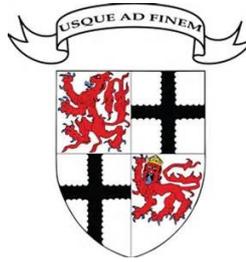


ST JOHN OGILVIE PARISH COMMUNITY



28 FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT (B)



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

SEASON OF LENT

Each year in the Church we commemorate the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying before He began His public ministry. It was after this time that the Devil tempted Jesus with wealth, power and immortality (Mt 4, Lk 4), but Jesus resisted the devil. How do you spend these 40 days which begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Thursday? This is for you to decide. Traditionally, Lent is a time of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. We don't pray the "Gloria" or the "Alleluia" during Mass. Instead we sing a Lenten Acclamation. The liturgical colour is violet throughout Lent.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here's a couple of wee poems to get you thinking.

*I said a prayer to Jesus,
to place you in His hands,
and asked if He would help you,
to carry through your plans,
though I sensed no need to tell Him,
or to bring Him up to date,
It seems He knew you'd carry,
only so much weight.
So just in case you worry,
how far the problem spans,*

*remember in my prayer,
I have placed you in His hands.
Shoulders that withstood the whips
and took the cross on too,
and the palms that bore the nails,
are now to carry you.
He's sure about your problems,
and knows where to begin,
so feel your burden lifting now,
I have given it to Him.
Amen.*



PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK - TALK TO GOD

*Hello God, I called tonight to talk a little while.
I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial.
You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own.
I need your love to guide me so I'll never feel alone.
I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound.
Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things I can't change in any way.
I thank you God, for being home and listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice when I stumble and when I fall.
Your number, God, is the only one that answers every day,
I never get a busy signal, never had to pay.
So thank you, God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You, too and I'll call again tomorrow!*

Parish Liturgy for the coming week

Monday, 1st March

9.30am Lent Reflection

St. Mary's
10.00am Funeral Mass
for Sheila Tomney
(Live Streamed)

Tuesday, 2nd March

9.30am Lent Reflection

St. John Ogilvie's
10.00am Mass
(Live Streamed)

Wednesday, 3rd March

9.30am Lent Reflection

No Service

Thursday, 4th March

9.30am Lent Reflection

St. Mary's
10.00am Funeral Mass
for Anna McCafferty
(Live Streamed)

St. John Ogilvie's
2.00pm Childrens Mass
(St. John Ogilvie School)
(Live streamed)

Friday, 5th March
9.30am Lent Reflection

No service

Saturday, 6th March

St. Mary's
6.00pm Vigil Mass
(Live stream)

Sunday, 7th March

St. John Ogilvie
09.30am Mass
(Live stream)

Confessions
By appointment.

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INTENTIONS

Please keep the following in your prayers during the week:

Recently Deceased: Bill Docherty, Anna McCafferty, Sheila Tomney,

For the sick:

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions:

Collection for last week

Envelopes: £94.00 **Loose coins** £150.00 **Standing orders (per month)** £839.00

Thank you for your continued support.

200 Club winners will be announced next week

1st

2nd

3rd

Draw made by

Congratulations to all our winners! We'll make arrangements to get your winnings to you!

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Here is a thought based on today's Sunday Readings for all our couples in the Parish

Free to be ourselves

Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by each other's generous sensitivity, thoughtfulness and kindness which have helped us grow in confidence to share our deepest feelings, fears and joys. Let us try this week to find ways of growing in that confidence and trust so that in our relationship we radiate God's joy through the way we love each other.

CREDIT OR DEBT PROBLEMS?

Hi, my name is Sandy Dickson and I'm contacting you on behalf of the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre covering Irvine, Kilwinning and the Three Towns. We are based in Fullarton Connexions in Irvine.

We are contacting local churches in North Ayrshire to seek your help and support in letting people in our community know of CAP's Debt Advice and Counselling service which is totally free and available to everyone.

We are asking you to 'Like' and 'Follow' [facebook.com/CAPScotland](https://www.facebook.com/CAPScotland) and then share the regular Facebook posts from CAPScotland.

Together we can reach into our communities to Serve the Poor, Save the Lost, With the Church, Across our Nation.

Many Thanks
0800 328 0006

If you know of anyone who might need this service please ensure that you pass this information on to them.

MARY'S MEALS

Dear friends, in recent weeks you may have heard something of the grave news from Tigray in northern Ethiopia. An armed conflict between the federal and regional governments has escalated into a shocking humanitarian crisis. We are hearing harrowing reports of tens of thousands of families displaced from their

homes and that as many as 4.5 million people are without access to basic food, medical and sanitary supplies across the region! We have been working in Tigray for many years where our trusted partners the Daughters of Charity normally serve over 24,000 children Mary's Meals. We are now working with the Daughters of Charity to respond to this crisis and provide support to children and families affected by this crisis. As people of faith we are asking you to partner with us by holding the people of Tigray and the emergency work we are doing there in your prayers. To find out more about this appeal please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>. Thank you.

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We thank you for your continued commitment which ensures that much of the good work of the Lourdes Hospitalité is achieved. We are always grateful for new members.

Please also inform your collector if you have changed name or address to avoid winning cheques being sent to the wrong address.

Thérèse

CHILDRENS MASS

The children's Mass will be live streamed at 2.00pm on Thursday as there is a Funeral Mass at 10.00am.

Please deliver a copy of this newsletter to our sick and housebound parishioners

WEEKLY WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was no Papal Audience this week.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

(Taken from Sunday Connection)

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples - Peter, James, and John - to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports

of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

SVDP

Our SVDP team would like to express their thanks to all our parishioners for their continued support and donations during these difficult times. Your donations are much appreciated.

THANK YOU

A massive 'Thank You' to those who managed to pop along with their collection envelopes and donations. What a difference it makes!

AND FINALLY JUST FOR A LAUGH

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me...' He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. 'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!' The man said, 'Get lost sonny, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.' The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord...? Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done...? They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the boy on the bike passed him.



GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Regulation came into force on Friday 25th May 2018, and gives individuals greater rights and control over the use of their personal information. Your privacy is important to the Parish Communities of St. John's and St. Mary's. We use the personal data, provided by you for Pastoral support and the administration of weekly collections. The information is held securely and confidentially in electronic or paper format. We will not share this information with third parties without your prior consent. A fuller Privacy Notice is now available on the Diocesan website. www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr

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Every Sunday evening in
the Church Hall
Eyes down 7.30
Give this worthwhile social
event your support please!

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Baptism:

Infant Baptisms are generally celebrated during Sunday Mass. Parents and Godparents are asked to participate in a pre-baptismal meeting. Infants should be baptised within the first few weeks after birth. Please contact Father Boyd.

Weddings:

Congratulations on your engagement! A minimum of six months advanced planning and preparation is required. Please contact Father Willie Boyd for more information.

Holy Communion to the Sick or Housebound:

Please inform us if someone is needing Holy Communion at home, or wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Thank you!

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