

St Stephen's, Dalmuir, & St Patrick's, Old Kilpatrick.

Parish Bulletin

14th-15th March 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm in St Stephen's, Dalmuir

Sunday: 10.00am in St Patrick's, Old Kilpatrick

Sunday: 12.00pm in St Stephen's, Dalmuir

Weekday Mass:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am in St Stephen's

Tuesday & Thursday: 10.00am in St Patrick's

Tuesday: 8.40am in St Stephen's Primary School

Wednesday: 8.40am in OL of Loretto Primary School

Stations of the Cross:

Monday: 6.00pm in St Patrick's

Tuesday: 6.00pm in St Stephen's

Confessions: Saturday, 5-5.20pm (St Stephen's)

At any other time on request.

ent: see Stations notice overleaf.

Feast Days: Tuesday, 17th March: St Patrick

Thursday, 19th March: St Joseph

Funerals:

RIP Albert McGuinness Funeral Thursday 3.30pm (Crematorium)

RIP Rena Horn Funeral Friday 10.00am (St Stephen's)

RIP May Semple Funeral Wednesday 1/4 10am (St Stephen's)

Announcements:

Lent: The challenge of Ash Wednesday echoes through the six weeks of Lent: “Repent and believe in the gospel.”. Let us use this holy time well, seeking forgiveness as individuals and as a community, and allowing the gospel greater space in our lives. This is our best preparation for Easter.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by the opportunity for Confession in each parish

St Patrick’s: Mondays at 6.00pm

St Stephen’s: Tuesdays at 6.00pm

Lenten School Masses: During Lent, there will be a weekly Mass in each primary school at 8.40am – Tuesdays in St Stephen’s Primary and Wednesdays in OL of Loretto Primary.

SCIAF Sunday: This is SCIAF Sunday and this year it focuses on providing water in the North of Africa. If you took away a Wee Box for Lent, please return it at Easter. A pastoral letter from Bishop McGee is available online at RCCLydebank.org as part of the parish bulletin.

Lenten Alms Collections: There is a second collection each weekend during Lent. These collections support the costs of looking after the sick and retired priests of the archdiocese except for the Fourth Sunday of Lent which is SCIAF Sunday.

Let the Children Live: We are holding a charity dance night on Saturday, 18th April 2026, in St. Stephen's hall for 'Let the Children Live' 7pm - midnight. Tickets £10 including buffet meal. For more details or tickets please contact Brendan on 07876 697423 or see Brendan. Eve or Martin after Masses.

OL of Loretto Primary School: OLOL primary school is creating a new school garden where the children will be growing their own food and flowers. They are looking for donations of seeds, plants, soil, pots, compost and children's tools such as gloves, trowels and watering cans.

The children will also keep everyone updated with their progress. See Brendan (07876 697423) who can arrange for collection and delivery.

Retreat: Individually Guided Retreat in daily life 22-29 March: A chance to have a retreat experience without going away by meeting a guide each day at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. For more information please contact marianne.lucchesi@isc.glasgow.co.uk

SCIAF Coffee Morning: Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March, 10am – 2.30pm at Pauline Books, St Enoch Square, Glasgow. Coffee, cakes, raffle and a chance to hear more about SCIAF's work and our Wee Box appeal.

Legion of Mary: All active and auxiliary legionaries are warmly invited to attend the Acies ceremony in Corpus Christi Parish, Knightswood, on Sunday 22nd March at 3pm. Tea and coffee afterwards.

RCAG Youth - World Youth Day 2027: Information evening on Monday 23rd March 2026, 1900 – 2100 - Youth Office. Young adults aged 19 (as of July 2027) through to 35 are invited to an information evening to find out more about the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul. No commitment necessary. Come and hear about the plans and what it's like to attend World Youth Day. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/rcagwydinfo>

RCAG Youth - Lenten Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan: Monday 30th March 2026, 1900 - 2100 | St. Andrew's Cathedral. Young adults (16+) are invited on Monday of Holy Week for a time of prayer and reflection, followed by a chance to enjoy hot cross buns and tea with old and new friends. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/rcaglent26>

Food Bank: There is a food bank in St Stephen's parish hall each Monday at 11.00am. All welcome.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: St Stephen's SSVP can be contacted for assistance on 07576850990.

