

St Mary & St Joseph Parish

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The parishes of St Mary's Duntocher and St Joseph's Faifley recently merged to become a single parish - St Mary and St Joseph. To reflect this new status and name a new Facebook page has been set up: St Mary and St Joseph. No content will be added to the current page and you are encouraged to follow the new page.

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Psalm response – MAY YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE BE UPON US, AS WE HOPE IN YOU, O LORD

REFLECTION. Last week we reflected on the 3 gardens of Lent as described in Genesis, the garden where God walked with man & woman and how that relationship was fractured and God promised to never forget us. "Why are you hiding" says God to all those who run away from God. He is with us in the Garden of Gethsemane, kneeling beside us in the darkness of our garden of suffering and pain, a lonely garden. And he is in the garden of the Resurrection which we celebrate at Easter as we await his Glory.

His friends see a glimpse of that Glory atop the mountain. We too are his friends and we glimpse the goodness and glory of God around us in creation and in the image and likeness of God that is within us

This prayer takes on a journey of the senses. We are to listen to the voice of God, not just hear, but consider and give attention to what is said.

Next, we ask God to nourish us, which means to feed, to eat to pasture us. We are fed by Christ in the Eucharist, that's why it is important to come to Mass and share the eucharist. Why would I starve myself of Christ and become weak spiritually and physically?

In 2 Corinthians Paul tells us that God's glory begins now "All of us, gazing with unveiled faces on the glory of God, are being transformed into the same image..."

The brilliance of Christ's glory shone on Elijah, Moses and the apostles. They were transfigured by it.

We need more glory reflectors today. Are you one of them?

MASSES THIS WEEK

AS IT SAYS ABOVE LENT IS A TIME OF INCONVENIENCE IN RESPONSE TO THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS, THEREFORE OUR MORNING MASS THROUGH LENT WILL BE AT 8.20A.M. TO ALLOW CHILDREN PARENTS, TEACHERS, WORKERS TO ATTEND.

PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT. THIS IS THE MASS OF THE DAY. THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA MASS FOR FUNERALS.

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

MONDAY 2ND MARCH. LENTEN MASS 8.20. A.M. RECEPTION OF THE REMAINS OF CATHERINE McEWAN AT 6.30.PM. TO ST MARY'S.

TUESDAY. 3RD MARCH. LENTEN MASS AT 8.20 A.M. REQUIEM MASS FOR CATHERINE McEWAN AT 9.30.A.M.

WEDNESDAY. 4TH MARCH. LENTEN MASS AT 8.20 A.M. LENTEN PRAYERS ST JOSEPH'S 12.30.P.M.

THURSDAY. 5TH MARCH. LENTEN MASS AT 8.20.A.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12.30.pm. RECEPTION OF THE REMAINS OF JOHN RUSSELL TO ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT 6.30.PM

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN RUSSELL AT 9.30.A.M. IN ST JOSEPH'S

GRACES OF DAILY MASS

Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to fight selfish pride and sin.

Praising God first thing in the morning is the most important thing on our daily calendar.

The Mass is my ongoing spiritual formation. The Mass heals. You meet your Creator, your friend, your love.

Lenten Almsgiving. The second collection through Lent is an Archdiocesan collection for Care of Sick & retired Priests. Please keep this in mind LAST WEEK COLLECTION £582.39

SCIAF little boxes are available in the porch to take and fill with coins and return at Easter. Prayer devotions. Week by week opportunity to come together and pray

CLYDEBANK PASTORAL AREA

CHECK IT OUT. YOU NEED TO SUBSCRIBE

The new website for the Clydebank parishes is launched across all Parishes

The website address is RCClydebank.org. PLEASE CHECK UPCOMING NOTICES REGARDING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OTHER PARISHES DURING THE LENTEN SEASON THAT YOU CAN GO TO

PARISH BANK DETAILS IF YOU ARE WISHING TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER OR DIRECT DEBIT AS FOLLOWS. ST MARY'S R.C. CHURCH – ACCOUNT NUMBER 00253583. - BRANCH CODE 83-17-10.

SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

Our collection for the Bairn Necessities in Drumchapel ends today. Thank you to all who contributed. A great deal of high-quality children's clothing has been delivered to them.

Our collection for March and April is **scarves, gloves and hats for Refuweege**. This organisation supports refugees and asylum seekers in Glasgow. We have collected egg boxes and back packs for them in the past. Please leave items in usual place- porch in St Joseph's and baptismal chapel in St Mary's.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY. DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS.

