



# THE PARISH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE COATBRIDGE . SCOTLAND



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – SCIAF SUNDAY

### THE PRODIGAL SON



The Gospel parable today reflects upon some of the harsh realities of family life: about breakups and reconciliation, about love that has limits and love that has none. Many people, parents especially, can identify with the role of the Father in this parable who bravely holds-on to the ideal of unconditional love, even in the most difficult of circumstances. If we take a look at the young man who asks for his inheritance in advance we watch him sink deeper into darkness and bring shame upon his family. And yet, despite his greed and waywardness the father waits patiently, never giving-up hope that his Son would one day return home. And upon his return we see mercy taking

over; mercy and love symbolized in the robe, the ring and the sandals. Against all the odds, he is welcomed as a son, not as a servant. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness. As in this case, it is mercy that is shown to heal and repair our wounds; and if that is true among ourselves and within our families, how much more it is between ourselves and God.

The parable of the Prodigal Son contains a call for us to practice mercy. Our human condition means we tend to do wrong, to reject others, to become greedy, to be proud, and to fall short of our own high standards. We need an outpouring of mercy in our own lives and in the Church at this very moment. The Gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved, with an outpouring of mercy. And even when we struggle to do this – like the older son – we know we are still loved. This is the meaning of unconditional love.

**SCiAF**  
Scotland's aid agency

**SCIAF SUNDAY**

This weekend we celebrate SCIAF Sunday. It is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the great work which is undertaken by our national Catholic charity on behalf of us all. In his Pastoral Letter which will be read-out in every parish in the country today, Bishop Toal, the President of SCIAF, asks us to pray for the success of these charitable projects which are focused on lifting people out of poverty. He also asks us to be generous with our resources in supporting SCIAF's efforts overseas. Please remember that every £1 donated in today's Second Collection, and in your Wee Boxes, will be DOUBLED by the UK Government.

# PARISH NEWS

## 40 DAYS OF LIFE

What are you doing for Lent? Can you consider taking part in 40 Days for Life – a Christian prolife campaign to raise awareness about the crisis of abortion in our country Contact [rose\\_doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:rose_doherty@hotmail.com)

## PARISH CATERER

The parish is looking to employ a Catering Manager to oversee the running of the kitchen when the Parish Halls reopen after the renovation. Applicants are required to have relevant food handling qualifications, as well as experience catering for large numbers. Applicants should forward CV's to Fr. Kane at the Chapel House. Closing date for applications is Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> March. Applicants will be required to attend an interview.

## CHURCH CARPARK

Parishioners will be aware that the Church car park is now in a poor condition. A full scale repair was considered imprudent at this stage, especially because of the regular traffic of heavy works vehicles at the hall. A temporary repair has, however, been scheduled and will begin soon. Please be careful when driving or walking in the Church yard until the repairs are completed.

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MEETING

There will be a meeting for all those travelling to the Holy Land. It will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Halls of St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Millgate, Uddingston. The next instalment of £300pp should be paid at this meeting.

## PIONEERS LENTEN RETREAT

St. Patrick's Church, Coatbridge on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. All welcome.

## SEEDS OF HOPE NEWS

Many thanks for supporting Table Top Sale - £180 raised for India project. When the Halls open there will be a group planning meeting.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations this week will be on Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, rather than the normal Tuesday.

## TOILET FACILITIES

Two portable cubicle toilets have been setup in the Church car park for use by parishioners.

## Lenten Timetable

**Extra Daily Mass** (Mon – Fri): 8.30am  
*Please encourage children to attend this Mass*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
(Mon – Fri) 10.30am – 7.00pm

**Sundays of Lent:**  
**Evening Prayer & Benediction** 5.30pm  
**Stations of the Cross:** Friday at 7.00pm

**Lenten Confessions**  
Saturdays 10.30am; 4.00 - 4.30pm  
Friday\* 7.30 – 8.00pm  
Sundays 6.15 – 7.00pm

## WORLD YOUTH DAY – POLAND

There are still spaces available for this pilgrimage (21 July – 1 August 2016). £450pp, includes all transport, accommodation & entrance fees. Please speak to Fr. Kane if you are between 18–35yrs & interested in joining. Next meeting for pilgrims: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00pm in the Chapel House.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

The children of P.3 will make this sacrament at a special service in our Church this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Please pray for our young candidates as they prepare to experience the healing and mercy of Jesus in confession.

## PRO-LIFE GROUP MEETING

The group will restart this coming Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Chapel House. New members always welcome to pray for life.

## NEW READERS ROTA

This is now available from the notice board in the Church porch.

