

THE PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS & THE SACRED HEART

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

15TH 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 16TH MARCH

Mass at 7pm

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Mass at 10am

*Reception of Body James McGurk at
6:30pm*

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

Requiem Mass of James McGurk at 10am

Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

Mass at 10am

Rosary & Exposition before Mass.

THE SACRED HEART

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH No Mass at
10am

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH No Mass
at 10am

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

Mass at 12 Noon

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.

SCIAF SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate SCIAF Sunday, where there will be an address from SCIAF & a second collection for their work.

HALL BOOKING

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

HOLY HOUR

On Sunday night (15th) at 7pm in St Aloysius. All welcome.

BILL ON ASSISTED DYING

You are encouraged in these days to write to your MSP stating your position on this huge issue. There are template letters available on the Bishop Conference website - bcos.org.uk

LENTEN RETREAT

The retreat given by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre will begin this weekend. There will be a group meeting in St Aloysius Church Hall at approx. 11.30am (or more accurately...after breakfast!)

2ND COLLECTIONS

In Lent there will be the following second collections:

- 21st/22nd March SCIAF
- Good Friday for Holy Places

STALL

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

COLLECTION: 8TH MARCH

Non-Gift Aid: £ 674.81

Gift Aid: £ 902.20

Many thanks for your generosity!

CHRISM MASS

A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners for the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday (2nd April) at 11am in Motherwell Cathedral.

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.

CONFESSION

In preparation for the celebration of Easter the Church makes a request of us all that we find the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. Over the next few weeks we will offer the following extra opportunities:

A visiting priest available during the Holy Hours on 15th/29th March
Confession on a Monday night will begin at 6pm.

Confession on a Saturday Morning will begin at 9am.

We are still waiting on details of a Deanery Day for Confessions.

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 Second Scrutiny for the Elect.

CATHURES

Cathures Chamber Choir provide a stunning blend of voices led by Michael Cameron-Longden (one of our organists). They have offered to perform a selection of choral music reflection on the Passion and Easter in St Aloysius on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm. There is a suggested donation of £12, however payment should not be a barrier to coming along to enjoy this performance.

GIFT AID

Are you a tax payer? Have you joined the Parish Gift Aid? If not, signing up is simple and non-invasive. If you would like to join, put your name/address on the sheet in the porch and we will sort the rest.

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.

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.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday after the 10am Mass!

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

This week we will have added times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, particularly to help those partaking in the retreat to find a quiet moment. These quiet times of prayer are open to all!

Monday 16th: 12 Noon until 7pm

Tuesday 17th: 2pm until 7pm

Wednesday 18th: as normal

Thursday 19th: 12 Noon until 7pm

Friday 20th: 10.30 until 6pm

Please Pray for those who have died :

James McGurk (*Reception of Body, Friday 20th March at 6.30pm; Requiem Mass, Saturday 21st March at 10am*), Baby Caiden McCreadie, Margaret Russell, Sandra Grant, Mary Hamill, Patrick Shannon.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Bernadette McMullan, Margaret Ferguson, Charles Tobin, Joe, Chris, Janie & Alex Clark, Amanda & Scott Laing, Jim Doyle, Josephine Rennie, Baby Kieran Doyle.

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.