

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

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**8th Sunday of the Year— YEAR C**

**27th February 2022**



**GIFT AID** is one of the simplest and most effective ways to boost our parish's income. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate.

**So, for example, if you donate £100 per year we can claim an extra £25, making your gift worth £125.**

To join our parish's Gift Aid scheme, you need to have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax that is at least equal to the tax that our parish and other charities you donate to will reclaim on your donations in a tax year.

We simply need to be able to record your donations. The easiest way to do this is by setting up a standing order from your bank account to make a regular payment or by using a set of Gift Aid envelopes. You just need to complete your name and address including your postcode on our simple Gift Aid Declaration and decide if you want to pay and we'll do the rest. Once again we thank parishioners for their great generosity to the Parish especially given these worrying financial times.

**We have been advised that all windows and doors must be kept open during services so PLEASE, PLEASE WRAP UP WELL. Every effort will be made not to prolong services especially during the winter months.**

**IGNATIAN ONLINE RETREAT**

The online retreat is open to all and this year celebrates the 500 years since the conversion of St. Ignatius Loyola and is based on his life. Each day of Lent the retreat has an episode from the life of Ignatius, Music, Art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Participants can join an online group for a weekly meeting with others to share the fruits of their prayer. The link to the website is [Online Prayer – Ignatian Spirituality from the Jesuits in Scotland- www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net)

**PRAY AS YOU GO** offers 2 online retreats during Lent 2022 and a Way of the Cross, Rosary Reflections and Stations of the Cross. Go to <https://pray-as-you-go.org> then on the Menu choose "Retreats and Series" Click on Lent 2022 and choose whichever one you wish.

**SCIAF Lenten Campaign WEE BOX Big Change** appeal together we can end poverty. Every Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, thousands of Scots save money in their **SCIAF WEE BOX** to help give a hand up to people living in poverty. By collecting your loose change or giving up a treat like chocolate or wine and putting what you save into a **WEE BOX** you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. Donations to the **WEE BOX** have helped people in developing countries where a generation of young people have been left without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Together we are helping them to be independent, support themselves and their families and have real hope for the future.

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE.** Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted.

**All Saints**

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass with Novena
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9.30 a.m.	.Mass and
	7.30 p.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass

**St. Stephen's**

Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	10.15 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass

**FEAST DAYS**

**Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March 2022.**

**Masses at 9.30 a.m and 7.30 p.m. in All Saints And 10.15 a.m. in St. Stephen's.**

**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.**

**A plenary indulgence is available for all those who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross during Lenten season.**

*"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*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**MEN OF MOTOWN Saturday 5th March**

**Tickets £20.**

