Archdiocese of Glasgow –Newsletter from The South Deanery – Issue No. 2 Lent 2024

The South Deanery wishes to continue to communicate its activities to all parishes and all parishioners. It will seek to do this in an effective way and to keep all up to date with what is happening across the Deanery. We hope this will be helpful.

Following consultation from Pastoral Areas meetings a "Pathway to Change" paper was submitted to the Archdiocese from the Deanery Working Group. The process by which this document has been arrived at is through a series of meetings at parish, pastoral area, working group, Deanery and Deanery Council meetings.

The Pathways to Change document is a provisional and on-going consultation paper. The paper recognised the ongoing requirement for additional information *and the need for further local consultation taking account of matters such as the quality of buildings, proximity to other churches, and other factors thought to be relevant in each specific case. These parishes have been asked for advice.*

Pastoral Areas
Pastoral Areas are being recognised as an important structure of the Archdiocese, acting as forums for considering the future organisation of the Church. They are the local sources of advice on the future organisation of the Church in that area. Pastoral Areas will offer advice to the Deanery on matters of parish re-organisation where this is necessary. In order to promote evangelisation and greater efficiency in the use of available resources, the deanery working group will be meeting to consider the nature and purpose of pastoral areas, the possible realignment of parish boundaries and potential mergers.

Additional Criteria and Information
In addition, individual parishes have been asked to provide information including: Parishioner numbers, condition of buildings, planned projects, finances, geography, hall use etc.

Evangelisation
Parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese attended a half-day seminar on Evangelisation on 10th February. This meeting was well attended by members of the South Deanery who made a positive contribution to the discussion. A report will be distributed from the coordinators which can be used by our own Deanery South Evangelisation Group recently set up. The deanery evangelisation group will meet in order to develop this report, recognising and utilising the resources of laity and clergy within the deanery.

2022-2023 Deanery South Census Statistics
Of the 20 out of 21 parishes who completed returned census figures 17 of those parishes are showing growth from between 3% to 45%.

St Albert'
In December 2023 Archbishop Nolan issued a decree closing St. Albert's church as a place of worship from 17th May 2024. This decree is presently being contested by the parishioners of St. Albert's and hierarchical recourse has this month been proposed to the Holy See. The closure decision is now suspended until that recourse has been completed.

Lent - Some Parish Activities – For Information

Events during Lent and Holy Week at St Leo's	**Lenten activities in St. Mary's and Holy Name:**
Sundays: 10.30 Mass followed by tea etc in the Hall Mondays: 10.00: short Morning Prayer for Lent with Mass Tuesdays: 10.00: ecumenical Lenten Morning Prayer with Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church and Ibrox Parish Church alternately in St Leo's and	Wednesday, 21/2/2024 Scripture Prayer Group Reflection at Holy Name at 7 pm. Wednesday, 28/2/2024 Evening Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ministers of Welcome & Musicians at St. Mary's at 7 pm.

Events during Lent and Holy Week at St Leo's

in Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church - week 1 in St Leo's
Wednesdays: 10.00: short Morning Prayer for Lent with Mass
Thursdays: 10.00: Short Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Fridays: 10.00: short Morning Prayer for Lent with Mass
Saturdays: 10.00: Short Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Parish Faith Sharing Group: Thursday evenings at 7.00 - initially discussing some of the Synodal topics suggested by the Archdiocese in St Leo's Hall
11th March: support for the St John Ogilvie Vespers in St Aloysius, Garnethill
17th March: Fr Gerry's Diamond Jubilee celebration in St Leo's and Haggs Castle Golf Club
21st March: Ecumenical Passover in St Leo's Hall 7.00
25th March: Parish Penance Service 7.00
30th March: The Easter Vigil 8.30 p.m.
31st March: Easter Sunday Mass followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Lenten Activities St Conval's

Monday and Wednesday Morning Mass 8:30pm
Fridays 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

St Conval's Day of Prayer Saturday 2nd March 2024 1:45pm-2:45pm
1:45 pm Arrival St Conval's parish hall
2pm Talk by Fr Gerard Mitchell S.J.
2:45pm Group Sharing
3:15pm Break
3:45pm Adoration
4:40pm Benediction
5:00pm Holy Mass
Confessions Available Throughout

Living Rosary Each parishioner takes a decade to pray in their own house. All twenty decades to be prayed for renewal in the parishes. Please see Srs. of Charity for rota.

St James the Great

Tuesday Stations flowed by Mass at 6:45pm
Tuesday and Friday Morning Mass 8:30am
Saturday Exposition 2-3pm
Penitential Service Tuesday 26th March 7pm

Lenten activities in St. Mary's and Holy Name:

Wednesday, 6/3/2024
Evening Reflection for Children's Liturgy, RCIA, Adult Faith Forum, Sacramental Preparation & Outreach at Holy Name at 7 pm.
Sunday, 10/3/2024
Prayer around the Cross at St. Mary's at 6 pm.
Wednesday, 13/3/2024
SPRED Reconciliation Service at Holy Name at 7 pm.
Sunday, 17/3/2024
Stations of the Cross at Holy Name at 6 pm.
Wednesday, 20/3/2024
Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Name at 7 pm.
Sunday, 24/3/2024
Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's at 6 pm.
Wednesday, 27/3/2024
Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary's at 7 pm.

St Bartholomew's

Rosary: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.10am
Mass: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:30am
Stations of the Cross: Thursday 7pm
Lenten Reflections: Friday, after 9:30am Mass, in parish house.

Our Lady and St George

Stations of the Cross can be made during the times of opening and communal stations take place Tuesday to Friday at 6.30 pm. (Novena to Lady of Perpetual Succour is on Monday evenings at 7 pm.) Parish Celebration of Reconciliation is on Tuesday 19th March at 7 pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Evening Mass on Mondays at 7pm. On Tuesdays during Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7p.m. On Thursday 29th February, an evening of reflection on the RCIA, the journey into faith.