

Fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live. In his First Letter, Saint John admonishes: "If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, yet shuts up his bowels of compassion from him – how does the love of God abide in him?" (3,17). Voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and goes to the help of his suffering brother (cf. Encyclical [Deus caritas est](#), 15). By freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger. It is precisely to keep alive this welcoming and attentive attitude towards our brothers and sisters that I encourage the parishes and every other community to intensify in Lent the custom of private and communal fasts, joined to the reading of the Word of God, prayer and almsgiving. From the beginning, this has been the hallmark of the Christian community, in which special collections were taken up (cf. 2 Cor 8-9; Rm 15, 25-27), the faithful being invited to give to the poor what had been set aside from their fast (Didascalia Ap., V, 20, 18). This practice needs to be rediscovered and encouraged again in our day, especially during the liturgical season of Lent.

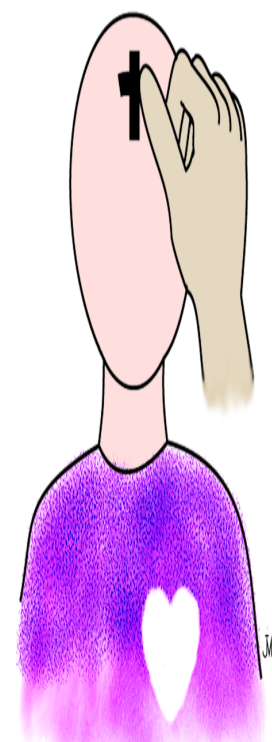
Benedict XVI - Lent 2009



<h1 style="text-align: center;">ST. BRIDE'S</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Weekly schedule</h2>	
Monday	Mass: 10am Toddlers 9.30 am Ash Monday for the Indian Community 5-6pm No Exposition SVDP 7.30pm
Tuesday	Mass: 10am Senior Citizens 12-3 pm
Ash Wednesday	See opposite Toddlers 9.30 am Legion 7.30 pm RCIA 7 pm
Thursday	Mass 10am Golden Group 1.15 pm Confessions & Adoration 7-8pm AA 8 pm
Friday	Mass: 10 am Toddlers 9.30 am Novena: 10.30 am
Saturday	Mass: 10 am Confessions after Mass
Sunday	Mass: 5.30pm (vigil) 10 am 12 noon 3.30pm (Indian) 6pm

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Ash Wednesday</h3> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Day of Fast & Abstinence</h4>	
Masses	
10am	Mass with Ashes
11.15 am St Bride's PS Cambuslang	Mass with Ashes
1.30 pm St Charles' PS Newton	Mass with Ashes
7 pm	Mass with Ashes

During the season of Lent the Church on earth is on pilgrimage to Easter. This Lenten journey calls to mind the great journey of the baptised to heaven. Traveling over this earthly terrain, marked by hunger, thirst and trials, it reminds us of the longing of the soul to be united with God in heaven.



Create a clean heart in me, O God; give me a new and steadfast spirit. Ps. 51

Gaza

Many thanks for the great response to the appeal for Gaza and the Holy Land two weekends ago. The amount raised came to **£3,900**. This is a great sum of money and is much needed - thank for your generosity.

Silver Circle

Winner: No 59 £20

Kathleen Knight Hamilton Drive Cambuslang

Pamper afternoon!

ACN group organising a *pamper afternoon* (1-6 pm) today, 22nd February. This will include hair-dressing, nail painting, facials etc. Cost £5 entry and £4 for treatments.

Dementia Carers

If you know of any carers who wish to belong to a support group here in the parish, please get in contact with **Bernadette 641 8796**

New Books

There are new books from CTS on the book stall for anyone to purchase. Please leave money

with the stall. Books include: *Lent, Stations of the Cross, Lourdes; St Paul, Newman, Belloc, Galileo, Sacramentals etc*

Windows

£6250 has been donated over the last two months for the windows - thanks to everyone for their support.

