

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

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6th Sunday of the Year, B,

11th 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 Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass Ash Wednesday
	7.30 p.m.	Mass Ash Wednesday	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass			
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**ASH WEDNESDAY; is on 14th February 2024
and is a day of fast and abstinence.**

Ash Wednesday is a day of Solemn Public Penance

when we are obliged under pain of serious sin to observe the ancient custom of fast and abstinence.

It is the symbolic turning to God at the beginning of Lent and the start of our warfare with sin and the restoration of life in grace.

LENT : Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

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.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
SUFFERED ABUSE is on Friday 16th February.**

SCIAF: On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launch the **WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE** appeal. This year's Lent appeal focuses on communities in Rwanda. In April 1994, 100 days of mass genocide began in Rwanda. Thirty years on, Rwanda and its people are still recovering from the genocide that ripped their country apart and the deep trauma it left behind. This Lent, use your **WEE BOX** to make a **BIG CHANGE**. To find out more please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

**WELLSPRING: Bishop Toal livestream on
Facebook on 11th February at 8.00 pm Go to
Diocese of Motherwell Facebook Page to view.**

MARY – THE FOUNTAIN AND WELLSPRING
of Salvation This week we launch Wellspring. We hope our diocesan vision of Church, is one which you will help to grow around the message of the Gospel, forming us as disciples willing to share our faith and renew our parish communities.

'Imagine a Church...' is the beginning of the Wellspring Vision. It is an invitation to hope, pray and work for the church which it describes in which all people will find a home and grow as disciples of the Lord.

Today we seek the intercession of 'Our Lady, the Fountain and Wellspring of Salvation' that the Wellspring project will be a new springtime in the life of our diocese and that it will be a source of new graces.

IGNATION SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, GLASGOW online retreat begins on Ash Wednesday. 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.

World Day of the Sick – 11 February: The World Day of the Sick was introduced by St Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

GIRL GUIDES meet on Wednesday evenings in the Hall from 7.00-9.00 p.m. Come along and join in the fun. @gmail.com for more info.

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: 17th February, 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.

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