

Sunday 22nd March 2020

4th Sunday in Lent

Church of Our Lady and St George

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Church opening time: The church is to be open each day, including weekends, from 8.30am until 3pm and from 6pm until 7pm.

Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis

Public Masses and Public Acts of Worship have been suspended. Over the centuries at times when Mass was prohibited the faith was kept alive by praying the rosary, making present the mysteries of our faith and seeking the protection of Mary, Mother of God.

Routine, said one mental health physician, is important for us and even if confined to our homes we can set up a routine of the joyful, sorrowful, glorious mysteries of the rosary and the mysteries of Light also to maintain a daily routine. The late Fr Dan Fitzgerald who served in our parish and had been imprisoned in solitary confinement in China knew the importance of such a routine. The bishops of Scotland, in their letter for the present crisis, urge us to say the rosary for the National Day of Prayer this Sunday, 22nd March, asking the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for our country and our world in this time of need.

Maintaining Contact. Next week Fr Joe intends, to submit on the website a video with a reflection on the Sunday Gospel, some prayers and some announcements.

Finances Thanks to all who contributed to the parish upkeep last weekend. Details are not published on the website for security reasons.

We realise that many will now be experiencing financial difficulties and some may have to cancel their standing order. If so we are grateful for the support given in the past and hope that the situation will improve in the not too distant future.

This Sunday morning, in the absence of a public Mass, a box will be at the front of the church labelled "Donations for the upkeep of the church" for those able to help. Donations can also be made in envelopes put through the letter box of the main double door in the chapel house.

These are the measures (adapted to our parish) to be adopted.

Churches are to remain open for some hours every day so that people can benefit from the presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and from private prayer and devotion.

2. Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Anointing: Priests are asked to accommodate parishioners who ask to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Anointing.

3. Confession: Priests are asked to respond generously to requests.

4. Sick Calls: Routine visits to the sick should be suspended, by both Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers. Urgent requests for the Sacrament of Anointing in danger of death should be responded to observing all the necessary hygiene precautions.

5. Priests should celebrate a Private Mass each day.

6. Baptism of Infants/Children: can be re-scheduled unless it is pressing, in which case only parents, godparents and celebrant are present, observing the usual precautions.

7. Funerals: Given that public Masses have been suspended and that, in our context, it is practically impossible to limit numbers or have a "private" Funeral and Requiem Mass in a Parish Church, "Funeral" in effect has to mean the Committal, whether an interment or a cremation. In these circumstances, the Funeral Director will advise on number. The Priest should commit to saying Mass in private on the same day for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

8. Marriages: Given the veto on public gatherings, most weddings will probably be postponed. If a wedding takes place in church, it has to be celebrated only in the presence of the celebrant, the bride and groom, and the two witnesses.

9. First Holy Communions can be postponed for the time being.

The levy we pay to the Archdiocese each month is £3,800 and, of course we have the usual gas, water and electricity bills to pay. If we face financial difficulties in the next few months, as many others are doing, the advice of one wise parishioner is apt. "We must trust in God and say our prayers!"

Food Bank. At present donations for the food bank may be made in the usual way or placed in the boxes available in the shops.

Offer of Help. The SVDP have a notice on their facebook page for those in need of assistance getting shopping or medicines. Individuals who have also offer to help may be called upon if they pass on their contact details to the SVDP.

Hall Activities. The Women's Guild have called off their gatherings, the Craft Group also. Check with other organisations for steps they are taking in the present crisis.

Please pray for:

Those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Eliz Clark, Barry Lynn, Patsy Pollok, Orleigh Leckie, Fiona Horrocks, D Fitzsimmons,
B McLaughlan, Izzy Gourly, Shirley Conlon, Colm Moran, Frank Devlin,
John Reilly, Mary MacIntosh, Louise Clark, Pat McSorley, Anna Bell, Jane Wright, William Noon, John Tonner,
Mark Haggerty, Pauline Haggerty, Bernadette Gray, Betty Hassan, Tom Jolly (Uddingston)

For those whose have died recently:

Lily Graham, Tom Ross, Helen Spence, Marie Colognori

For those whose Anniversaries occur around now:

John Scanlan, Therese O'Neill, Gerard Holloran,
John Charles Doherty (4years), Joseph Woods, Liz Brown (1st)



SSVP Coronavirus announcement - Food deliveries.

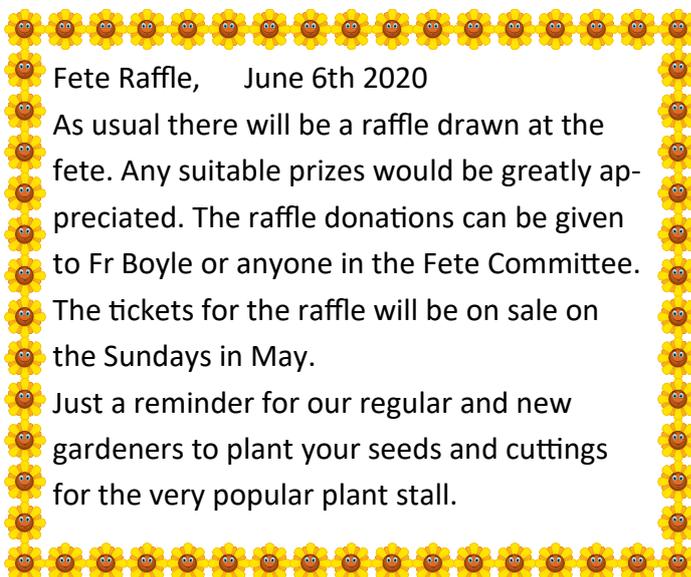
SSVP is putting in place arrangements for those who are housebound or self-isolating with nobody to help them to obtain groceries, prescriptions etc., where possible. As they are most likely not "online", could you advise anyone you know who you think may need help of this or advise us of anyone you know. We have a dedicated mobile number **07947 194252**. It is not continually manned but is checked at least a couple of times a day. Please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. The number is also available for more general queries and any other assistance we can give.

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK NEED VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY

Many of the Foodbank volunteers are older and will need to step back to keep themselves safe.

They are therefore looking for young(ish) fit people to step into their shoes so that they can stay open to do their essential work.

If you can help, please contact Claire at claire@glasgowsw.foodbank.org.uk. The foodbank is in Ibrox Parish Church in Clifford St. Thank you.



Fete Raffle, June 6th 2020

As usual there will be a raffle drawn at the fete. Any suitable prizes would be greatly appreciated. The raffle donations can be given to Fr Boyle or anyone in the Fete Committee.

The tickets for the raffle will be on sale on the Sundays in May.

Just a reminder for our regular and new gardeners to plant your seeds and cuttings for the very popular plant stall.