

# St Bride's - Parish Bulletin



**Second Sunday in Lent (A)**

**17th February**



## LENT

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Monday and Wednesday at 7 pm. There will also be Stations on Friday Morning after 10 am Mass.

**EVENING MASS** on Tuesday

and Thursday at 7 pm.

**MORNING MASSES** at 8.15 and 10 am on Monday-Wednesday & Friday. Saturday morning Mass will be at 10 am.

**CONFESSIONS** on Thursday 7.30 pm and Saturday 10.20 am.

**VISITS** to the Church throughout the day may be made during Lent. The Church is open all day, early in the morning till 8 or 9 at night.

## News

Music group will meet on Sunday 24th February at 7 pm.

Very positive response to the new panels for the icon

of St. Joseph.

It is planned to paint the hall during Lent, this will take place over two weekends with no disruption to clubs or associa-

tions.

Please check out the CTS stall for publications that may be read during Lent.

Please join **Gift Aid**.



## GONZAGA

The Gonzaga Lectures which take place at the College Hall in St Aloysius school in Glasgow will be on the theme of **FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE**. The talks will

be given on 19th & 26th February, 4th & 11th March. The talks will be on the following topics: **Faith and Peace in Public Life from the Experience of the Peace process** (Fr Alex Reid)

**Can a Christian be a committed politician?** (Fr G Hughes). **Obstacles to Faith** (Fr A Monaghan) and **Secularism and Secularism: bugbears for the Catholic Church in Scotland** (Bishop Devine)

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### Dementia

Help available for carers who have family members with dementia - tel no 641 8796.

### Enrolment

Enrolment for children making the sacrament of Communion who are at St Bride's school takes place on 2nd March at 10 am.

### SVDP

As a Lenten spiritual exercise, the Society of St Vincent De Paul is organizing a retreat on Tuesday 11th March 7-9.30 pm. It is hoped that many parishioners will be able to attend.

### Silver Circle

Winner: Janet Carroll  
4 Meek Place

### St Patrick's Dance

Frankie Farrell will play at the St Patrick's dance on 8th March. Tickets: 641 5212

### Pastoral Centre

Pastoral Centre at Newmains is holding a retreat for Eucharistic Ministers on 25th February 7.30-9 pm. There is also a biblical study evening on 12th March given by Fr Magill at the Centre. Please telephone Newmains to book - 01698 385397.

### The footsteps of St Paul

The diocese is organising a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Paul from 11th to 18th October. Meeting in the Diocesan Centre, Motherwell on 21st February at 7.30pm.

### Youth

The Diocesan Youth team is organising 4 evenings under the theme of *Journey of the Heart* at the Diocesan Centre 20th & 27th February 5th & 12th March. Contact 01698 269114

### Social Justice Group

On March 6th at 7.30 pm there will be a film (Black Gold) about Fair Trade shown in Rutherglen Town Hall. Please telephone 643 0427

### Fr Andre

Fr Andre did well in his doc-

torate -9.7 for his work and 10 for the defence (10 is the top mark)

### Coffee morning

On 24th February there will be a coffee morning after 10 am & 12 noon Masses for the support of Ciaran Pryce injured in a rugby game. Any home baking would be appreciated.

### Pakistan Project

The Aid to the Church in Need project is for the support of the Church in Pakistan. We have to decide between certain projects: help for sisters in providing small catechisms; support for clergy training etc. News later.

### Sciaf

Please be generous to the Sciaf appeal which takes place on 4th Sunday of Lent *On 6th April there will be a fundraising event for Sciaf in the parish. It will be a repeat of last year's Looking Good, Feeling Good. News later.*

### Walsingham Pilgrimage

We hope to organise a pilgrimage to Walsingham in England on 5th April. Anyone wishing to along, please let us know.

## Lenten Message

Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For this year's Lenten Message, I wish to spend some time reflecting on the practice of almsgiving, which represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods.

The force of attraction to material riches and just how categorical our decision must be not to make of them an idol, Jesus confirms in a resolute way: "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Lk 16, 13). Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbour's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness. This is the aim of the special collections in favour of the poor, which are promoted during Lent in many parts of the world.

**Pope Benedict's Lenten message 2008 (extract).** Full text on the parish website.

## John Kennedy

Karen Anne & Tony thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes at the time of their father's death. Mass offered for the intention of all.

## Music

The Music meeting for cantors and organists looked at music to be sung during Lent. It was decided that no opening hymn should be sung during Lent with the exception of a litany to the saints on the First Sunday of Lent (10 am & 12 noon)

## Bill Rooney

Christine Rooney & family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers and cards for Bill. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

## Charismatic Retreat

A retreat at Mount St Mary's College in Sheffield from 24th-28th March. Contact St Joseph's Retreat Highgate hill London.

*Recently died:* Fr Barrie WF; Grace McLaughlin; Matthew Pettigrew *Anniversaries* Vincent Kirk; McGowan family; Kathleen Breen; Jimmy McCourt; Ann Barret; John Anderson; Ellen Leonard; Patrick Farrell; Mary Kyle; Theresa Wallace (Bradley).

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