

## CORONAVIRUS

You may have noticed on social media that the Archdiocese has announced measures in relation to the present crisis which have been put in place at Saint Helen's. There is a sheet at the back of the Church which gives full details, but the main points are as follows:

- The holy water stoups have been emptied
- The sign of peace is suspended meantime
- Whether people received Holy Communion in the hand or the tongue is a very personal matter. While it is still permitted to receive on the tongue, it is requested that during this present crisis, those who do so consider receiving Communion in the hand. We realise that this might be difficult for some, but you are asked to consider it for the sake of the common good. If you cannot do so, please present to the priest or Minister in such a way that it makes it possible for them to give you the host without any contact between your tongue and their fingers. If you receive in the hand please also make sure that the host can be placed on your hand without contact.
- Above all else please be very careful about basic hygiene. There are public information posters displayed around the Church.

### SCIAF TAKE-HOME PACKS

Please take home a SCIAF pack which includes a 'Wee Box' for collecting change and the proceeds of your Lenten sacrifices.

### 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS

for each day of Lent available for £1 from the stall



### EVERY DAY

Mass as usual at 10.00 am

### MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Early Mass at 7.30 am

### TUESDAYS

At 7.30 pm in the Hall: 'Walking together with Jesus' – a Lenten Retreat. A weekly gathering for a guided reflection on the Scriptures and for prayer, with free study books provided to guide you through each day in between the Tuesday sessions. Concludes with a cup of tea and a chat! The numbers were quite low at the first session – but please come along – it doesn't matter if you have missed a session.

### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

Saint Helen's is privileged to host the opening night of the new AGAP play: *Star of the Sea* celebrating the centenary of Stella Maris on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the hall. Tickets now available from the Sacristy at £5

### LENTEN ALMS

Each Sunday during Lent there will be a retiring collection for Lenten Alms. (with the exception of the fourth Sunday when we have our annual collection for SCIAF). The Lenten Alms collection goes directly towards the costs of supporting the sick and retired priests of our own Archdiocese who have given their lives in the service of the Church and now need supported in their later years. Please be generous and consider making this the primary focus of your Lenten charity. Thank you.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

Level 1 and 2 training is mandatory for all volunteers. Opportunities from March are advertised in the meeting room, where

volunteers can also collect their own copy of the training schedule to assist them in selecting a suitable opportunity.

### MASS OF ST PATRICK

The annual Mass of St. Patrick will take place in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 14th March at 11.00 am. Archbishop Tartaglia will be the celebrant. Due to the large numbers expected, please come early if you require a seat.

### DAY OF CONFESSION

This year's Day of Confession during Lent will take place in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Priests will be available from 7.45am until 5.45pm. – A date for the diary!

### TAIZÉ EVENT:

We are delighted to be hosting one of the Taizé community for a few days next week. We would like to invite you to join us for an evening of prayer & fellowship with Brother Paolo of the Taizé community on Thursday 12th March at The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill. 7.30 Prayer 8.10 Food & Fellowship. All welcome; event Free. CDs and prayer resources will be on sale. 2049 Maryhill Road, G20 0AA. 100m Maryhill Station. 20m from Bus stops for no.60, 60(A) & 17.

### GENDER LAW CONSULTATION

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on new legislation around the ability legally to change gender. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a 4 page briefing to help people engage with the consultation process. You can access this briefing via the link below. Please consider responding to the consultation. Please note that the consultation closes on **17th March**. <https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/>

### CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY

Come into the hall after Mass on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate with all those who have birthdays this month.

### SICK

We remember all the sick of the parish.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Alison Bowler, Mary Findlay, John Carr, Cathy Black, Marie Beattie

### ANNIVERSARIES

Gordon McCormack, Margaret Sweeney,

### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen**

## STEWARDSHIP



Thank you for your consistent generosity.

23/02/2020 offertory	£1,631.93
01/03/2020 offertory	£1,656.17
01/03/2020 Lenten Alms	£777.13

To give you the full picture of our parish stewardship we will provide summaries of income and expenditure each month. (these figures *exclude* special collections which have been taken up and passed on to the beneficiaries).

The total **income** for January and February was **£21,208** (includes offertory, standing orders, votives, stall, hall, etc.)

The total **expenditure** was **£26,286**

This represents an operational **deficit** for the parish of **£5,000** for the first two months of 2020. This is partly accounted for by very high gas bills at this time of the year which are balanced out over the warmer months.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who  
revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our  
shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the  
sake of the Good News, relying on  
the power of God who has saved  
us and called us to be holy – not  
because of anything we ourselves  
have done but for his own purpose  
and by his own grace. This grace  
had already been granted to us, in  
Christ Jesus, before the beginning  
of time, but it has only been  
revealed by the Appearing of our  
saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished  
death, and he has proclaimed life  
and immortality through the Good  
News.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father's  
voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him.'  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and  
James and his brother John and  
led them up a high mountain where  
they could be alone. There in their  
presence he was transfigured: his  
face shone like the sun and his  
clothes became as white as the  
light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah  
appeared to them; they were  
talking with him. Then Peter spoke  
to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is  
wonderful for us to be here; if you  
wish, I will make three tents here,  
one for you, one for Moses and  
one for Elijah.' He was still  
speaking when suddenly a bright  
cloud covered them with shadow,  
and from the cloud there came a  
voice which said, 'This is my Son,  
the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.  
Listen to him.' When they heard  
this the disciples fell on their faces  
overcome with fear. But Jesus  
came up and touched them. 'Stand  
up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And  
when they raised their eyes they  
saw no one but only Jesus. As  
they came down from the mountain  
Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell  
no one about the vision until the  
Son of Man has risen from the  
dead.'

***It is suggested that we use the  
APOSTLES' CREED during Lent.  
You will find the Order of Mass at  
Number 479 in the hymn book –  
then turn to page 205 for the text  
of the Apostles' Creed***



Saint Helen, Pray for us

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm; 9.00 am,  
11.00 am and 5.00 pm

### MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Rosary at 9.30 am, Morning Prayer at 9.50 am and  
Mass at 10.00 am followed by Stations of the Cross

### MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY:

Additional Mass at 7.30 am

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am and 6.15 – 6.45 pm  
Thursday 7.00 – 7.30 pm

### ADORATION:

Wednesdays after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm

### ROSARY AND NOVENA:

Thursday at 7.00 pm

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Masses on holy days of obligation are at 7.30 am,  
12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020



## FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your  
country, your family and your father's  
house, for the land I will show you. I will  
make you a great nation; I will bless  
you and make your name so famous  
that it will be used as a blessing. I will  
bless those who bless you: I will curse  
those who slight you. All the tribes of  
the earth shall bless themselves by  
you.' So Abram went as the Lord told  
him.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):4-5, 18-20, 22

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**