

THE PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS & THE SACRED HEART

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

1ST 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 2ND MARCH

Mass at 7pm

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Reception of Body: Sandra Grant at 6pm

Rosary & Exposition before Mass.

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

NEURODIVERSE MASS & DEVOTIONS

This weekend will celebrate our **Neurodiverse Mass at 2pm** in St Aloysius, with **Sunday Devotions** taking place at **6pm**.

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!

2ND COLLECTIONS

There will be a second collection this weekend for Sick & Retired Priests.

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In the course of Lent there will be a number of second collections (as is usually the case). These will take place on the following dates and will be for the following causes:

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

THE SACRED HEART

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

Mass at 10am

Stations of the Cross after Mass

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Sunday 1st March

Mass at 12 Noon

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Mass

COLLECTION: 22ND FEBRUARY

Non-Gift Aid: £ 753.08

Gift Aid: £ 968.95

Many thanks for your generosity!

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to this month's winners:

- 1st: Angela Kerr £155
2nd: John McCann £90
3rd: Mary Docking £60

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE

Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 and entertainment provided by Jai. Tickets available from a hall committee member.

RCIA

Please pray in these weeks for Alana who will be baptised into the Church at the Easter Vigil. On 7th/14th & 21st March the Scrutiny for the Elect will take place at the Vigil Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On top of the children's Liturgy this week we will also have the first meeting of the Junior Leaders who will begin to explore the foundation of our faith. Young people (p6-S2) interested in joining are invited to go to the back of the Church at the beginning of Mass.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

Please take away a brief summary of the parish accounts for the year 2025. If you have any questions about them, please let me know.

GIFT AID

Are you a tax payer? If so, and you are not already a member of the Parish Gift Aid scheme, would you consider joining?

For every £1 you contribute, 0.25p gets repaid to the Church due to the fact you pay tax! This year the parish has claimed back over £14,000 - which is an incredible number given that we don't have to do anything for it.

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

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 at 7pm (*expect Thursday 26th Feb which will be 7.30pm due to First Reconciliation*)

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*), James McGurk, Mary Hamill, Peter Kane, Gerard Moore (St Mary's, Whifflet).

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Anna O'Hare, Mary Airlie, Mary Boyle, Pat Smith, Eileen Hickey, David MacKenzie, Daniel Brown.

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.