

A SEASON OF GRACE

Saturday 21st February

12.30 Baptism of 12 older children
 4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5.30pm Vigil Mass (memorial for Pat Dolan)
Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday Lent (A)
 9am Mass & 11am Mass (Children's Liturgy & CAT Club; Reconciliation) Tea bar after Mass
 3pm Rite of Election for candidates for the Easter sacraments (Cathedral)
 5.30pm Evening Mass with worship Group

Monday 23rd February

10am Parish Mass
 9.30 - 12 TWMM Breakfast Club
 6pm Wedding appointment

Tuesday 24th February

10am Funeral Mass; Liz McCarron RIP (Adoration of Bl Sacrament until 2.30)
 Tuesday Club 11- 2pm
 2pm TWMM steering meeting
 6pm wedding appointment



Wednesday 25th February

10am Parish Mass

Thursday 26th February

10am Parish Mass
 10.45 Lenten Scripture Group (Oratory)
 10.30 Maccy CaFFY
 11am Funeral appointment
 7pm RCIA (Chapel House)

Friday 27th February

10am Funeral Mass; Marie Divers RIP

Saturday 28th February

4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5.30pm Vigil Mass; 2nd Sunday of Lent

Aid Agencies at Risk. 105,000 people asked MPs to let charities do their jobs in Gaza where 37 humanitarian charities threatened with forced closure of life-saving work, as a devastating crisis grips 2 million people; join in: <https://redlineforgaza.org.uk/>.

Debt Vultures Circling. These are speculators who look for countries in crisis whose debt they can buy up at rock bottom prices then threaten legal action for full repayment using laws administered in the UK; call for a law here to stop this: <https://act.debtjustice.org.uk/stop-debt-vultures>.



Rosebank – Not Over. Send a postcard to your MP/MSPs demanding end to resuming applications to develop this oil field; access campaign online, customise your message, send £2.75 (or not) & campaign sends the cards: <https://stoprosebank.postbug.app/>.

Ban Toxic Pesticides. A big cause of the UK's nature depletion is the use of toxic chemicals in agriculture and the UK government is considering banning over a dozen of them; to counter lobbying by manufacturers write now to the Nature Minister: <https://act.greenpeace.org/page/186687/action>.

Saving Childhood. Digital technology has reshaped how children learn, communicate and form relationships but the systems to protect them have not kept pace; access the summary of a major new report on the impact on children and how to fix it: <https://www.commonweal.scot/policies>.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



Michael O'Brien:
 Christ's Temptations in the Desert



The Gospels of Lent for Year A, this year, are a series of encounters between Jesus and some individual people by which we are led deep into the mystery of who Jesus and our faith in him. These gospels point us to the beauty of Easter.

Week 1; Jesus encounters Satan. We learn what is really important!

Week 2; Jesus is transfigured; there is more than can we see - we are destined for eternal life!

Week 3 Jesus meets the Woman at the well. He is the Water of Life (Baptism!)

Week 4. Jesus meets the man born blind and give him sight. Jesus is the light of the world (The Easter Candle!)

Week 5 Jesus encounters his friend and raises him for the dead - Jesus is the Life (Easter glory and the resurrection!)

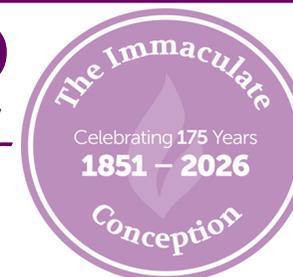
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1st Sunday in Lent (A)

"In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged"



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading; Genesis 2 various vs
The creation and sin of our first parents

Responsorial Psalm 51

Have mercy on us Lord for we have sinned

2nd Reading: Romans 5; 17 - 19

Where sin increased, grace abounded

Gospel; Matthew 4: 1 - 11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted

Caring
FOR OUR
RETIRED PRIESTS

During Lent, the 2nd collection is taken up to support the 94 retired priests of the archdiocese (Week 4 is SCIAF Sunday)

Election Hustings Event

Justice & Peace Bearsden & Milngavie along with us ... have arranged political hustings as we approach the local elections. Your are invited to attend as below.

5th March Dr Pam Gosal Conservative – St Andrew's Hall

12th March Cllr Thomas Kerr, Reform – St Joseph's Hall

19th March Ross Greer, Green Party - St Joseph's Hall, Milngavie

26th March Marie McNair, SNP – St Andrew's Hall, Bearsden

16th April - James Adams, Labour candidate for Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill - Immaculate Conception hall

Through Lent with St Matthew. Excellent resource by the Ignatian Centre; daily reflections & guides for prayer. Use the on-line version or some copies are still available.

