

St Brigid's

Parish Bulletin

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3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

INTROIT

Ps. 33: 2-5

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When I prove my ho-li-ness a-mong you, * I will ga-ther you
from all the fo-reign lands; and I will give you a new spi-rit, says
the Lord. *VR* and I will pour clean wa-ter up-on you and cleanse you
from all im-pu-ri-ties, and I will give you a new spi-rit, says the Lord.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm 95

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

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MASS & SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY (4th) 7.30am MASS; 10am MASS

TUESDAY (5th) 10am MASS

WEDNESDAY (6th) 10am MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS; 7pm MASS

THURSDAY (7th) 10am MASS

FRIDAY (8th) 10am MASS; 7pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS with BENEDICTION

SATURDAY (9th) VIGIL at 4pm

SUNDAY (10th) 8am; 11am

**Confessions: Friday 6pm-6.45pm;
Saturday 9.30am-9.50am; 3.30pm-3.50pm**

Masses and Stations During Lent

Attendance at Stations of the Cross/ extra Masses for Lent continues to be very poor. It is difficult to present a picture of a vibrant parish to the Archbishop when this is the case!

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this week for:

John Keenan

Anniversaries / Sick

Please remember: **Mary Gallagher & Mary Kelly** who died recently, **Leonard Mefford, Maureen Pour, Patrick & Ellen Sweeney** whose anniversaries occur about now, and **Baby Hope & Darren Sisson** who are sick.

Sacraments for Children 2024

Remaining "All Stars" for those who have already registered for First Communion:

First Communion: 13th/14th, 20th/21st March

First Communion: 24th/25th April

Parish Readers

"[Readers] exercise a genuine liturgical function. They ought, therefore, to discharge their office with the sincere piety and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God's people. Consequently they must all be deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy, each in his own measure, and they must be trained to perform their functions in a correct and orderly manner." (Vat II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 29)

There will ongoing training for all Parish Readers (including those who only read occasionally) on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th March, after [7pm](#) Mass

Sunday 17th March, after [11am](#) Mass

This will include training for (and the arranging of) Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Those who already read MUST attend one of them in order to continue exercising this important ministry; if you would like to volunteer to be a reader please speak to Fr Byrne (please make sure you are free to attend one of the above workshops).

Abstinence during Lent

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. This is binding upon all Catholics aged 14- 59 years old. This is one of the 'Precepts of the Church'. The others are:

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year
3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season (ordinarily Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday)
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

Failure to keep the Precepts of the Church requires reception of the Sacrament of Confession- without which you may not receive Holy Communion.

40 Days for Life

Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024 until Palm Sunday 24th March 2024:

Please consider joining our 40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer and Fasting Vigil outside of the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Govan Glasgow. The Vigil takes place from 8am until 8pm each day from Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024 until 8pm on Palm Sunday evening.

Cornerstone

A Catholic Young Adult Group for 18-40 years old based in St Helen's Church Langside. We welcome other young adults to join us from across the Archdiocese and beyond. The evenings consist of night prayer in the church at **7.30pm** then a talk in the church hall, then refreshments.

Last talk:

Wed 13th March, Rt Rev John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley and Vice-President of the Bishops' Conference, speaking about prayer.