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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY/SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Parish Services this Week

Funerals

Monday 15th Feb, 10am – *Julianne Cruickshank R.I.P.*

Thursday 18th Feb, 10am – *John Shields R.I.P.*

Funerals will be live streamed

DUE TO LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASS.

MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED EVERY DAY.

MONDAY-FRIDAY - 1PM

SATURDAY – 10AM

SUNDAY – 12 NOON

17th FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

There is a plentiful supply of signed Mass Cards in the porch of the Church House.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

During this latest lockdown we would encourage you, where possible, to continue to support your parish through the weekly collection. The parish income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners. Contributions can be made in the form of a standing order or online donation through our website, using the bank details below. Or, if you are in a position to do so, collection money can be posted through the door of the church house.

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Filling out our Gift Aid form will allow us to claim an extra 20% of your donation from the taxman, at no cost to yourself! Standing order and Gift Aid forms are on our website.

ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is required of adult Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The required days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence, which is refraining from the consumption of meat, is obliged for Catholics 14 and older. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Our Lenten packs have been sent out to all addresses on our database. We hope that you will find these to be a good resource to help you in your Lenten journey. If you haven't received a pack and would like to be added to our database please get in touch with the Church Office.

Thank you to Stephen McPhee for printing our Lenten packs for us and to all those who helped prepare them for distribution. May God bless you all for your goodness.

N.B. All parents/guardians of pupils at St Columbkille's Primary. If you would like to be added to our database please get in touch, even if you don't attend Mass in this parish.

SCIAF 2021 - WEE BOX BIG CHANGE

SCIAF boxes will be available to collect from the porch of the church house. This year's campaign is to help children with disabilities in South Sudan access the education and support they need to build a bright future. Many children with disabilities in South Sudan are not able to go to school or, later on, to work and earn a living. They may have no access to support services or hospitals for treatment. They may face stigma and exclusion. For more information visit www.sciaf.org.uk

From the 12 February to 11 May, all public donations will be doubled by the UK government.

THANK YOU

Ken, the Handyman has been helping us out again...this time tackling the back garden! We are extremely grateful for all his help, please see his ad below if you are in need of a handyman.

SVDP

Our foodbank is still open to anyone who needs it at this difficult time (**Saturday's 10am-11.30am**). Thank you to the ladies of our group who have been making hot soup for our clients during this latest lockdown. Our foodbank is pretty well stocked just now but we can always use donations of UHT milk and tinned meat (**not fish**). Although we have stopped our furniture deliveries and collections just now, we are still available to help in an emergency and if anyone needs our help please feel free to contact **James on 07973823546**.

BEREAVEMENT BUDDIES

Our Bereavement Support Group are still active just now and are here to listen, should you feel you need them. They are not a counselling service, but are here to listen and support anyone who is suffering from a bereavement, recent or otherwise. If you would like to talk to them please get in touch via the Church Office and we will pass your details on.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our series of talks, which usually run throughout Lent, have been postponed because of the latest lockdown. These will now take place after Easter, beginning on Tuesday 13th April and, God willing, will take place in the Church!

GROUP FOR MEN

With this being the Year of St Joseph, we are keen to set up a fraternity group for men in the parish, which would be under the patronage of St Joseph. We are open to suggestions as to what format this would take but the idea would be for it to have a social as well as spiritual theme. If this is something that would interest you or someone you know please get in touch with us so we can gauge interest.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

It's not too late to join Fr Paul Denney for his Online Bible Study Group, **Tuesdays at 7pm** - more people are joining every week! Fr Denney is an expert on the Scriptures and is an excellent speaker - his love and enthusiasm for the Scriptures is infectious! We will be continuing to read the Gospel of St Mark this week. The meetings are very relaxed, there is no obligation to attend every week and there is no need to know anything about the Bible! If you are interested, please email him at stjames@rcdom.org.uk

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Donna-Marie M^cGurk, John Hanlon, David Milligan, Patricia Ferguson, Christopher Coleman, Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Mary (Molly) Gray, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy, Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Mark M^cLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone.

Recently deceased

Ellen Carr, Thomas Lynch, Julianne Cruickshank, Andy M^cGinty (Coatbridge), Keith Richardson (USA), John Shields, Ariton Mijajiovic (Serbia), Dominic M^cCabe, Jackie M^cIntyre, Patricia Ferguson, Father Angus M^cLaughlin O.P,

Anniversaries

Christina M^cKenna, Michael M^cCann, John Chalmers, Isabella Boyce, Lauchlan M^cLellan, Margaret Docherty

Birthday Remembrance

Elizabeth Phillips.



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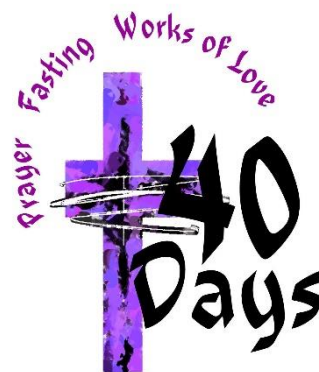
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HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the 40-day liturgical season of **fasting, special prayer and almsgiving** in preparation for Easter. The word Lent is from an Old English term meaning springtime. Among the Christians of the first three centuries, only those preparing for baptism observed a defined period of preparation, which lasted just 2 or 3 days. The idea of Lent being 40 days in length evolved over the next few centuries.



That Lent evolved into a period of 40 days in length is not surprising given that many important biblical events take place over 40 days. Noah and his family were on the Ark for 40 days and 40 nights; Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God for 40 days; and Elijah walked 40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of God. Most importantly though, the 40 days of Lent identifies with the time our Lord Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying and being tempted by the devil. *“By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert” (Catechism, No. 540).*

Initially, people fasted the full 40 days of Lent! They ate one meal a day and only an amount of food that would sustain survival. But the Church taught, and people believed (then as now), that **fasting** is not about what we eat, it is about changing hearts, interior conversion, reconciliation with God and others. It’s about living in an austere way, giving from our abundance to the poor. St. John Chrysostom explained it this way: “Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works!... If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him! If you see a friend gaining honour, envy him not! If you see a handsome woman, pass her by!”

Ash Wednesday dates from at least the fourth century. Penitents looking for forgiveness and re-entry into the community would dress in sackcloth and sprinkle ashes to show their repentance. This custom certainly predates Christianity as can be seen by references in the Hebrew Scriptures (cf. Esther 4:2-3; Danie19:3; Jonah 3:6).

There is no doubt that the custom of distributing ashes to everyone on Ash Wednesday came from imitation of the practice of wearing ashes by public penitents. The Church has long used ashes as an outward sign of **grief, a mark of humility, mourning, penance and morality**. The Old Testament is filled with stories describing the use of ashes in such a manner. As Lent increasingly focused on the themes of repentance and renewal, Christians sensed their own need for repentance.

When God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden, he reminded Adam, *“for dust you are, and to dust you shall return” (Gn 3:19)*. We hear these words each year on Ash Wednesday, when the priest places ashes on our foreheads, a reminder of our mortality and the seriousness of the Lenten pilgrimage we are about to begin.

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to Catholic charities or some other good cause. But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need—not just with our money—but with our time and our talents. It gives us a chance to share what we have and who we are with other people. It puts us in communion with others and helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ.