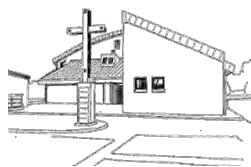




St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



5th Sunday of Lent B
21st March 2021

This week the Church celebrates

Thursday
Annunciation of the Lord



St. Mary's Gift Aid Envelopes

Due to the continuation of the Covid 19 virus we will not be providing any Gift Aid envelopes from April 2021. Should you wish to continue to support the parish, you can set up a standing order in your bank.
Parish Account: Royal Bank of Scotland;
Sort Code 831710; A/C N° 00253583;
St. Mary's RC Church, Duntocher, Archdiocese of Glasgow.
St. Mary's Building Fund: Sort Code 831710. A/C N° 00254571;
Parish overheads continue, even during a period such as this. Your generosity is as always most appreciated.

Justice and Peace Scotland

When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.

Made with Love (JMJ)/FireCloud

have both reached the Community Budgeting Phase 5 Voting process. Success is decided by the votes that we receive from West Dunbartonshire residents. Everyone will have 5 votes. register and vote is log on to <https://wdn.communitychoices.scot>. Ballots can be cast between 9am on 22nd March and 5pm on Friday 31st. Please support us by going online or getting someone to help you to vote for Made with Love (JMJ) and FireCloud so that we can continue the work we do in your local community.

Sunday Masses

Churches are due to reopen next Sunday

St Mary's 5pm Vigil; 10am Live-streamed
St Joseph's No Mass

Live-streamed Mass in Saint Mary's at 9.30am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuK-9mvdWnQ2-Hs0f3Cl3bA/videos>



1st Reading **Jeremiah 31.31-34**

2nd Reading **Hebrews 5.7-9**

Gospel Reading **John 12.20-30**

Plan ahead: Make Mass Make Sense

Next Sunday: Passion/Palm Sunday B

1st Reading **Isaiah 50.4-7**

2nd Reading **Philippians 2.6-11**

Gospel Readings **Mark 11.1-10; 14 - 15**

Please pray for...

those who have died recently:

Marjorie Morrison

and on the anniversaries of: Paddy Fox;
Arthur Doyle; Patrick Reynolds; Chrissie Gallacher;
Anne Hargey

*Please email any names
that you wish to be added to the bulletin*



Funeral in St. Joseph's

Kirsty Bogan, RIP Wednesday

Look

All the time stuff

◆ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

2nd Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

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SORRY, BUT NOT FOR A WHILE

Children's Liturgy Clubs Hall activities and catering

Scottish Charity SC0 18140

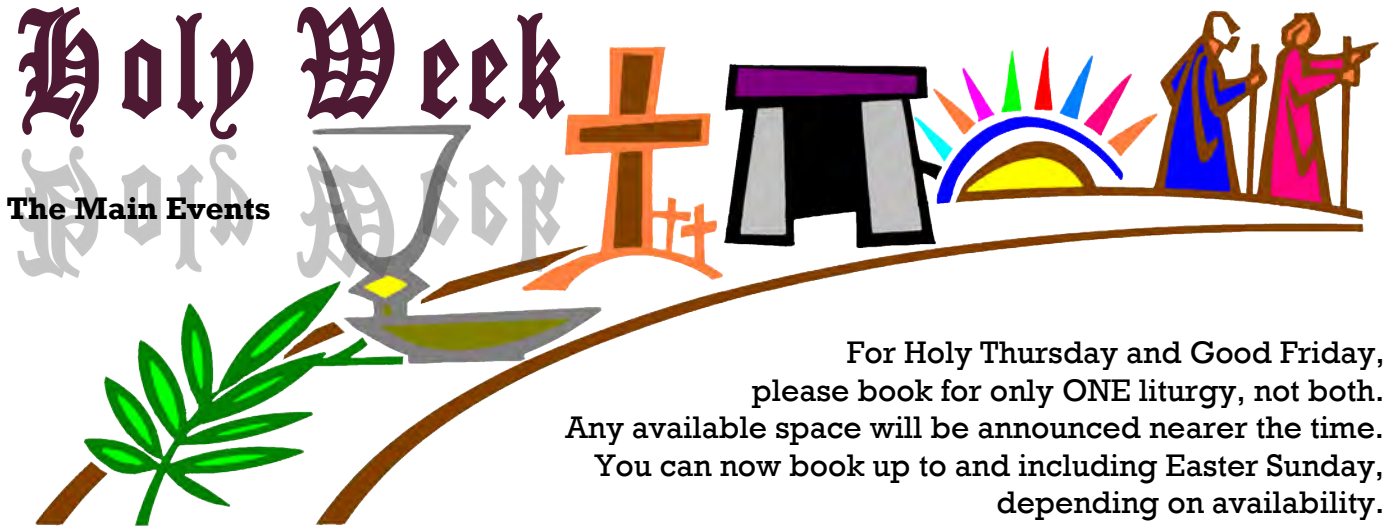
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Holy Week

The Main Events



For Holy Thursday and Good Friday, please book for only ONE liturgy, not both. Any available space will be announced nearer the time. You can now book up to and including Easter Sunday, depending on availability.

