

Parish Finances

First Collection last weekend - £394
Second Collection for parish funds - £270

Easter Quarterly Collection - £4
Remembrance Book - £10

Parish News

RCIA will meet on Monday, 20th Mar, at 7 p.m. in the parish house.

Remembrance Book: Entry requested by Mr. T. Graham for the intentions of the Graham and Edie Families.

On Duty during Masses 25/26 March 2017

Readers:

Sat. Vigil - S. Uzor
Sunday - D. Blaney

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. Vigil - J. Proctor; S. Meany
Sunday - D. Harper; J. McDonald

Lenten Services

Mon - 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Tue - 10 a.m.
Wed - 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thu - 7 p.m.
Fri - 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sat - 10 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass lasting approx. 15 mins.

First Communion and First Confession Candidates are reminded to get their cards signed at Sunday Masses wherever they attend Mass. If at St. Mary's 11.30 a.m. Mass, cards will be signed at the Children's Liturgy.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated, so well, the Sacrament of First Confession last week.

Parishioners are asked to remember them and those about to make their First Holy Communion in their prayers.

Communications Survey: The Diocesan Office are doing a Communication Survey and are asking parishioners to complete a questionnaire which can be found at the back of the church. They are anxious to know what kind of communication you prefer, e.g. mobile texts, emails, parish bulletin etc. It has to be completed and handed into the sacristy by 25th March. Please help by submitting your views.

Remaining Gonzaga Lecture will take place in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, 232-242 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5RG on **Tue 28 Mar** - Dr. Laurence Whitley (Minister Glasgow Cathedral) will speak on "Discern to Differ"

For more info contact Ruth Sweeney rsweeney@staloyisius.or

Next Marriage Preparation Course will be held in St. Mary's, Hamilton, on 2nd and 9th September 2017. Any couples planning marriage later this year or next should first of all see Canon Dunnachie.

Volunteers Needed for St. Andrew's Hospice charity shop, 20 Main Street, Coatbridge. See poster in church porch.

The Secret of Romero: Talk by Martha Zechmeister CJ (Professor of Systematic Theology, El Salvador) in the Romero Centre, St. Aloysius College, 45 Hill Street, Glasgow G3 6RJ, on **Tuesday 21st March at 7 p.m.**

A. Lenten Choral Meditation by St. Augustine's Choir - Wed. 12 April at 7 p.m. Admission £4 - pay at door.

LENTEEN REFLECTION Spiritual Growth

"It is your life that Jesus wants to enter with his word, with his presence. Please let Christ and his word enter your life, blossom and grow."
(from World Youth Day, 2013)

Lenten Prayer

Lord, you have given us your Word in the Bible, and too often we take that gift for granted. We most often hear the words of Scripture at Mass, and when we listen carefully to them, we almost always hear something new, something we have not considered before. This Lent, we will try to spend some time prayerfully reading Scripture, maybe a favourite passage or one of the psalms, and we will listen to what you are saying to us. Thank you for the gift of the Bible, Amen.

Some quotes taken from our parish RENEW bulletin dated 1989

How have you shared your goods with your brothers and sisters throughout the world - and in your own community?

Every minute £500,000 is spent on arms across the world ... and 20 starve to death.

Have a meatless meal tonight - send the money saved to a missionary. Discuss how each of us has a mission to witness to Christ.

If everyone in the Diocese had taken ONE action last week to transform a need ... think what might have been accomplished.

Parish Activities

Baptism Course is held on the first Tuesday of the month in the parish house at 7 p.m.

Parish Bingo in the hall every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Pass the word to your friends!

Wednesday Cafe in the hall on Wednesdays after 10 a.m. Mass. Tea/Coffee, Toast, Raffle! Why not join us!

Novena to St. Peregrine (Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers) here in St. Mary's every last Thursday of the month (30 Mar) at 7.30 p.m.

Calling Times - Thursday evenings - 5.30-7.00 p.m.

Saturday Breakfast club in the hall after 10 a.m. Mass. Call round for bacon/sausage roll, tea or coffee.

Hall Bookings: Tel: 01236 600560 or 01236 435252 (for all your family group celebrations/functions).

Foodbank: Big **Thank-you** for your very generous on-going donations of food.

Recycling: If you have any old spectacles we will pass them on for use in third world countries.

Sponsored Lamp/Remembrance Book application forms are available at the back of the church.

To help with our collections, I would like to ask all those who pay Income Tax to join our Gift Aid Scheme, as this will give the parish an extra 25p for every £ donated. This is much needed funds we are missing out on. Thank you for your continued support.