

Saturday 14th March
 9.30am—11.45 First Confessions
 4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 15th March 4th Sunday Lent (A)
Laetare Sunday—SCIAF Sunday

9am Mass & 11am Mass (Children's Liturgy)
 Tea bar after Mass

12.15 Funeral appointment

5.30pm Evening Mass with worship Group

Monday 16th March 10am Parish Mass

9.30 - 12 TWMM Breakfast Club

2.30 Sick/Hospital calls

6pm Wedding appointment



Tuesday 17th March Feast of St Patrick

10am Parish Mass

10.30 - 2.30 Adoration of the Bl Sacrament

Tuesday Club 11- 2pm

6.45 for 7pm St Patricks night event to welcome SCIAF and Caritas International

Wednesday 18th March

10am Parish Mass

Thursday 19th March Feast of St Joseph

10am Parish Mass

10.45 Lenten Scripture Group (Oratory)

10.30 Maccy CaFFY

7pm RCIA (Chapel House)

Friday 20th March

10am Funeral Mass; Paul O'Donnell RIP

Saturday 21st March

10.30 Pop up café; Asda; promoting easter

4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.30pm Vigil Mass; 5th Sunday of Lent

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SCIAF Coffee Morning: Tues 17th & Wed 18th Mar, 10am - 2.30pm, Pauline Books, St Enoch Sq, Glasgow. Coffee, cakes, raffle & hear about SCIAF's work & Wee Box appeal

Legion of Mary: All active & auxiliary legionaries invited to attend Acies ceremony Corpus Christi Parish, Knightswood, Sun 22nd Mar at 3pm. Tea & coffee afterwards.

Music Ministry in Barlinnie Prison: Seeking a couple of musicians to help two men who already play guitar at this Mass - 3rd Monday of each month. For info contact Fr McAlinden on 0141 772 1905 or staugustine@rcag.org.uk

RCAG - World Youth Day 2027: Info evening Mon 23rd Mar, 7pm/9pm Youth Office.

RCAG Youth - Lenten Reflection with Archbishop Nolan: Mon 30th March, 7 - 9 St. Andrew's Cathedral. Young adults (16+)

Justice & Peace Bearsden & Milngavie along with us ... arranged political hustings before local elections. You're invited! 7pm - 8.30

19th March Ross Greer, Green Party -

St Joseph's Hall, Milngavie

26th March Marie McNair, SNP -

St Andrew's Hall, Bearsden

16th April - James Adams, Labour candidate for Glasgow Kelvin & Maryhill - Immaculate Conception hall

Meet the Candidates



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



Today is SCIAF Sunday. 4th Sunday in Lent is the day when we take up the most important collection of the year - supporting our international aid agency's annual campaign. This year that focuses on water in Ethiopia. Our parish representatives spoke last week about the campaign; this Tuesday at the St Partick's event SCIAF staff will be here to show a film and answer questions. Please give as generously as you can. If you do not have cash on you scan the QR code below - its our own code for SCIAF donations



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Sunday Mass 5.30, 9a.m, 11am (children liturgy) 5.30pm (Youth worship)

Confession Saturday 4.30 - 5pm or request

Weekday Mass Monday - Friday 10am (No Mass on Saturday)

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4th Sunday in Lent (A)

“Laetare Sunday”

‘In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged’



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading; Samuel 16 vs
David is anointed king of Israel

Responsorial Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14
Arise for the dead and Christ will shine on you

Gospel; John 9:1-41
The Man went and washed and received his sight

Sensing the Gospel

Over the next 2 weeks, the Gospels recall dramatic encounters between Jesus & the man born blind, and with the dead Lazarus. These long gospels will be read in 3 voices, so the power of the story may help us encounter Jesus in his word for he is the water of life, our light and our life.



During Lent, the 2nd collection is taken up to support the 94 retired priests of the Archdiocese - like Fr Currie, Fr Sheary who served here (Week 4 is SCIAF Sunday)



as one family. Not strangers - sisters and brothers. Please make sure and collect a complimentary copy of our welcome and info brochure at the back of the church. There's something for everyone here!