Please do not block book: make a separate application for each service.

For St. Mary's email St. Mary's at stmary.duntocher@rcag.org.uk;

For St. Joseph's annemarie.dumigan@btinternet.com or phone 07940543775

Palm Sunday



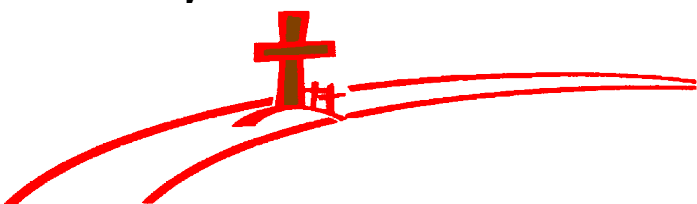
Saint Mary's 5pm Vigil (*full*) 10am
Saint Joseph's 4pm Vigil Noon

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper



Saint Joseph's 6pm
Saint Mary's 7pm

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion



Saint Joseph's 12 Noon
Saint Mary's 3pm

Monday

9.30am St. Mary's: Mass live-streamed only
 1.30pm 1st Confessions in St. Joseph's school
 6.30pm Holy Week live-streamed reflection by Fr. Paul

Tuesday

9.30am St. Mary's: Mass (maximum 50) no booking required
 1.30pm 1st Confessions in St. Mary's school

Wednesday

9.30am St. Mary's: Mass live-streamed only

Saturday, the day of waiting and watching



Easter Sunday



Saint Joseph's 4pm Noon
Saint Mary's 7pm Vigil (*not 5*) 10am

Reflection for 5th Sunday of Lent B, 21st March 2021

We could be forgiven just now for lamenting the passing of a year, when at this time last year we saw the first Sunday of lockdown when our churches were closed and the unthinkable had happened. Today, there is a glimmer of hope with some easing of the restrictions from next weekend. Thankfully, we will at least be able to celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week albeit in a slightly different manner. Without sounding too cynical, many of us could not have considered another Holy Week and Easter without some sort of faith connection to our parish communities. A blended approach to Holy Week may be the best outcome for us this year. Such thoughts would have been inconceivable a few years ago, but it is now something that is beginning to shape the post-pandemic Church and our journey out of lockdown. New challenges for a new pastoral reality.

This week, we have seen some bright spring days and a rise in the temperature. Although it is not everything, all primary school children have now returned to school. As the day gets longer, there is a little more of positive thinking that can help us get through these difficult times.

We are now heading towards the final straight of Lent with Palm Sunday and Holy Week on the horizon. Our lives of faith may be a bit tired. We might feel that we lack a certain creativity and energy about our faith. We may crave for something of the past, praying that we can return to it with relative ease. That could simply be wishful thinking. It might not be as easy as we first thought. The call or the way of the disciple has proved to be a challenging road over the last year and some people have suffered as a result. We would only be foolish if we did not recognise that. As we continue on our Lenten pilgrimage, perhaps these words of Timothy Radcliffe will help to keep going, albeit as bruised pilgrim towards Jerusalem and for the celebration of the Easter Mystery. May we keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts as we commemorate and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth as we continue in our conversation of faith with God and each other.

The moment that religious people start to talk about truth, the people, become nervous. This is understandable. All over the world violence is associated with different faiths quarrelling about the truth. Christians make claims for Jesus, Muslims for Qur'an, Hindus for Krishna. These claims cannot all be true, and so believers start killing each other. Truth claims are associated with intolerance, arrogance and indoctrination. Even within these religions, interpretations of sacred texts are bitterly contested. As Christians we claim that the Bible is true, but there is a vast proliferation of interpretations of the Bible. Finding the most bizarre has been compared with identifying the most ugly statue of Queen Victoria: the competition is hot.

Even so, we believe that the truth may be sought, patiently and with humility. If not, we shall all just be stuck with our differences. After the Second World War, Albert Camus said in a lecture to the Dominican brethren in Paris, 'Dialogue is only possible between people who remain what they are, and who speak the truth.' There is no point in dialogue if there is no truth. The only basis upon which I may build communion with the believers of other faiths and none is in the shared search for truth. A taxi driver once made some racist remark during a trip through London. I told him that what he was saying was untrue. He replied: 'What do you mean, untrue? They are my opinions.' He assumed that this was an unanswerable defence to his right to assert them.

We can only draw close to people who think differently if we believe that we can reason together and so attain a common truth. Claiming that you have got the truth wrapped up does breed violence and intolerance. Believing that together we may arrive at the truth can heal difference."

Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., "**What is the point of being a Christian?**", page 116.