SCIAF is massive. Please ensure you take 2 wee boxes this year; one for you & one to give away to someone who'd help out wouldn't get one at church. SCIAF is Scotland's only overseas aid agency so everybody can take part! This year the campaign focuses on Ethiopia

Walk with me; daily reflections & prayers for private use. (Still copies available - £1; put money in wall box)

Weekly Scripture sharing group (Thur in Oratory— opportunity for lunch together at Maccy CaFFY) Please see Isobel for booklet with readings - sign up in porch



St Patricks Night for SCIAF March 17th - a mini St Patricks night celebration with food, drink; music & dancing. There will be a presentation and film about the Ethiopia projects of SCIAF; all donations to our appeal. We will be joined by guests of SCIAF - Caritas international delegates from Denmark, Ukraine and beyond!

Newman Association March 5th, 7.30. *Putting a human face to the story of migration.* To counter hostile narrative out there, 3 parishioners from the Immaculate Conception will tell their story as “New Scots” from El Salvador, Lebanon & Uganda. Why they made the journey & what has been like for them. Come hear the real story!

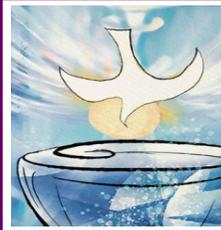
World day of Prayer; “I will give you rest - Come” An annual event among the Christian churches and its our turn to host this year - March 6th; worship and prayer together in the hall, followed by afternoon tea!

Rites of Christian Initiation of adults (RCIA) Our 11 candidates is now 12 - a new candidate for Confirmation; from Peru, he heard of our group and is joining in. During Lent our candidates will take public dramatic steps leading to the Easter Sacraments. Pray for them and come and make them welcome

FireCloud presenting a Lenten meditation, in music word, movement at the Immaculate Conception (Church, then refreshments in hall). Called 'Broken For You', its a reflection on the Passion. A free event - there's an optional bucket collection for SCIAF; spread the word & bring friends to this prayerful event



LENTEN RESOURCES



Baptism for our older children. 14 children baptised, largely so they can progress to the next sacraments. Grateful to Isobel & Julie for organising this.

Funerals Please pray for: Liz McCarron RIP (F 24th Feb 10am) Condolences to Joe and Lesley & family . Marie Divers RIP (F 27th Feb 10am) Condolences to Pat & family. Eileen Lally (F 13th March 10am) Condolences to Pat, Barbara & Judith Also Paul O'Donnell RIP - funeral TBA

Dementia Awareness.

Thanks to those who came on Friday last. Caroline Brown will be in touch when she has collated your ideas



Together We Make Maryhill (TWMM) steering group meeting on Tuesday to look at our Lenten and easter events and also explore more reach out initiatives.

Parish Team meeting been postponed until 4th March. Apologies for inconvenience.

Marrying in 2026? (or into 2027) email Fr Jim for pre-nuptial enquiry forms & other arrangements for your wedding!

Eucharistic Ministers. We're looking to refresh Eucharistic ministry. If you feel its time to stand down, let Fr Jim know before we recruit new faces. Is this a ministry you could help with? Speak to him asap

Maryhill Against Racism. Stalls at Asda, Friday 1pm & Tesco Sat at 11am attracting interest & support. We are gaining interest and support from the schools in Maryhill and other organisations. We're organising a community event Sun 12th April for us to get together to celebrate diversity in Maryhill. Next MAR Meeting - Wed 4th Mar, 6pm in Maryhill C.Centre in Avenue Park St. Speak to Christine Vennard for info

Sick and Housebound Let us know who in your family or neighbourhood ought to have the sacraments at home. We aim to celebrate Mass in Shiskine & Arrochar sheltered complexes - and do afternoon tea!

Spring clean, hall, garages, grounds happening in May - watch out for date & sign up!

Parish brochure and welcome pack On the streets real soon - as our 'reach out' to visitors. It's a big piece of investment so we're hugely grateful for 2 parish donations - of £2,000 and £750. Thank you!

Parking when at Mass. An official complaint lodged with GCC by a resident(s) of Kirn St that we are parking on kerbs & spaces and have blocked emergency services. Please park in car park. Fr Jim is taking this up with Emergency Services and GCC

Lost property box We now have a box— sited close by the loos in the church where all lost property goes and can be reclaimed

LOST PROPERTY



Other Events

dle & spend a moment in prayer before the Bl. Sacrament. More details, please contact Tanya: 07907699566

St Andrew's Foundation; Cardinal Winning Lecture 2026: Sat 7 March. “Why the Way of Beauty Matters in Catholic Education” – Dr Jem Sullivan, Catholic University of America. Mass at 9:30am. Lecture 11am. <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/>

Abba's Vineyard: Adoration night & includes opportunity for Confession, Mass & dinner. All are welcome. Young adults 18-35, 5-9pm, Sat 28th Feb. Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St. G5 OYT. For info email: abbasvineyard@gmail.com.

Day of Confession St Andrews cathedral, Friday 27th March. 9:00am - 4:30pm.