

St Ignatius of Loyola

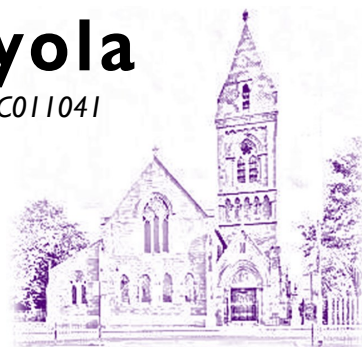
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LOYOLA CENTRE

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Second Sunday of Lent - B

25th February 2024

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

6.30pm Confessions

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

8.15am Holy Mass

8.45am Confessions *until 9.20am*

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY

*Commemoration of Saint Gregory of
Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

8.15am Holy Mass

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

1.15pm Stations of the Cross
led by the children of St Ignatius'

SATURDAY 2 MARCH

3.00pm Confessions *until 3.40pm*

4.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose plate £447
 Gift Aid £881

Many thanks for your continued generous support of the parish.

**SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEK**

For the Sick & Retired Priests

Your support of clergy who have served the diocese is greatly appreciated.

Baptism course: Parents and Godparents of infants who are being presented for baptism this year are invited to a evening course to support them as Christian parents. The course is held at the rear of the church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 March and Tuesday 12 March. Speak to Deacon Stuart for more details.

Marriage course: To help couples prepare well for the sacrament of marriage, and to live a fulfilled, faithful wedded life, the Diocese of Motherwell holds special days of preparation in advance of the nuptials. Couples are strongly encouraged to enrol on this course. This year they will be held on Saturdays 16 March, 20 April, 8 June. Visit marriagefamilylife.org for further information.

Across UK are looking for helpers and medics for their first National Group of the year journeying to Lourdes between April 25 and May 4. Can you help Across to get 2024 off to a wonderful start? For more information please contact the Across office on 020 3542 1800 or email pilgrimages@across.org.uk

Interfaith talk: 'An Introduction to Judaism from a Catholic perspective' by Professor Stephen McKinney of Glasgow University, Xavier Centre, Carfin, on Saturday 2 March. Tea and Coffee will be served in the hall after 10.00am Mass. Session 1 begins at 11am, the second session at 1pm after lunch. For further information please email interfaith@rcdom.org.uk

Ecumenical Prayer: Overtown Parish Church are holding a prayer service, designed by the women of the Holy Land, on the theme 'I beg you, bear with one another in love.' (cf. *Ephesians 4:2-4*) at 1.00pm on Friday 1 March.

Right to Life UK: You can support their campaign to reduce the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks by collecting a pre-printed postcard available from the back of the church and sending it to our local MP, Marion Fellows, urging her to vote for an amendment. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb.

THE LOYOLA CENTRE

**ANNUAL
PARISH
QUIZ**



**THIS FRIDAY,
1st March,
7.30pm**

Tickets £5 all proceeds to charity.
 Feel free to bring your own snacks
 as no food will be served.

CENTRE MANAGER

Marc Welsh
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BOOKINGS

The Loyola Centre is available to hire.
 Call Heather on 07780 136369



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



Lent is the season in which we **prepare** with joy for the paschal feast, **Easter**, with minds and hearts renewed.

Please therefore keep in mind the **sacred Triduum** (three days– 28-30 March) of *Holy Thursday*, *Good Friday* and the day of the *Easter Vigil*, Holy Saturday. The liturgy on this day celebrates the central elements of our faith: Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Please do consider making that time a sort of **retreat**, rather than yet another holiday.

There are additional opportunities for prayer in the church: an 8.15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays– particularly good for school children to attend, plus Stations of the Cross each Monday and Friday. There is a 7.00am mass for workers in St Thomas' each weekday. *There are additional times for Confession, **which is always available on request.***

On Fridays Christians are required to do **penance**. In doing so we follow Christ's example and teaching when he said 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel' for 'the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' Only by a **change of heart** (*metanoia*) can we enter therein. A traditional penance is to **abstain** from flesh meat on Fridays, a practice warmly encouraged by the Church.

We still have **SCIAF** packs at the back of the church. Included within these is the 'wee box' to collect donations at home. Remember if you pay income tax, you can allow SCIAF to claim Giftaid on your offering. This costs you nothing, but can increase your donations by around 25%. **On Sunday 10 March there will be a second collection for SCIAF.**

The theme of **testing** which opened Lent with the temptation of Our Lord in the desert, continues with today's account of God putting Abraham's faith to the test. He was asked to go up the mountain and offer up in sacrifice Issac, his '**beloved Son**'. Abraham proved his faith. He always trusted God's promise that Issac would give him descendants and that God would raise his son from the dead to keep his promise.

In the psalm, we too express our faith that **we will rise again** and 'walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living'.

St Paul writes that **Jesus' death** on the Cross **saved humanity** from sin and death. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we died with Christ to be raised with Him to a new spiritual life and with the hope of reaching Heaven in death and a bodily resurrection at the end of time. ❖ ❖ ❖

Then the Gospel scene mirrors the reading from Deuteronomy: On the mountain of the Transfiguration miracle, God calls Jesus his 'beloved Son'. However, God **did not spare his Son**, as he spared Issac, since Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice on the altar of the Cross for the sins of humanity, out of love for humanity.

Jesus truly is the well-beloved Son of God who came to suffer and die in atonement for our sins, so that we might be strong as our faith is tested. It is only by his blessed passion, his wondrous Resurrection and glorious Ascension into heaven that we can hope one day to be in the blessed communion of the Most Holy Trinity, with Our Lady and all the saints at the end of our earthy pilgrimage.



**THE
WORD
THIS
WEEK**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent A

Exodus
17:3-7

Romans
5:1-2, 5-8

John
4:5-42



Please Remember in Your Prayers



Recently Dead:

Charles Whyte, Rudy Martinez (USA), Harry Mullen, Marie McTaggart (Larkhall).

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Mrs Marjory Pickering, Jean Callaghan, Robert Wallace, John Sarah Francis Lynch (27 February), Mary Penman (27 February), Anne Mimnaugh.

*O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.*

Saint John Henry Newman

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin JNR; Baby Alfie James Milligan; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget McIlvaney; Peter Convery; Margaret Bartlett; Bill Wood.

Those preparing for Sacraments

in particular all the children who made their first Confession last week, and those preparing for their first Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Those who will be received into the Catholic Church:

especially those candidates for holy baptism or for full reception into the Church whose names were inscribed in the Book of the Elect last week in the presence of the Bishop in Motherwell Cathedral.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Thursday 29 February

St Gregory of Narek

Abbot & Doctor of the Church

COMMEMORATION

Saint Gregory of Narek was a 10th-century Armenian monk, poet, and mystical writer and composer. His most well-known literary work is a book of prayers, known as the 'Book of Lamentations', considered a masterpiece of Armenian literature. St Gregory himself defined the work as an 'encyclopaedia of prayer for all nations,' and hoped that it would provide guidance in prayer for people of all walks of life. He is venerated in a particular way among Catholics of the Armenian Rite.