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PARISH DIARY

Monday	9.30am 10.00am	Mass Divine Mercy
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Ash	9.30am 12.30pm	Mass and distribution of ashes Mass and distribution of ashes
Wednesday	7.00pm	Mass and distribution of ashes
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	12.30am 7pm	Mass Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.30am	Mass
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm 6pm 9.30-9.50am 10am 6pm	Confessions Vigil Mass Confessions Mass Catholicism Series of videos

COLLECTIONS 24th February £345.65
Aid to the Church in Need £1000.95 **Thank you!**

200 Club monies are due this weekend

CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to Ethan D'Souza, baptised last Sunday.

LENT IN THE PARISH: PRAY, FAST, GIVE ALMS

ASH WEDNESDAY – Masses 9.30am, 12.30pm, 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence which means that we eat no meat and only one meal (and two small snacks) that day, to help us begin our Lenten journey of conversion.

SOMETHING FOR US ALL TO GIVE UP!

In order to allow a spirit of prayer and reverence during Lent we will be introducing a period of a few minutes of total silence immediately before Mass begins. We will use our PA system to signal the start of the silence. We all need to play our part in this for it to work. Pope Francis has been encouraging this and it's a great opportunity for us as a parish to prepare ourselves for Mass and reap the benefits of a few moments of stillness in our hectic world.

Lenten Lunchtime Mass – Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 1230, so that local workers have the opportunity to get to Mass for Lent. There will be no Mass at 9.30am on Fridays in Lent.

“Catholicism” – during Lent we will continue watching Bishop Barron’s series, Catholicism, which we started in Advent. Even if you didn’t make it along in Advent you’re still very welcome to join us! The series is at 6pm in the house every Sunday in Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 7pm

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS – Sundays in Lent (apart from one) there is a special collection for the sick and retired priests. Please be generous in supporting these men who gave their lives in our service and the service of God.

SCIAF – your Lenten wee boxes are available at the back of the church. Please take them away and collect your small change over Lent to help SCIAF.

PRAYER MATERIAL is available at the back of the church for you to use when you visit the church during Lent

OFF ALCOHOL FOR LENT? Pick up a short term Pledge prayer at the back of the church from the Pioneers

First Confession – our P3 children will make their First Confessions on Tuesday 19th March at 7pm. Our preparation sessions – for parents and children continue after 10am Mass today and continue next week, 10th March, and 17th March. All the children, and their parents/guardians, need to attend these sessions to be able to celebrate the sacrament. All the parents also need to meet Canon Gargaro and show him a copy of the child's baptism certificate – if you have not yet organised this please do so as soon as possible. All parishioners should make a special effort to pray for these boys and girls as they approach this big day – and set an example to them by frequently going to Confession yourselves!

PARISH 40 HOURS takes place Sunday 17th-Tuesday 19th March. Details of Holy hours and sign up sheet will be available next weekend. We will have candles for sale next weekend to allow you to place your own petitions before the Lord.

Saint Patrick's Day – since St Patrick's day falls on a Sunday in Lent this year, the Archbishop has decided that we should celebrate it on the Saturday instead – so our parish feast day Mass will be on Saturday 16th March at 9.30am. We will also have a celebration with the primary school on a suitable weekday. (St John Ogilvie's feast has similarly been moved to Monday 11th March).

Mass of St Patrick: The annual Mass for the Feast of St Patrick will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March at 11.00am. Archbishop Philip Tartaglia will be the principal celebrant. All welcome. Please come early; you will be welcomed by an Irish piper, followed by music from St James the Great Ceili Band. There will also be a Festival Family Day in Merchant Square from 12pm – 5pm.

Looking for a Lenten challenge?: How about praying for the Homeless Club users and volunteers working from the Wayside Club Centre, 32 Midland St, Glasgow? We are looking for your prayers during Lent and we also need help with practical tasks and food preparation in the evenings between 7.30pm and 10pm, Saturday from 1pm until 3pm, or before opening times. You could bring a family member or friend. Please contact Wayside Club president Charlie Hegarty by Facebook or 0141 221 0169 (after 7pm), or email: waysideglasgow@gmail.com .

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse – Friday 8th March (the Friday after Ash Wednesday) has been set aside as a day of prayer for those who have suffered abuse. We will pray for them at Mass and at the Stations of the Cross that day – all of us though should try and find some time to open our hearts in prayer for those who have suffered this terrible crime. You might find the following prayer useful for this:

“God of compassion and love, always present and just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonise over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

Lenten Reflection for Teachers and School Staff: a Lenten Reflection for Teachers and School Staff will take place on Wednesday 13th March in Saint Andrew’s Cathedral at 6.30pm. There will be a Reflection, Evening Prayer, Adoration and the opportunity for Confession. Refreshments will be provided.

LENTFEST – brochure at the back of the church. There are a number of exciting arts-based events across the diocese that you might like to attend for Lent.

FREE FILM EVENTS AT AGAP (St Mungo’s Retreat, 52 Parson St, G4 0RX)

AGAP Reel Kids Cinema Club: Friday 8th March at 11am. Screening: “The Little Mermaid” (1989). Free. Advance booking recommended: 0141 552 5527 or info@agap.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RIP James Thomson

Anniversaries: Tom Baker