Easter Flowers: Donations for Easter flowers are welcome in the box at the back of the church (St Stephen's) or in the porch (St Patrick's)

Parish Collections: Last week's collections were:
(St Stephen's) Gift Aid: £347.00; Offertory: £708.55
(St Patrick's) Gift Aid £45.00; Offertory £446.86
Gift Aid receives 25% from HMRC. Thanks to all.

In your prayers this week, please remember:

Sick: We hold in our prayers all who are sick, especially those in our parish and those among our families and friends.

Recently deceased: Albert McGuinness; Rena Horn; May Semple; Rosemary Conaghan;

Anniversaries: Peter Gilroy; John Harvey Muir; Danny and Isa Toye; Billy Bunniss;

Additional Notices:

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Music Ministry in Barlinnie Prison: Mass is celebrated in Barlinnie Prison every Monday at 2.45pm. At the moment we are seeking a couple of musicians who would be able to assist the two men who already play guitar at this Mass on the 3rd Monday of each month. Those involved usually meet around 2pm at the main entrance to the prison. If anyone is able to assist, please contact Fr Paul McAlinden at St Augustine's parish on 0141 772 1905 or email staugustine@rcag.org.uk

Evenings of reflection in person at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre: 19 March; 11 June; 13 August and 5 November- 18:30 till 20:30. 35 Scott St, Glasgow, G3 6PE. As we move through the seasons there is a natural sense of change in the air. In a time of personal change and transition and often before concrete plans emerge as John O'Donohue puts it "your soul senses the world that awaits you". This is an evening giving an opportunity to reflect on God's constant call to newness and growth. If you are able to make a donation on the night that would be most welcome, however please do not let finance stop you from coming along.

SCIAF Pastoral Letter

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, I write to you, on behalf of all the Bishops of Scotland, to thank you for your continued support of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, our Church's own relief and development agency.

In the year that follows SCIAF's 60th Anniversary, we give thanks for the countless lives that have been transformed through your prayers and generosity. For six decades, the Catholic community in Scotland has shown love in action – reaching out to our sisters and brothers living in the world's poorest places and showing that faith truly changes lives.

This Lent, SCIAF's WEE BOX Appeal focuses on Ethiopia, a country that has long worked hard to build a better future. Families have been growing stronger, children have been going to school, and communities have been full of hope. But now, much of that progress is being undone. Years of conflict, drought, flooding, and cuts to aid have left millions struggling to survive.

In the northern region of Tigray, the Church has been a steadfast presence. Even when war and violence drove others away, I can personally witness that the Church remained, serving those in need. As Fr Abraha

from SCIAF's local partner, the Adigrat Diocesan Catholic Secretariat (ADCS), explained:

"The Church is a voice for the voiceless. When everyone else left, the Church stayed: to serve, to speak, and to give people courage. We serve all human beings, whatever their faith. With no water there is no life – yet, little by little, we are helping people survive."

Through your generous support, SCIAF and its Church partners are providing clean water, food, and shelter, and helping families rebuild their lives - restoring not just livelihoods but also hope. Fr Abraha went on to say:

"I appreciate, and would like to thank, the Catholics of Scotland for what you have all done for us, for our people, and our community. We are very grateful for what you have done and what you will do in the future. The Scottish people are our pillars - and today, you are still helping us."

In his apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "love for the poor, whatever the form their poverty may take, is the evangelical hallmark of a Church faithful to the heart of God."

This Lent, we are called once more to live out that love: through prayer, fasting, and giving.

Your support to SCIAF's WEE BOX Appeal can help families in Ethiopia – and across the world - access clean water, grow food, and find stability and peace. From Scotland to Ethiopia, your compassion keeps both water, and hope, flowing.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for the love you show to our sisters and brothers around the world. Together, as one family of faith, we can make a difference and build a world where all God's children can flourish.

May God bless you and your families this holy season of Lent.

Bishop Brian McGee

Bishop President of SCIAF

On behalf of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland