Our Lady and St George Parish Church

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"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold"
(Mt 24:12)

Parish Priest:
Rev. Fr Joseph Boyle

Fr Joe is generally available after Mass and at other times by Arrangement

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil 6:30pm, Sunday: 9:30, 11:00am
Monday - Saturday 9:30am

Confession/Reconciliation:
Most mornings before Mass from 9:10 until 9.25am and Saturday evenings from 5:30 until 6:20pm

How to join the Catholic Church.
Adults who would like to join our Church community are most welcome to make this known . (After the initial enquiry preparations begin and the time it takes depends on Individual circumstances)

Sacrament of the Sick
for those seriously ill or who are going into hospital contact Fr Joe on: 882 4868

Marriage
by appointment with Parish Priest (6 months notice required)

Baptism
by appointment with Parish Priest (forms in porch)

Funerals
please contact the Parish Priest In the event of a bereavement

Sunday 18th Feb 2018 1st Sunday in Lent

Father Joe writes... "What do I do with all the blessed palms I've collected over the years?" Isa Peeden asked after she received Holy Communion in her home. I explained that the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from the palms so it is ok to burn them. She was hesitant but agreed that I take last year's palm which she had made into a cross to burn it. So on Shrove Tuesday after dark I opened the garage, lit a candle and burnt the palm, which produce quite a lot of smoke. I was hoping that no one would see me.

Used to express the glory of God, the palms are then turned to dust and ashes, reminding us that the glories of this life will one day turn to dust. And we ourselves depend on the breath of God to give us life and to renew our life with the risen Lord when out time comes.
Too late now to burn the palms for Ash Wednesday but maybe we could bring them along and burn them in the Easter fire. That might satisfy Isa but I couldn't be sure.

Finances Thanks to all who contributed to the parish upkeep in our first collection which came to £1066 (including Gift Aid contributions). The second collection for the renovation of the front doors and elevation came to £593. The brown envelopes for parish renovation: £102 plus an exceptional donation of £1000.

Lent. Stations of the Cross take place Tuesday to Friday at 7 pm.
If meetings have been arranged the Stations will be brought forward to 6.30 pm. This Friday 23rd we respond to Pope Francis' appeal for a day of fasting and prayer to peace in the world especially in Congo and South Sudan. The church will be open from 8.30 until after the Stations at 7 pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) During Lent we accompany John Harper as he prepares for Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion) at the Easter Vigil. Various ceremonies will be included in some of the Sunday Masses of Lent.

First Reconciliation. A meeting for parents/carers of P3 children at St George's and Lourdes Primaries is to be held on Tuesday 27th February at 7 pm. in the church

First Reconciliation for children at non-denominational schools. Our next meeting is next Sunday 25th after the 11 am Mass

First Communion. A meeting for First Communion is to be held on 6th March at 7 pm. in the church.

Please pray for:

Those who are sick at home or in hospital

Margaret Peoples; Betty McCreadie; John Reilly; Angela Wilson; Patsy Gallagher; Mary McLeod; Betty Hassan; Jimmy Maley; Catherine Leverage; Angela Stirling; Sadie Reid; Eddie Gethins; John O'Malley; Isala & Murdo Morrison; G Wright; D Dickson; Robert Carroll; Marjorie McGhie; Catherine McKenna; Martin Carlin; Eliz Clark; Betty Turner; Shirley Conlon; Anna Bell; Paul Lagoudakis; George Paterson; Hugh Watson; Jane Wright; Ann Fox.

For those who have died recently:

Donald John McPhee: Joseph Cusack (Reception Tuesday at 6:30pm funeral Mass on Wednesday 21st at 9:30am)

For those whose Anniversaries occur around now:

Annie Donnelly (21yrs); Matthew Mitchell (4yrs) Dennis & Thomas McMenemy; Margaret Armour; Jimmy McEnaney (1st); Nancy Maitland; Sadie MacDonald; Violet Vezza (2nd); Margaret Gallagher (8th); Andy Thomson (3rd); Michael Bonner.

SOUTHSIDE. FOODBANK - SONG FOR LENT

Tinned: fish, puddings, tomatoes
Also diluting juice and UHT milk.
If you can please donate one to the foodbank
It can be your Lenten gift. Thank you

PVG MEMBERS: TRAINING

A training session for PVG members who have not yet done their training will be held at the Archdiocesan Offices at 7pm on Thursday 22 March. It Lasts for two hours. This training is mandatory for all PVG members and other dates will be available if this is inconvenient. Reminders will appear in the bulletin and more details will be on the notice board in the meeting room as they become available.

THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION (Glasgow)

THE CHURCH AND THE MARKETPLACE - Thurs 22nd February at 7:30pm
a talk by Prof Christopher Moore
See poster in porch

40 Days for life—Help Save Lives In Glasgow

Local Contact - Campaign Director
Rose Doccherty—ogilvie2018@outlook.com

Garden Fete 2nd June 2018 - A meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February at 7pm in the hall to make arrangements for this year's fete. Anyone who would like to help please come along. There are many different ways to help and every little is appreciated. We are looking forward to some new faces and new

HELP THE POOREST SURVIVE AND THRIVE

SCIAF Lent materials—Now available.

We are delighted that this year the Government will match all donation made before 8th May.

Church Opening: The church will open on Monday to Friday from 8.30 until 4 pm. (Please use the side door facing the hall or the ramp door at the sacristy.)

The rays of the sun will warm your heart and the Sun of Justice will give you peace.

Morning Prayer of the Church is said at 9 am at the front of the church before the Blessed Sacrament on weekdays. You are welcome to join us.

Agap Theatre's Presentations.

Tickets (£5) are available for "St Mungo: the Legend of Glasgow's Saint" in our hall on Saturday 3rd March at 7.30 pm. Tickets are also available for "The Dementia Journey with Faith and the Arts" on Saturday 24th March from 10 am until 4 pm. (Suggested donation £5 includes tea, coffee and sandwich lunch.)

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Passkeepers and Children's Liturgy Catechists.

There will be a meeting for all those involved in these ministries on Thursday March 1st at 7pm. It will start after the Stations of the Cross with a short reflection. This will be followed with an opportunity to come together with those who share your ministry and the evening will finish with a cup of tea.

LITURGY MEETING:

Tuesday 20th February after 9:30am Mass.
Please come along and help with the preparation of Lenten services and the Easter Triduum.

SSVP NOTICE

Thank you to everybody who helped out with the Winter Warmer and the kind words of thanks of those attending. As discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council There is a need to widen the event which will take it out-with the remit of the SSVP. Next Time the format may change and it will take the form of a Parish run event. We will however, continue to run our Sunday afternoon outings throughout the year and if you know someone who would benefit or if you would like to volunteer to drive please let us know.

Hall Chairs - some of the most worn and damaged chairs in the Church Hall are being re-upholstered. This exercise is being carried out, at considerable expense to the Parish, over a period of several months as funds become available. It is envisaged that between 60-80 chairs are still in excellent condition and it is hoped that all Hall users will treat these and the newly upholstered chairs with the greatest of care.

Apologies: some notices may have had to be edited or omitted due to space constraints.

Lentfest:
guide brochures now available in the porch.