Reconciliation - Wednesday 18th March at 6.30

Communion- Saturday 9th May at 10am and Saturday 16th May at 10am

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY. DATES FOR SACRAMENTS,

Reconciliation – PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE IS MONDAY 30th MARCH AT 6.30.PM.

Communion. - Saturday 25th April at 10.a.m. a.m.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

When a law dealing with irreversible decisions is rushed, weakened, and riddled with unanswered questions, the responsible course is clear: stop. Scotland should reject this dangerous bill and insist on a system that protects life, safeguards the vulnerable, and upholds the highest ethical and legal standards.

Many thanks to all those who contributed signatures to MSPs to vote against this Bill and for those who want to help into the future.

SUNDAY CAFÉ REOPENS TODAY AFTER 10 A. M. MASS IN ST MARY'S

TRYING TO ESTABLISH A ROTA OF FOLK OVER THE MONTH SO you are only committing to one Sunday

1st March. Carol & Stephanie

8th March. Moya, Marie, Mary

15th March. Need a team. Any volunteers???

22nd March. Terri, Laura Jane, Adam

29th March. Carol. Stephanie

If the Café is to carry on, we need new volunteers, maybe even groups alternating from week to week. If you wish to volunteer, please see Fr after any of the masses. Thank you. Progress is being made with volunteers approaching perhaps for the beginning of March. If you feel you could help once a month, join in. HOME BAKERS, PLEASE BRING YOUR GOODIES

SUNDAY CAFÉ IN ST JOSEPH'S TODAY AFTER 12 NOON MASS.HIGH TEA. COME AND JOIN US

Intimation Envelopes can be found for Mass intentions. Deaths, Anniversaries, Masses etc in the Sacristy. Church Porch. Please use these envelopes, as Mass Intentions are given to others priests to celebrate. Please return to Fr, or place in the collection baskets

FUNERALS PENDING

Catherine McEwan from Cleddans Rd. Catherine passed away in the QEUH. Catherine had a strong faith which comforted her. Catherine came to Mass and was an example to her children and friends whom we remember today. Reception of remains Monday 02/03/26 at 6.30.p.m. & Requiem Mass on Tuesday 03/03/26 at 9.30.a.m. St Mary's.

John Russell from Faifley. John died peacefully in hospital, surrounded by his wife Josie and family. They are married 64 years, a lifetime of togetherness and friendship. We pray for John's family and children today. Reception of Remains to St Joseph's on Thursday 5th march at 6.30.a.m.& Requiem Mass on Friday 6th March at 9.30.a.m in St Joseph's

Thomas Allan died suddenly at home aged 52, a real shock to his mum Anne and wider family. Always sad to lose your children. Thomas funeral will take place with Reception & Requiem Mass on Wednesday 11th March at 9.30a.m. in St Mary's We pray for Anne and family in these days.

Annie McIntosh, nee Cassidy died peacefully in hospital aged 97, fortified by the Sacraments. Annie was born & raised in Duntocher and was married in St Mary& St Joseph parish in the 1940's to Charlie McIntosh. We pray for her children. Carol, Lorraine, Craig, Ewan and extended family.

Reception of remains Wednesday 11th March.6.30.p.m. Requiem Mass 12th march9.30. a.m. St Mary's

Edward Greening from Lennox Dr. Eddie has been in Queens Quay Care home the last year or two. Aged 91 he was involved all his days in St Joseph's Parish. A man of quiet faith, well cared for by his family and the staff in the care home. Reception & Requiem mass will take place on Monday 16th March,2026 at 12 noon in St Joseph's. We pray for his children and family.

Kay Martinello from Hardgate died peacefully in St Margaret's Hospice. Kay was lovingly looked after at home by her family. Always at Mass strengthened by the eucharist, which sustained her at home too. Taken into the wonderful care of the hospice where she found Peace and strength. We pray for her family today

Receiving into St Mary's on 16th March at 6.30.p.m & Requiem Mass on 17th March at 9.30.a.m.

R.I.P. Thomas Allan. Edward Greening. John Russell. Catherine McEwan. Kay Martinello. Annie McIntosh. Stan Madden

Anniversaries of Robert Alexander Jnr. Stephen Deeley. Andrews P.T. Molly & John McConnell. Michael Harkins James McLaughlin. Benny Allan