



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

ST. BRIDE'S

Parish Bulletin

9th Sunday OT (A)

Lent

During the season of Lent the Church on earth is on pilgrimage towards Easter. This Lenten journey recalls the great journey of the baptised to heaven. We travel over this earthy terrain, marked by hunger, thirst and trials. We are God's people searching for the promised land, disciplined by self sacrifice, eager to find the promised land.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at the Masses this week. Masses: 10 am 11.15; 1.30 pm (St. Charles') 7 pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross

Monday and Wednesday at 7 pm.

Aid to the Church in Need

Our special charity is publishing a report on persecuted Christians at Carfin Grotto on 15th March. There will be a small reception which will launch the book, this will be followed by a Way of the Cross. All welcome.

St Patrick's Night

St Patrick's Night dance will be on 18th March. Tickets: 641 5212.



Financial Matters

The parish is designing a weekly saving's fund. Parishioners who enter it can put money away for a 'rainy day'. In the near future:

Collection envelopes will be distributed soon.

If you wish you can put any amount of money into the weekly envelope and at 2 points during the year, money will be given back.

The intention is to be of assistance in the present financial climate. It is hoped that this will help parishioners to meet the difficult times during the year.

Anyone of any age can belong to the fund.

Credit Union

Some parishioners also remind me that the Credit Union (Main St) offers a similar scheme. The Credit Union also offers loans that can be repaid.

Bishop's medal

Teresa McKend is to be awarded the Bishop's medal (Bene Merenti) for services to the parish and local community. Teresa will receive the medal at the end of 12 noon Mass on 6th March.

Family Mass

Family Mass for children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on 7th March - 7 pm

Eucharistic Ministers

We have had good meetings preparing our volunteers. We will commission the new Eucharistic ministers on 20th March at 12 noon.

Clothes Collection

Mary's meals clothes collection on 3rd April.

Fatima

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Fatima in October 2011. If you are interested, please put your name down at the back of the church.

Catholic Education	
February	A Guide to Christian living
March	The Heart of Christianity
April	What is the Catholic Faith?
May	Why is Sunday Special?
June	What if I can't get to Sunday Mass?
July	Everyday Catholic Prayers
August	Making the best of a Secondary School

St. Charles'

St Charles' will move to its new building this year. The school will have a concert and exhibition on 27-28th April. All welcome.

Website

Interesting website: pray-as-you-go.org

Silver Circle

March 6th: Robert Mulvenna
12 Whyte Ave £50

Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast will be on 20th March.

Coffee Morning

Some of our Trinity High School pupils will put on a Coffee morning on 13th March after morning Masses. Money raised will be to send children to Lourdes at Easter.

Family Night

Family night will be on 26th March 7-11 pm. There will be Singstar and games. £3 per family or £1 per person. Thanks for the great response, all the tickets are sold out.

Quiz Night

A Quiz Night will take place on 11th March. Funds for ACN. Donations for raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets on sale.

Gift Aid

We have 178 members in Gift Aid, 36 pay by direct debit. Last year it realised for the parish £19,497.71. Please join.

Died: Margo Boulezreg; Anni: Alice Hammond; John & Agnes McFadden; Tommy Kearns; John Brogan

Weekly Schedule

Monday	Toddlers: 9.30 am Mass: 10 am Jigsaw: 3 pm No Exposition Indian Mass: 5 pm Family Mass 7pm SVDP: 7.30 pm
Tuesday	Mass: 10 am Jigsaw 3 pm Senior Citizens: 12 noon Youth Drama: 6.30 pm
Ash Wednesday	Morning Prayer: 9.45 am Mass: 10 am; 11, 15am; 1.30 pm; 7 pm Jigsaw: 3 pm RCIA 7.30 pm
Thursday St John Ogilvie	Mass: 10 am Legion of Mary: 10.30 am Golden Group: 12.30 pm Jigsaw 3 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8 pm Confession: 7-8 pm
Friday	Toddlers: 9.30 am Mass: 10 am Novena after Mass
Saturday	Mass: 10 am Confessions: 10.20 am
Sunday	(vigil) 5.30 pm 10 am & 12 noon ; 6 pm Indian Mass: 3.30 pm.