**Well done to the boys and girls for your faithfulness to the 8.30am Lenten Mass.**  
***Keep up the good work!***

## PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<p><b>Sunday 6 March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent</p> <p><b>SCIAF SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>10.00am Holy Mass (with Second RCIA Scrutiny) 12noon Holy Mass <i>Religious Shop OPEN after both Masses</i> 1.00pm Baptisms 5.00pm Vigil of Reception for Margaret Bruce <b>5.30pm Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b> <b>6.15 – 7.00pm Lenten Confessions</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 7 March</b> Fourth Week of Lent</p>	<p>7.50 – 8.50am Kids Breakfast Club (Sacristy) <b>8.30am Early Morning Lenten Mass</b> 10.00am Requiem Mass of Margaret Bruce 11.00am-7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Religious Shop OPEN after Mass</i> 7.30pm RCIA Group (Chapel House)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 8 March</b> Fourth Week of Lent</p>	<p>7.50 – 8.50am Kids Breakfast Club (Sacristy) <b>8.30am Early Morning Lenten Mass</b> 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am-7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Religious Shop OPEN after Mass</i> 6.00pm Reception of James Gallagher <u>NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS &amp; LENTEN CONFESSIONS</u> <b>7.00pm First Reconciliation Service (Church)</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9 March</b> Fourth Week of Lent</p>	<p>7.50 – 8.50am Kids Breakfast Club (Sacristy) <b>8.30am Early Morning Lenten Mass</b> 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am-7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Religious Shop OPEN after Mass</i> <b>7.30pm Pro-life Meeting (Chapel House)</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 10 March</b> <u><b>Feast of St. John Ogilvie</b></u></p>	<p>7.50 – 8.50am Kids Breakfast Club (Sacristy) <b>8.30am Early Morning Lenten Mass</b> 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am-7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Religious Shop OPEN after Mass</i></p>
<p><b>Friday 11 March</b> Fourth Week of Lent</p>	<p>7.50 – 8.50am Kids Breakfast Club (Sacristy) <b>8.30am Early Morning Lenten Mass</b> 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am-7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <u>7.00pm Stations of the Cross</u> <u>7.30 – 8.00pm Lenten Confessions</u> <i>Religious Shop OPEN after Mass</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday 12 March</b> Votive Mass of Our Lady</p>	<p>10.00am Holy Mass <b>Confessions after Holy Mass</b> 4.00 – 4.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</b> 5.00pm Vigil Mass <i>Religious Shop OPEN after Mass</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 13 March</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>10.00am Holy Mass (with Third RCIA Scrutiny) 12noon Holy Mass <i>Religious Shop OPEN after both Masses</i> <b>5.30pm Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b> <b>6.15 – 7.00pm Lenten Confessions</b></p>

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Rev. Fr. Martin Sweeney MHM; Margaret Bruce (Woodside Care Home); Margaet McCabe; Barry Wason (Hamilton); James Gallagher; Josephine Campbell (St. Bridget's).

## ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Agnes Cartlidge; Mary Meechan; Patrick, Cathie, Sadie & James Meechan; Esther Campbell; Thomas, Chrissie & Mary Dick; Paul Downie; Frank Downie; Catherine Campbell; John & Katie O'Neill; Mairi & Rose McLaren; Elizabeth Kennedy; William & Mary Davidson; Margaret Smith; Joe & Nan McLaughlin; Arthur & Margaret Reilly; Michael & Helen Hughes; John O'Neill; Aidan O'Neill; Thomas & Ellen Farrell; Romy Queni-Parker; Daniel & Mary Reilly; Jim Davies; David Dillon; Walter Gilroy; Kathleen Murphy; Thomas, Margaret & Andrew Murphy; Rose Gilmore; Friends & Relatives of the Boyce Family.

## SICK

Rev. Fr. John McClorey MHM; Sandra O'Donnell; Arthur Mulholland; Joan Reid; Janine Mahoney; Janine Russell; Jack Lammond; Roisin O'Toole; Mary Moffat; John Steele; Mark Archdeacon (Port Glasgow).

### **Parish Priest**

Rev. Michael John Kane

### **Assistant Priest**

Rev. James Travers

Sr. Eileen Hobbins (*Pastoral Assistant*)

Mrs. Margaret Haggerty (*Secretary*)

Miss. Antionette Parr (*Safeguarding Officer*)



### LAST WEEK'S INCOME

First Collection	£705
Second Collection	£690
Gift-Aid (weekly average)	£1065
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME</b>	<b>£2460</b>

### **Baptisms**

On the last Sunday of the month by arrangement with the clergy.

### **Marriages**

Arrangements for weddings should be made by appointment with the Parish Priest (6 months notice required).

### **Calling Times / Office Hours**

Appointments to speak to the clergy may be made through the Secretary by calling 01236 423044. (*Office hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm Mondays; 9.00am – 3.00pm Fridays*). Appointments may also be made outside these hours or by emailing [office@staugustinescoatbridge.com](mailto:office@staugustinescoatbridge.com). Please remember that if you reside outside the boundary of St. Augustine's, then you must ask for the sacraments in your own parish.

### **Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations**

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Chapel House to arrange for a visit from the clergy. This should ordinarily be arranged *prior to* any prolonged hospital visit. The Catholic Chaplain to Monklands Hospital is Fr. Travers. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Chaplain please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital.



## PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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