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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Joseph Boyle

Sunday 21st February 2021: First Sunday of Lent, Year B

The church is closed at the present time.

Sunday Mass and weekday Masses are live streamed. Go to the website for the link : www.olsg.org.uk

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass is at 10 am

Live streaming of weekday Masses this week: 9.30 am

Sacraments:

Check the parish website for information

Baptism: The church is closed for baptisms

Sacrament of the Sick: The Anointing of the Sick is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. Visits are permissible at present.

Marriage: Numbers are restricted at present.

Prayers for the dying. Praying the rosary can be a most comforting experience for a person preparing to move on to the new life. Other prayers and readings are available on request.

Funerals: Families are encouraged to choose from a selection of readings. These can be found on the internet: scripture readings for Catholic funeral Mass. The translation has to be one of the approved ones for the UK. One website to check: **olasv.org.uk** (Use search box)

LENT

Stations of the Cross.

Available on the website we have Dan Bradley's voice reading the Stations which were given to us by SCIAF in 2017 with sculptures of the Stations from the other side of the world!
We also have our own video of the Stations made last year.

SCIAF MATERIALS will be available this Sunday 2 pm till 4 pm on a table outside the main entrance to the hall.

May they rest in peace.

We are asked to pray for those who have died recently:

Ian Macdonald, Bernard McLean, John Welch.

For those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bill Spencer, Rose Morrison, James McBride, Annie Donnelly (24 yrs).

Pray for those who are ill: for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes.

Finances Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep. £477 has been contributed to the parish upkeep up till Thursday by parishioners making use of their exercise outing. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received.

Parish Council Meeting.

Thanks to those who took part in our Zoom meeting last Thursday. Each member contributed to the meeting and Fr Joe was making his contribution when suddenly cut off. The 40 minutes allowed for free meetings were up!

St Valentine's Day.

From his hospital bed he looked as her with the same love he had in his eyes as on the day of their marriage 62 years ago.



(A parishioner.)

Ignatian Spirituality Centre

Register for the Lent online retreat 2021, **"Knowing Jesus".**
This runs from Ash Wednesday (17th Feb) to Easter Sunday 11th April. Go to: www.onlieprayer.net

radioalba.org Radio Alba majors on Morning, School, Evening and Night Prayer, and now has recorded Masses on Sunday, and Prayer from Glasgow Churches Together during the week.

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK

A message from Glasgow SW Foodbank
' Donating is a great way of showing love even though you will never know the effect it has on a person, on a family, on society. But we can assure you that your donations DO make a real difference and they are really appreciated. We can't do it without you. THANK YOU. '
If you need a Foodbank our nearest one is on a Friday from 10am until 12.45pm in Cardonald Parish Church, Berryknowes Rd, near Morrison's.

Lent 2021

This year, due to the closure of church buildings, it will not be possible to attend Lenten Masses and devotions in the normal way.

However we can still mark Lent in a variety of ways. Here are five ideas to help:

1. Attend Mass in one of the many livestreams from parishes throughout the Archdiocese and beyond. You can find listings here:

http://www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/item/907-mass-live-streams

2. You can hold a short prayer service at home, either alone or with others in your household.

3. You can mark each day by making a special effort at prayer, fasting from some food or legitimate pleasure and almsgiving - think SCIAF and the wee box appeal

4. You can prepare now for Lent by planning well your Lenten journey. You will find some good ideas here:

https://sway.office.com/OOOiUQl0P2GRueI7?ref=Link

5. You can order your SCIAF wee box here:

https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-your-wee-box



Safeguarding Statement to Parish 2021

The Bishops' Conference has stated that 'the Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults'.

Pope Francis has asked that our families are made aware that they have every right to expect that they are safe and secure in 'Our Father's House'.

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding, it is vitally important that we remember those who have been harmed or abused either by a member of the Church, members of their family or any other person. It is asked of us that we pray and care about them. In 2019, the Bishops of Scotland established an annual Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse and individuals and communities who are affected by abuse. This Day of Prayer is to be marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday. This year the Day of Prayer falls on the 19th of February. This day allows the Church to renew its apology to anyone who has suffered and to stress its commitment to the essential work of safeguarding across our parish communities. In the parish of Our Lady and St George we will be marking this day of prayer by including this intention in our prayers of intercession on that day.

The Archdiocese of Glasgow is fully committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of life in the Church. Both the Archdiocese and our parish of Our Lady and St George embrace the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults who are part of our faith community. In our church and hall there is a poster/information which highlights our Safeguarding manual and has contact details for the parish, the parish coordinator, and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please make contact with them or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Safeguarding in our parish is with us in all aspects of our living faith. Each year, as Parish Priest, Parish Safeguarding Coordinators and volunteers, we commit ourselves to these principles and to renewing and improving our practice. We adhere to the protocols and procedures laid out by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland in the document *In God's Image*. These procedures, and the vigilance of those involved in the life of the parish, helps us to ensure that everyone should feel safe when they come to Mass, services, groups or social events.

All of us involved in Safeguarding within the Archdiocese are grateful for all the hard work done by all our Parish Priests, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators and our parish volunteers.