

THE PARISHES OF ST PETER & ST COLUMBA...

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Today's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 18:8-11
 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 John 2:13-25

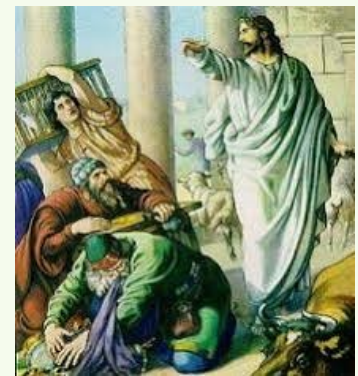


Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) 7th March 2021

The power and wisdom of the crucified Christ



Today, we dedicate ourselves anew to keeping God's commandments, as we celebrate the mystery of God's love for us, shown through the wisdom and power of Christ. Having rescued his people from slavery, God gives them the Ten Commandments. These offer guidance for liberation and right-living, rather than oppression and burden.



The Gospel, however, indicates that many have not remained faithful to God's commandments. In their greed they have turned God's house into a marketplace. As Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers, we are reminded that salvation will come about through the death and resurrection of Christ, the true temple of the Divine.

The Psalm is a hymn to the life-giving qualities of God's Law. It shows the precepts and commands of God himself: God's own essence. Paul reflects on Jesus's death, which is interpreted by many as a sign of weakness or foolishness. But it is in fact a demonstration to the world of God's power and wisdom. (2nd Reading).

This week, we pray to hear the Word of God afresh in our own being. As we try to offer the Word hospitality and space to take root within us, we ask with the psalmist that it might revive the soul. We also pray for the freedom of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are victims of modern-day slavery.

St Beuno's Outreach

Mass Intentions for this coming week

Saturday	6 March	Kevin Dames RIP
Sunday	7 March	(1) John Dames RIP (2) People of the Parishes
Monday	8 March	(1) Michael & Annie Fernandes RIP (2) David Jones
Tuesday	9 March	Special Intention
Wednesday	10 March	Kathleen Smyth Haggerty RIP
Thursday	11 March	James Duffy RIP
Friday	12 March	(1) Michael McBrien RIP (2) Ann Trainor RIP
Saturday	13 March	Mary & James Dillon RIP
Next Sunday	14 March	(1) Mgr Anthony McNally RIP



Mass Intentions

Requests for Mass Intentions may be put through the presbytery doors or posted to Fr Kevin, or contact St Peter's Parish Secretary. Masses will be offered privately by Fr Kevin or Fr Kingsley on, or as near as possible to, the date requested and will be printed in the newsletter as usual.

Come and join Fr Kevin for coffee & chat!

St Peter's 10-10.40am - use the following link to join the waiting room at 10am and you will then be invited in. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82842017163>

St Columba's 11-11.40am - use the following link to join and email Steph Mitchell (steph_mitchell@hotmail.co.uk) separately for the passcode. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9220946187>
 pwd=TDI5T3RINXo3V0swTFZoYVh0dEx1QT09. Meeting ID: 922 094 618



We continue to pray for all our sick, elderly and housebound whether at home or in hospital or nursing homes. We remember *Christine, Mike, Christopher, Charlie, John, Anthony, Joe Houghton, Patricia Knowles, Andy, Mairi Bowie and Adrien Hugens*. We remember too all who are suffering from Covid,



those recently bereaved, those who are lonely or isolated, those who have lost their jobs, those who are homeless and all who are struggling in any way whatsoever.





Lent Week 3



Together we can end Poverty

This year the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal has received UK Aid Match. This means that all public donations to the appeal up until 11 May will be doubled by the UK government. All the more reason to keep filling that WEE BOX! For more information about SCIAF's Lent campaign please go to sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555.

WEE BOXES are still available from the box situated by the door of St Peter's Church. Alternatively contact Anne-Marie Douglas (445 4337) or email her at amdhillaire@aol.com.

Explore Your Vocation in Lent

During Lent, Sr Mirjam Hugens invites you to draw closer to the Lord to discern His will for you. It may be a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Explore the call. Talk to your parish priest or contact: Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO | 0131 623 8902 | religiousvocations@staned.org.uk; Fr Andrew Garden | 0131 663 4286 | vocations@staned.org.uk

PRAYER ... FASTING ... ALMSGIVING



"To the generous parishioners who kindly donated some money towards pizza delivery to our Critical Care units at King's College Hospital, a very big thank you is in order. We are so very grateful. It has provided much needed respite on the busiest shifts of our lives. It has also made staff feel cared for, when they are caring for others so much. In the aftermath, we expect many staff to experience difficulty in coming to terms with the trauma of what has happened. We hope that the moments spent, sharing hot donated food and sharing one another's company, will in some part go towards a sense of care and healing. Your actions are appreciated."

Krista MacKellaig (who grew up in St Peter's and works in Kings College Hospital London)



Stations of the Cross

organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, will take place each Monday evening of Lent at 7.45pm. You can register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/archdiocese-of-st-andrews-amp-edinburgh-18333988801>



INSPIRE

Lenten Prayer Talks

Tuesday 16
March 7-7.45pm

Prayers as a Relationship as Reflected in St Teresa of Avila

Sr Sally Rollo, Carmelite Monastery, Dysart
Register: bitly/LentRollo

Poverty & Pandemic .. Sunday 7 March 4.30-6pm

The challenges of COVID haven't gone away. Across the country we see the front line of inequality. How do we respond? How do we do better? The last year has exposed the deep divides in our society, with inequalities and vulnerabilities laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Justice and Peace Scotland** invites you to join a discussion on the impact of the pandemic to share, reflect and start to identify how the Church can be ready to meet the challenges which remain.

Our panel includes: Prof Stephen McKinney, University of Glasgow; Fr Basil Clark VE, Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh; Danny Collins, National President, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Scotland; and Martin Johnstone from Poverty Truth Network / At the Edge. Register at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poverty-pandemic-tickets-141110283657

Getting Married?

You must give the parish priest at least six months' notice and attend a marriage preparation course. Here are the available dates: **26/27 March, 23/24 April, 21/22 May**. Places are filling up fast so please register now in consultation with the parish priest. Download an application form from the Resources section at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families/>. Alternatively email irene.furlong@staned.org.uk (0131 623 8900). Marriage Courses are currently taking place on Zoom.

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Thank you for donations received towards postage!

New Dawn in Scotland Lenten Healing Service Repent and believe the Good News Friday 12 March 7.30-9pm

Live from the Augustinian Clare Priory, Suffolk
Led by Fr Stefan Park * Join us via Clare Priory YouTube Channel or on www.newdawninscotland.com * We are invited to offer our prayer requests via the 'Live /chat'. Each prayer request will be prayed for by priests and laity in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Mary Wastle 447 3442 or wastles@btinternet.com by **Wednesday evening** please. St Peter's website contact Juliet MacKellaig 447 4210 or julietmmackellaig@gmail.com. St Columba's website contact pcllee@sky.com * You can find our Privacy Notices on the websites * The Newsletter is posted on the parish websites *