

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**

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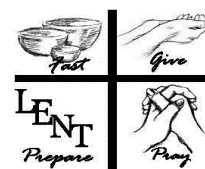
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1st Sunday of Lent, B,

18th February 2024



All Saints			
Monday	7.30 p.m. Mass/Novena	Sunday	5.30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. Mass	St. Stephen's	
Friday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Tuesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m. Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m. Mass
		Saturday	5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

FEAST DAYS:

Thursday 22nd: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle.

LENT

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with Him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline — asceticism — as God's holy people. Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the Cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of His salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by Him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of His Paschal Mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with Him, to attain the goal. *Excerpt from Pope Francis's Lenten Message*

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is available for all those who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross. (See below for times)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesday (St Stephen's) and **Friday** (All Saint's) **after morning mass.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The most important reason for making the Stations of the Cross is that it is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of my head, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It involves my senses, my experience and my emotions. To the extent I come to experience the love of Jesus for me, to that extent the gratitude I feel will be deep. Deep gratitude leads to real generosity and a desire to love as I have been loved.

The most important thing to remember is that this can be as personal as I'd like it to be. One of our common religious struggles is to realize that we are not alone. The Good News is that Jesus entered into our life's experience completely - even suffering and death - and that he fell into the hands of a Loving God, who raised him from death to life. We can have complete hope that suffering and death have no complete hold on us. We will all share eternal life with him, if we can fall into the hands of the same Loving God. And, along the way, we are not alone. Jesus is with us as one who knows our suffering, and the death we face. That can be deeply consoling.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP NEXT WEEKEND FOR THIS SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND.

GIRL GUIDES meet on Wednesday evenings in the Hall from 7.00-9.00 p.m. Come along and join in the fun.

SCIAF: HAVE YOU GOT YOUR WEE BOX? This Lent, use your **WEE BOX** to make a BIG CHANGE in the lives of our sisters and brothers overseas, especially women and girls in Rwanda. If you don't yet have a **WEE BOX** at home, please pick one up today, **AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.** Visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND at St. Mary's Kinnoull, Perth, 5th-7th April 2024. Further details from Louise on 07926 571004 or email Louise louise398@gmail.com.

WELLSPRING: VISION, RENEWED MISSION AND PARISH RENEWAL: Will you join us? - is the last line of the Wellspring Vision. The success of Wellspring will depend on the generous response of each one of us and our prayer that God will bless and multiply our endeavours. Each of our parishes will respond in a different way, guided by the Spirit, to promote the vision of Church that is inclusive and outward looking, renewing our missions to foster deeper faith and witness and renewing our parishes as thriving communities where all are invited to contribute and serve. The Parish needs your help to respond. What can you contribute? Can you help develop this vision of Church? The Wellspring Vision for the Diocese invites you to 'Imagine a church...' you are invited, help make that vision a reality.

Leaflets are available, please take one.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND PERMANENT DIACONATE

It is important that any man who is considering a vocation to the Priesthood or the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Motherwell makes himself known in the first instance to his Parish Priest. His contact details will then be forwarded to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Charles O'Farrell, for those considering Priesthood, or to Deacon Bill McMillan, for those considering the diaconate. If anyone wishes to receive information or encouragement about discerning their vocation, contact can be made with Fr O'Farrell at frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk, or Deacon McMillan at deaconmcmillan@rcdom.org.uk.

IGNATION SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, GLASGOW online retreat. This year the retreat is offering a daily reflection from Pope Francis along with a suitable quotation from scripture as well as an image and music to help with your prayer for the day.

Go to [Lent 2024 - Online Prayer](#) for further details.

KIDS DISCO, Monday 26th February between 6.00 and 7.00 pm, doors open 5.45 pm. Tickets £2 per child and £1 per adult, on sale now in school and in the church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES, in the Parish Centre of St. Augustine's, Coatbridge on the following days: 16th March 2024, 20th April 2024 and 15th June 2024, Cost £50 Book your course today. at www.marriagefamilylife.org. Further details on the latest News Section of our website.

BINGO NIGHT: Thursday 29th February, doors open 6.30 pm in Parish Hall, Tickets £2 on sale now, in church.

MOTHERS' DAY EVENT, Friday 8th March an evening with DJ Ray, £10 per ticket. Doors open 7.00 p.m. Tickets on sale

HCPT: Friday 15th March, Patricia Ferns and friends, £10 per ticket, on sale now. Doors open 7.00 pm

RIGHT TO LIFE: Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!