campaign to raise awareness about the crisis of abortion in Scotland. Each month in Scotland, 900 children lose their lives through abortion. (Source ISD Online). From February 10th through to March 20th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right of way pavement on Hardgate Road outside the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (formerly the Southern General Hospital), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information—and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: rose_docherty@hotmail.com stating your name, mobile number and availability, (e.g. “I can do Fridays between 10 and 11 am.”)

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

In this Jubilee Year, we are urged more than ever to demonstrate our mercy and solicitude for our brothers in the Middle East. Refugees, displaced persons, the elderly, children and the sick, are all in need of our help. We live clinging to the Cross of Good Friday, but sustained by the light of the Resurrection. The Holy Land is a place of dialogue, whose inhabitants never cease dreaming of constructing bridges, and in which the Christian community lives to proclaim the Gospel of Peace. It is a Land of “ecumenism of blood” and at the same time of extraordinary normality. ‘We cannot remain indifferent: God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind. God does not abandon us’ (Pope Francis). This care is expressed by our open hands, contributing generously. The collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday reminds us of “ancient duty”, which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of the joy that comes from helping our brothers and sisters. On Good Friday this year, please think about your contribution to support the people in the land where Christ was born, lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead, and put what you can into the collection. Thank You.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

In the digital media age, it is increasingly important that we are able to share and promote our good news and events expeditiously with media outlets and journalists. To help with this, we would like to build up a small pool of committed photographers (no professional qualifications required but ability, availability incl. evenings and weekends and the facility to upload images immediately is essential). If you, or anyone in your parish or diocese might be interested in volunteering for this project, please contact Erin Byrne - email: eb@scmo.org

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 29th February to 13th March. Fair trade lifts millions of people out of poverty. When you buy fairly traded products, you enable smallholder farmers and producers to improve their position and have more control over their lives. It is a simple way that we can make a difference through our everyday choices. Rainbow Turtle, 7 Gauze Street, Paisley, offer lots of fairtrade items, gifts and food items. Please visit their shop or their website for further information www.rainbowturtle.org.uk Tel: 0141 887 1881. Try to look for fairtrade goods when you are doing your shopping in the supermarkets.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

On *Laetare* Sunday, we rejoice as Luke’s Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable’s prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual “shaming” when the father “shames” himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared “act of contrition.” By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, “of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what.” Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, “who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing,” his judgment “severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father’s boundless mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). If John’s Gospel is proclaimed, the “religiously observant” people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.

20-40 NETWORK

Would you like to meet other young Catholics?

20-40 network is a new networking club being set up for Scotland. We organise networking events for young Catholics aged 20-40, giving them the opportunity to meet and socialise in a friendly, relaxed environment. Events are varied and will range from drinks in a local pub to more adventurous day trips. To join our mailing list please email: 2040network@gmail.com