

THE PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS & THE SACRED HEART

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

8TH MARCH 2026

Welcome to our parish community. If you are a visitor (or a regular) we hope you are made feel welcome. We ask you to respect the peaceful atmosphere of our churches, where people come to find God. We do not, however, expect the impossible of small children!

Toilets are located in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius' (through the door at the rear of the Church), and at the front right in Sacred Heart. You will also find the stall in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius.

ST. ALOYSIUS

MONDAY 9TH MARCH

Requiem Mass of Sandra Grant at 10am

Mass at 7pm

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

Reception of Body Mary Hamill at 6pm

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

Requiem Mass of Mary Hamill at 10am

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

Family Mass at 10am

Holy Hour at 7pm

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Mass

THE SACRED HEART

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Stations of the Cross after Mass

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Sunday 15th March

Mass at 12 Noon

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Mass

COLLECTION: 1ST MARCH

Non-Gift Aid: £ 625.565

Gift Aid: £ 920.70

Sick/Retired Priests: £ 904.19

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month - this is usually fulfilled in the prayers at the beginning of the Rosary. During February we pray particularly:

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Aloysius: Saturday at 9.30am & 5pm, Monday at 6.30pm

Sacred Heart: Sunday at 11.40am.

HALL BOOKING

St Aloysius: please contact Peter Fairlie on 07769877198;
Sacred Heart: please contact Laura McPake on 07387405559

FAMILY MASS

Next weekend we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10am. Join us at Mass and then in the hall afterwards for breakfast and crafts.

BILL ON ASSISTED DYING

The Bishops of Scotland have written a letter regarding this Bill and are encouraging us to contact our MSP. Please take a copy!

YOUNG ADULTS

This Sunday evening, the Diocesan Group for young adults will meet in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm. Do join them for a moment of prayer together followed by a social event.

2ND COLLECTIONS

In Lent there will be the following second collections:

- 21st/22nd March SCIAF
- 3rd April (Good Friday) for Holy Places

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday (2nd April) at 11am in Motherwell Cathedral. The Bishop extends a warm welcome to all parishioners to join for this Mass.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are looking for people willing to get their feet washed at this Mass (7pm on 2nd April). Please let Fr Mark know if you'd be willing to take part in this solemn moment at Mass, as we recall Jesus' actions at the Last Supper.

RCIA

Please pray in these weeks for Alana who will be baptised into the Church at the Easter Vigil. This weekend, at the Vigil Mass, we will have the First Scrutiny for the Elect will take place at the Vigil Masses. The First Scrutiny leads members to focus on conversion and on the new life that will begin through the sacraments. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's well. Our Lord is the Light who alone is able to examine and scrutinise the hidden places of our hearts. When He encountered the Woman at the Well, she was moved to acknowledge her sinfulness. In the presence of Jesus she exposed her soul and began to experience healing. So also the members of RCIA are encouraged (through the prayers of this rite) to open their souls to Christ, to allow Him to bring light where there is darkness and healing to our wounds.

GIFT AID

Are you a tax payer? Would you consider joining the Parish Gift Aid scheme? For every £1 you contribute, 25p gets repaid to the Church due to the fact you pay tax! This year the parish has claimed back over £14,000.

Signing up is really simple (only needing your National Insurance number, address, name and signature), is non-invasive and does not require you to commit to give a certain amount each week. If you would like to join, please collect a sheet from the back of the Church or put your name/address on the sheet in the porch. Please note if you have changed address please let me know as soon as possible.

LENT SCHEDULE

Morning Mass

- Every Friday at 8.30am in St Aloysius Primary. All Welcome.

Stations of the Cross

- Tuesday Morning. Sacred Heart after Mass
- Thursday evenings, St Aloysius at 7pm.

Holy Hours

- On Sunday 15th March and Sunday 29th March at 7pm in St Aloysius.

Retreat with ISC

Will begin on Sunday 15th March

Holy Week

- **Tuesday 31st March**, Choral Concert by Cathures Chamber Choir (*this is Michael's choir (our organist on a Sunday) who have offered to come and perform some music for Holy Week.*)
- We will be joined in Holy Week by Fr Mark Avila OMV, a biblical scholar from Rome, who will preach the Triduum for us.

STALL

Easter Cards and Mass Bouquets, St Patrick's day cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards available in the Stall. Also new supply of gifts for all occasions.

FRIDAY MASS

There will be a celebration of Mass in St Aloysius Primary on a Friday Morning during Lent at 8.30am. The community is very warmly invited to join at this Mass.

Please Pray for those who have died :

Sandra Grant (*Reception of Body, Sunday 8th March at 6pm; Requiem Mass, Monday 9th March at 10am*), Mary Hamill (*Reception of Body, Thursday 12th March at 6pm; Requiem Mass, Friday 13th March at 10am*), James McGurk (*Reception of Body, Friday 20th March at 6.30pm; Requiem Mass, Saturday 21st March at 10am*), Eileen Hickey, Cathy McGuire, Catherine Collins, Mary Healy, Baby Caiden McCreadie.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Dan McGowan, Danny Miller, Robert McPake, John Maynes, Betty Mulvaney, John Murphy, John McMahan.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Teresa McPake; Teresa Martin; Janette Cairney; Margaret Timmons; Cathy Creilly; Elizabeth Stallard; Anne Dobbin; Teresa Robertson; Christine Morgan; Angela Higgins; Patricia Kiggins; Teresa Smith; Fr Bill Bergin; Christiane Mingram; Josephine Parker; Kristine Weir; Scott McGuire; George McKenna; Anne Marie Greig; Tony & Doriss Bonett (Malta); Agnes Malley; Betty Whittarer; Veronica McCluskey (Alloa Clackmananshire); Dorina Emanuelli (Gloucester); Ayley Crawford; Jude McGuire; Phillis McGuire; Baby Skyler McGrath; Tony Laird; Jack Donnelly; Louise Cordiner; John Gray; Paula Kirkwood; James McIntosh, Harrison Carlin; Cameron McIlwriath, Bernadette McGuire, John Turnbull, Pauline Curran, Eileen McGroarty. Gillian Dames, Moira McIndoe, Margaret Sannachan.

