

Parish Finances

First Collection last weekend - £430

Second Collection for SCIAF - £696.
Many thanks for your very generous donations.

Wed. Cafe - £100

Parish News

RCIA will meet on Monday, 3rd April, at 7 p.m. in the parish house.

Readers/Special Ministers

We have not published names of those ministers who will be required to serve during the Holy Week/Easter Services as a much greater number will be needed. Please let it be known in the Sacristy that you will be available during this period and when.

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 - 7.30 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.

PALM SUNDAY

In St. Bernard's, Shawhead, at 2.30 p.m. there will be the showing of the film "The Passion". The film is quite graphic and we would encourage parental guidance for young children. This will be followed by Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church at 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing many parishioners from St. Mary's and St. Bernard's at this Lenten service.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Gift Aid members please collect your envelopes from the table at the confessionals BEFORE MASS BEGINS so that you can use them TODAY. If you are at Mass and this hasn't been possible, please hand in this week's envelopes (empty) next weekend and mark on them the amount you offered in the collection. This way we will still be able to claim the Gift Aid Tax for this week.

First Communion 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.

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



March 2017 250 Club Winners

1st	Mrs. S. O'Hagan	No. 148	- £150
2nd	Carol McCrory	No. 109	- £100
3rd	Michael Costello	No. 87	- £75
4th	A. Armstrong	No. 107	- £50
5th	M. Caddle	No. 82	- £25

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

All those who have agreed to attend the PASSION PLAY in the Little Sisters of the Poor Convent, Roystonhill, on PALM SUNDAY - 9th April - please note that the bus will leave from outside the church at 2 p.m. promptly.

Reflection on Today's Gospel

With our catechumans preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in Him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

Sr. Ann FMSA (Kenya) has written us a final letter before she comes home on leave on 19 April. She has brought us up to date with the blind child who needs an eye operation to relieve the pressure in his eye and enable him to be free of pain and eventually he may be able to see. She has enclosed some photos of his mum and his siblings who were overjoyed to entertain her in their home. These are on display in the church porch. The letter is worth reading and there are copies available at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy.

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

When someone does a kindness, it always seems to me, that's the way God up in heaven would like us all to be for when we bring some pleasure to another human heart, we have followed in his footsteps and we've had a little part in serving Him who loves us - for I'm sure it's true that in serving those around us, we serve and please Him too.

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 (27 Apr) 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.