

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.



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Eighth Sunday of the Year C 26th/27th February 2022

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

This week:

Sunday Mass @11am Monday Funeral Mass @ 10am Tuesday Mass @10am Wednesday Mass@ 10am Thursday Mass @10am Friday Mass @10am Saturday Vigil Mass @5.30pm

All Masses are livestreamed providing there are no technical problems

Scottish Charities Office ! Number SC011041



Sunday Collections:

£820.00

Thankyou for your support for our parish

300 CLUB 6/2/22

£100 No 369 Mary Gilfillan £25 No 90 Margaret Eadie

Friday 4th March 2022

Day of Prayer all those who have experienced abuse.

Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted.

Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing & reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable.

Pray that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all.

Readings for next Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Lenten Coffee/Tea Mornings

After 11am Mass in Parish centre on Sundays during Lent.
All proceeds to SCIAF.

WISHAW HOSPITAL

Anyone in hospital and needs the Sacrament of the Sick, The Chaplain can be contacted through the Hospital on 01698 361100 or Assistant Chaplain, Deacon Henry McKenna

Please hand in any Mass Intentions into the Presbytery <u>NO Later</u> than a Wednesday 6pm. Please put through letterbox.

Holy Michael, the Archangel defend us in the day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou
O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the power of God thrust down into hell, Satan and all the other wicked spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Sick: Joe Smith; Peter Burns;

<u>Recently Dead</u>: Mary Sheehan; Fr Peter Lafferty CSSp(Carfin); John Rogan; and all who have died due to the virus

Months Mind: Clayton & Ellen Calderhead; Margaret Hunstone; James Murphy Hunstone; Angelina & Colin Campbell; Charlie Miller; Tommy Haughey; Shiela Kelly; Agnes Hillen; Anne Woods; Benjamin, Paul & Catherine Dabrera, Clifford and Devlin Families.

Anniversary: Joe Tobin; Theresa Murphy; Betty Meechan;

Lent with Ignatius

Online Lenten Retreat see iscglasgow.co.uk for more information and other courses.

Online Lenten Retreats praymoreretreat.org

The Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph.

Sunday Obligation

The Obligation to attend the celebration of the Eucharist for Vigil Masses; Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation will be restored on First Sunday of Lent.

! Holy Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 2nd March 2022

A day of fast and abstinence.



! Mass times:10am & 7pm

The Way of the Cross

Fr Sweeney wishes to lead Stations of the Cross on Tuesday & Friday mornings at 9.45am before Mass.

This is a great way to meditate on the Passion of Jesus.