McIntosh

The family of Marion McIntosh thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes at the time of Marion's death. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Aid to the Church in Need

The projects this year will be to help train religious sisters as doctors in Congo and help priests and sisters run youth work in Vietnam. We are asked to raise £7000.

Fatima 14th-18th October 2009

A number of people have put their names down to go to Fatima in October. Anyone who would like to

go along, please let us know. Price: £449. Those planning to go are asked to make a payment - **Joan 641 9677**

India

At the back of the church there is a presentation of the parish's trip to India in 2008.

Gonzaga Lectures

During Lent St Aloyius' College in Glasgow run the Gonzaga Lenten reflections on the Christian life. The theme this year: **Challenge and Consolation: Faith in 21st Century**. The lectures take place on 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th March at 7.30pm

Catholic Books

Catholic books will be distributed by the **LEGION OF MARY** to children preparing for the sacraments.

Recently Died Michael McCluskey; Lidia Dalmut

Anniversaries: Thomas Houston; Ellen Leonard; Jessie McDonald; Nellie Duffy; Ann Barrett; Cathie Burns; Flora Campbell; Alice Hammond; Hector Reid (Sen & Jun); Catherine & Thomas Reid; John Conway Barrett; John Anderson; Jim Davis

Donations from St Bride's 2008

31st January 2008	<i>Justice and Peace Commission £300</i>
31st January 2008	<i>St Margaret's Adoption £635</i>
13th March 2008	<i>Housing Justice £200</i>
26th April 2008	<i>Holy Places £850</i>
26th April 2008	<i>Sciaf £5355.64</i>
12th May 2008	<i>Ciaran Pryce (Charity) £2400</i>
22nd May 2008	<i>Sciaf Burma Appeal £3200</i>
23rd June 2008	<i>China appeal (Red Cross) £1500</i>
7th July 2008	<i>Housing Justice £150</i>
7th July 2008	<i>Peter's Pence £2200</i>
7th July 2008	<i>Let the Children Live (Street Children/ Colombia) £200</i>
7th July 2008	<i>Columban Fathers £1021</i>
20th August 2008	<i>SPUC £500</i>
29th September 2008	<i>Icon for new Trinity school £1000</i>
29th September 2008	<i>Royal Blind Society £100</i>
29th September 2008	<i>Cancer research £50</i>
27th October 2008	<i>Shelter £400</i>
27th October 2008	<i>Housing Justice £100</i>
30th October 2008	<i>ACN Boxes £843.26</i>
17th November 2008	<i>ACN Project for Pakistan £9000</i>
17th November 2008	<i>De Paul Trust £150</i>
2nd December 2008	<i>Royal Blind Society £50</i>
8th December 2008	<i>Sciaf Congo appeal £2144</i>
December 2008	<i>Missio £3200</i>
December 2008	<i>LEPRA £100</i>
December 2008	<i>SVDP £6500</i>
December 2008	<i>Jericho Benedictines £1000</i>
December 2008	<i>Indian Orphans £775</i>

India

The group that went to India in 2008 is organising two more pilgrimages in 2009 and 2010. If interested contact Hugh Burns 562 4534

Collections

Opposite is a note of the collections for different charities that we have helped over 2008.

Pastoral Centre, Newmains

There will be a talk given by Fr T Magill on *Justification and Ethics in St Paul* on 23rd February at 7.30 at Newmains. Fr W McFadden will also give a talk on Pope Benedict's encyclical on *Hope* - 14th March at 7.30 pm. Contact 01698 385397

Alcoholics

A new group is starting in the hall on Thursday evenings, it is a group to help alcoholics called, Alcoholics Anonymous. It is particularly good time for this to start because during this month we are asked to make the parish community aware of the problem and of support groups. *If you have a problem in the family please contact 0141 339 8884*

St Patrick's Dance

The St Patrick's dance will be on 20th March and tickets will go on sale next weekend.

Fairtrade

In Stonelaw Church there is a Fair-trade exhibition of art work from schools from 3rd -7th March at 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. All welcome.

Enrolment

Enrolment for children in P6 and P7 for the sacrament of confirmation today at Mass.