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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Isaiah, Paul and Peter: all three are aware they are unworthy of the encounter they have had with God. Yet each is called despite his unworthiness and charged with hearing and passing on God's Word. They are called precisely because of this awareness: had they thought otherwise perhaps they would have preached their own ideas, not God's word. The prophet, the apostle- the Christian- brings the world a message not of his own creation.

Mass Times this week		
Monday 8 th February	No Mass	Week 5 Year C
Tuesday 9 th February	No Mass	Week 5 Year C
Wednesday 10 th February	10am 12.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday 11 th February	No Mass	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday 12 th February	No Mass	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 13 th February	No Mass	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 13 th February Sunday 14 th February	6pm Vigil 10am	First Sunday of Lent

WEDNESDAY is ASH WEDNESDAY and is a day of FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.

Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory from age 14 onwards.

No Mass during the week, apart from Ash Wednesday. Masses are available at

Cathedral: 8.15am, 1pm, 5.15pm

St Aloysius: 8am, 12.30pm, 5.45pm

St Peter's: 10am

Rosary and Morning Prayer each day in the church house at 10am

Funeral arrangements will be covered by priests from St Aloysius.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

RECENT COLLECTIONS

31st January £268.75

Education Sunday £446.10 Many Thanks!

200 CLUB MONIES DUE: see Helen at the back of the church.

SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

In Ethiopia, cattle herders like Carfi Sara are struggling to survive the changing climate. Together, we can help families like Carfi's to protect themselves from drought - and for the second time the UK government will double your donations. Every £1 you give this Lent = £2 to help free people from poverty. Please take home a WEE BOX and find out more at www.theweebox.org.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE LOURDES HOSPITALITE will be hosted this year in Paisley Diocese. Mass will take place at 12 noon on Sunday 7th February at St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley, principal celebrant Bishop John Keenan.

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO LOURDES? There is also a poster at the back of the church for this year's pilgrimage.

A LENTEN REFLECTION FOR TEACHERS will take place on Wednesday, 17 February 2016, 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm, in St Andrew's Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow.

St Aloysius' College has been organising the **GONZAGA LECTURES** on a yearly basis since 1995. This year's lectures have the Year of Mercy as their theme. See poster for details.

THE SEASON OF LENT

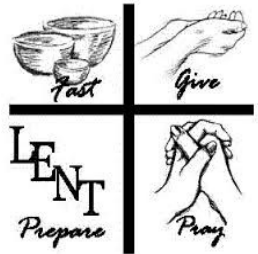
Preceded by the Penitential Rites of Ash Wednesday and preparatory days following, Lent opens formally next Sunday and continues for 40 days to Holy Thursday.

There are some changes that mark this season in our church building:

- Purple is the colour of the season.
- Flowers are not used (**please do not hand in flowers**)
- Musical instruments are only used to support singing
- The Gloria is omitted except on Solemnities and Feasts

There are some changes that mark this season in us. We focus on

- **Prayer:** an emphasis on prayer during Lent is a way to stir up our love and ardour by having a deepening conversation with the almighty. Remember that the light of God's love shines more brightly in the darkness of the recognition of our own sinfulness. Particular prayers encouraged in Lent are the Penitential Psalms and the Stations of the Cross. Both will be available at the back of the church.



- **Fasting** is not just a physical diet. We are encouraged to fast each Friday of Lent. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with our Lord. We can fast from food, from alcohol, from playing games on our phones, from television.... According to Pope Francis, fasting must never become superficial. He often quotes the early Christian mystic John Chrysostom who said: "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."
- **Almsgiving** teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. by freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs. The WEE box can be used to save the money that would have been spent on the things we have "given up" or fasted from. Giving time is also important: time to visit the sick or elderly; time to help in the parish; time to help the poor.

Pope Francis has asked that the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK - Thursday 25 February 2016. "The Catholic Imagination of George Mackay Brown". A talk by Dr Linden Bicket. The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 25 February 2016. All welcome. Non-members: admission £3 - includes refreshments.

CALMING THE STORM- A LENTEN RETREAT

A Lenten day of prayer, reflection and stillness in a busy world on Saturday 27th February 2016 from 10.15am -3.00pm at Our Holy Redeemer's Church House, South Bank Street, Clydebank, G81 1PH. This is an opportunity to take time out during Lent, experience different types of prayer, peace and quiet, and to reflect on your own experiences. Cost for the day is £20 and includes tea/coffee and lunch. To reserve a place contact Oonagh Coultas on 07920 065584 or email parishpriests@msn.com. Details on ohrhouse.org.uk. A car will be running from St Pat's. If interested see Luisa after Mass.

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Funds raised are split 50/50 between the Parish and the Mission Project in Nigeria.



Our **cake and candy** stall will be NOT be on during Lent. We don't want to tempt you!

Ladies Night –took place on Friday, January 29th, at the St Vincent Bowling Club. Thanks to all who turned out to support the parish. We raised £380 in total. Fantastic!

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the event on the night including the Bowling Club who gave us the venue for free.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Joe Gillan, Pat McGrotty, Eileen McGill, Pat Thomas, Ina Haggarty, John Casey, Sheila McDonald

Recently Dead: Mary O'Brian, Margaret McGinnis

Anniversaries: Irene Byrne, John Francis Lee, Elizabeth Lee, the Lee family, Paul McBride