

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

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity  
**3rd Sunday of Lent, B,  
3rd March 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		

**FEAST DAYS**

Monday 4th St. Casimir  
Thursday 7th St. Perpetua and St. Felicity  
Friday 8th St. John of God  
Saturday 9th St. Frances of Rome

**LENT:** Dear Sons and Daughters,  
Here we are in Lent! Listen to us for a moment. Lent is a period for receiving God's favour. The liturgy speaks of Lent as the "acceptable time" for us to prepare to celebrate worthily the Paschal Mystery. It is a period which is of course austere, but it is fruitful and it already brings a renewal like a spiritual springtime. We must awaken our consciences. We must give fresh vigour to our sense of duty and to our desire to respond, in a practical way, to the demands of a genuine Christian life.

In our Encyclical Populorum Progressio, on the development of peoples, was like a "cry of anguish, in the name of the Lord", addressed to the Christian communities and to all the people of good will. Today, as the liturgical season of Lent begins, we would like to renew that solemn appeal. Our gaze and our heart as pastor of all continue to be overwhelmed by the immense multitude of those whom all the world's societies leave by the wayside, wounded in body and soul, stripped of their human dignity, without bread, without a voice, defenceless, alone in their distress!...We remind you of the words of the Lord Jesus on helping the weak, words happily preserved for us by the Apostle Paul: "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). We exhort you all, dear sons and daughters, to purify your hearts in order to welcome the coming Easter celebrations and to proclaim to the world the joyous Good News of salvation. And we bless you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. **St. Pope Paul VI the great proponent of Social Justice.**

**THANK YOU; for your contributions to the second collection last week for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.**

**IGNATIAN 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.**

**SCIAF DAY OF PRAYER.** SCIAF invites you to join their **WEE BOX** Day of Prayer on Friday 8th March. On this day, as a community, we pause to reflect, connect, and pray for healing and hope for communities in Rwanda. We know that through prayer we can deepen our relationship with God, seek guidance, and offer support to those in need. For more information about the day of prayer please visit [sciaf.org.uk](http://sciaf.org.uk) or call 0141 354 5555

**NEXT SUNDAY, there will be a special collection for SCIAF.**

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesday (St Stephen's)  
Wednesday and Friday (All Saint's) after morning mass.**  
**Stations of the Cross for Families:**

**The Third Station,** Jesus falls for the first time. Jesus knows the experience of human limitation, and under the weight of the cross, he falls. Our weakness is often exhibited by our sinfulness, and in the context of family life, we can all think of instances where we have harmed someone we love. Sometimes reconciliation happens quickly, but there can also be deep fissures caused by our mistakes that take a long time to repair. Knowing all this, we ask for the grace to acknowledge any offense, seek forgiveness, and move forward on our journey together.

**The Fourth Station, Jesus meets his mother.** The love of a mother for a child is profound. She sacrifices so much, often including her own body, out of love for any children entrusted to her care. Because of the depth of this devotion, the pain of seeing a child suffer is especially immense. Each time we visit this station, our hearts break to consider how this meeting must have pierced our Blessed Mother's own heart. We pray for all mothers who have comforted a suffering child and especially for those who have endured the tragedy of a child's death. One source of consolation for us is Our Lady's intimate understanding of such a situation and her powerful intercession for all those affected.

**The Fifth Station, Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross** The scriptures tell us that Simon was the father to Alexander and Rufus, and while we do not know anything else about them, it is helpful to consider this relationship in light of this scene. Like any good father, we expect that Simon was doing his best to guide his sons along the right path in life. As parents, we sometimes wonder if our children will adopt the values we hold dear, especially in terms of our faith. We do our best to show them the way while we can. We pray that we, like Simon, will accept the call to help others in times of need, thereby showing our families that we put into practice what we believe.

**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**

**EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE:** Tickets £1 each now on sale.