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) becomes more intense in the next weeks leading up to the Sacred Triduum & Easter. Our dozen candidates are presented to the congregation over 3 weeks, and this week they are gifted a copy of the Creed as they gradually move to being fully initiated. Because of the size of the group & other commitments, we will celebrate at both the 11am Mass & 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass this year



Supporting SCIAF & St Patrick's Night Irish Stew, Guinness, wine & soft drinks. Irish dancing display & Ceili music. 17th March 6.45pm for 7. (Anybody donate soda bread?) 8pm we'll hear about SCIAF's Ethiopia campaign & meet Caritas International delegates. Free event but you'll have the option of donating in the bucket collection. There are more 'Wee Boxes' in the porch to fill or give away another! **If you're here and don't have cash you can scan the QR code and donate to our national aid agency. We need to issue a free ticket for this event; Please collect from Fr Jim as you leave**

Think Fete! Yes that time already - clearing out? We're concentrating on new goods and bottles; if any businesses can donate for a raffle - that too would be awesome!



Funerals Please pray for Paul O'Donnell RIP (F 20th March 10am) And Eileen Lally, funeral last week Condolences to everyone.

Bereavement support Few folks in parish working on a simple, welcoming opportunity to talk and share around bereavement & loss. An initial support, offering some support - watch this space.

Marrying in 2026? (or into 2027) email Fr Jim for pre-nuptial enquiry forms & other arrangements for your wedding!

Thanks to FireCloud for presenting a Lenten meditation, in music, word 'Broken For You' on the Passion. Thanks to all who came, who catered and for your donations for SCIAF

Restarting Reciting the Rosary - halted by the pandemic. Ron led us last week with a great number of people. We won't be doing this every week - so watch for next date

Weekly Scripture sharing group (Thursday in Oratory—opportunity for lunch together at Maccy Caffy) Please see Isobel for booklet with readings - sign up in porch

Spring clean, hall, garages, grounds happen-

ing in May - watch out for date & sign up! **Maryhill Against Racism.** Lots going on and a community event planned Sun 12th April Speak to Christine Vennard for info

Parking when at Mass. Please park in the car park, careful to use the bays and not making it tight to manoeuvre. Why not think of coming on the bus or car sharing with neighbours or family? We're negotiating using. Stewards in Hi Viz would help on very busy days - Good Friday etc? Anybody?

Sick and Housebound Let us know who in your family or neighbourhood ought to have the sacraments at home. We aim to celebrate Mass in Shiskine & Arrochar sheltered complexes & afternoon tea!

Important calendar change. Parish Penitential service for Lent moves to 24th March instead of 25th - clashing with Mrs McGeachie's retirement.

Have you heard? Mrs Madeline McGeachie is retiring as Head Teacher of St Marys PS on the last day of this term. Her retirement mass is on March 25th at 1.30

Please be aware there will be painters in the sacristy & cleaners kitchen 4 days next week



End the Attacks on Iran. illegal, unprovoked attacks by US & Israel against Iran risk unleashing a devastating war across the Middle East; write to your MP to make it clear the UK must not be part of another catastrophic war: <https://cnd.eaction.org.uk/StoptheBombingofIran>.

Debt Vultures Are Circling Ethiopia. swooping in & suing Ethiopia - a nation reeling from climate disasters & mounting debt - through the High Court in London, as UK law lets them; sign the petition for a new debt law: <https://act.debtjustice.org.uk/stop-debt-vultures-0>.

Buy Fairtrade Chocolate. Help strengthen prevention & remediation of child labour & forced labour, promote gender equity, build climate resilience, a decent livelihood for cocoa farmers; info: <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/products-and-producers/fairtrade-products>.

Affording the Essentials. We know how much need our local foodbank meets - additionally the Trussell Trust gave 2.6 million emergency food parcels; sign up to call for change so everyone can afford essentials: <https://campaign.trussell.org.uk/en/parcels-by-postcode-2026>.

Pause Data Centre Development. Proposed AI hyperscale data centre developments in Scotland would, need power exceeding the entire 4000MW winter peak electricity demand, blowing climate targets for virtually no benefits; info: <https://www.stopclimatechaos.scot/>.

