

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

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25th February 2024



All Saints		St. Stephen's	
Monday	7.30 p.m. Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m. Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m. Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m. Mass		

LENT

Lent is a time of truth.

Christians, called by the Church to prayer, penance, fasting and self-sacrifice, place themselves before God and recognize themselves; they rediscover themselves.

“Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return” (Formula for the Distribution of Ashes). Remember, man, that you are called to things other than worldly and material goods that can easily divert you from what is essential. Remember, man, your first calling: you come from God, and you return to God by going towards the Resurrection which is the path marked out by Christ. “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple” (Lk 14:27).

Lent is a time of profound truth, which brings conversion, restores hope and, by putting everything back in its proper place, brings peace and optimism.

Yes, Lent is a time of truth. Let us examine ourselves sincerely, honestly and simply. Our brothers and sisters are there among the poor, the sick, the outcast, the aged. What sort of love do we have? What sort of truth?

Excerpt from St Pope John Paul II'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) **Wednesday and Friday** (All Saint's) **after morning mass.**

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Stations of the Cross for Families: Opening Prayer

Lord, you chose to come into this world and be part of a family. We look to you and those you loved in this life as a model of how we should live. Your passion, death, and resurrection ultimately show us that love outlasts all things and can endure tremendous hardship. As we continue our pilgrimage through Lent, may our relationships be bolstered by this certain hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Station, Jesus is condemned to death.

As Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate and is condemned to die, we imagine the heartbreak and despair of Jesus' family of followers and his Mother who had seen him do so much good during his public ministry. Every family experience loss and suffering during those times, we cling to one another and to the certain knowledge that our Saviour knows our heartache and will lead us through it.

The Second Station, Jesus takes up his cross.

Living in families is not always easy. True, self-sacrificial love requires that we die to our own wants and desires and dedicate ourselves to others. Even when our cross seems heavy, we pray for the courage to accept and carry it, relying on God's grace every step of the way.

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.

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

SUPPORT SCIAF. In Rwanda, many women and girls suffer directly from gender-based violence. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference in their lives. To learn more about how you can help support women in Rwanda, please visit SCIAF's website (sciaf.org.uk).

WELLSPRING PROJECT: As we look to implementing this pastoral renewal project in the parish, I hope to have an open parish meeting to explore the concepts and areas of pastoral interest outlined in the Wellspring leaflets made available to us at the recent Diocesan launch. (Leaflets remain available at the back of the church.) Perhaps a small word about the methodology and approach would be appropriate at this initial stage. It envisages that our Wellspring meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Synodal process and methodology which Pope Francis has proposed for the universal church. Briefly this is described as a walking together with the Holy Spirit, prayer centred and conducted in respectful listening to each other.

I have prepared a short questionnaire and should be grateful if you would take a copy, complete it and return it with your views by 10th March 2024.. As we prepare for our parish meeting I would be grateful for any volunteers who would assist me in this important initial step. Fr. Doyle

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

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 now.

EASTER HANPER RAFFLE: Tickets £1 each now on sale.

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