PALM SUNDAY – 24th March 2024

Sponsored 24-Hour Fast

Monica and Lucille would like to thank parishioners for their great generosity to Fr Demetrius Kazonde and the people of Sumwmbawanga, Tanzania. A total of £1,760 has been raised so far, of which the magnificent sum of £663 was donated by parishioners of St Teresa's. Fr Demetrius has expressed his sincere gratitude and prayers.

My Day by Day Booklets

The Easter 2024 Day by Day Booklets are now available from the Parish Stall priced at £1. These booklets include the readings for Services and/or Mass for each day from Good Friday until Tuesday 30th April inclusive.

Living Faith Booklets

Copies of the Living Faith Booklets for April, May and June are available from the Parish Stall priced at £1. These booklets provide daily thoughts including a quote each day from the scriptures as well as prayers and blessings.

Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill

Sadly, the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill will be published this week by Liam McArthur MSP and put before the Scottish Parliament. We continue to pray that this Bill will not become law in Scotland and we are all encouraged to make our MSPs aware that this Bill is not required and is not supported in Scotland. The Catholic Parliamentary Office in Scotland has made us aware of the ongoing reality of what such legislation brings about and is also preparing an online resource to support public engagement with the process of parliamentary scrutiny and contacting MSPs which will be available in due course.

In the meantime, copies of a paper highlighting both a report from Oregon in USA including their statistics and showing the reality of what assisted suicide legislation has become throughout the world is contained in a two page paper available at the entrance to the Church.

Youth Group – Motherwell Diocese

The next event of the Youth Group of the Diocese takes place next Sunday, 24th March starting at 6.30pm in St Bride's Hall – **Please note change of start time and location**.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Fr Kevin

Fr Kevin goes on Pilgrimage with HCPT Group 139 to Lourdes on 31st March until 7th April. If anyone wishes petitions to be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, please put in an envelope marked Lourdes petitions and place in Offertory Collection box at the entrance of the Church. Please do not include any monies in the envelopes as Fr Kevin will place the petitions directly into the box within the Grotto.

Defibrillator

Fr Kevin applied at the start of this year to the British Heart Foundation to have a defibrillator provided free and positioned here at St Teresa's. Notice was received last week advising that the application has been successful and subsequently a defibrillator will be installed here at St Teresa's. As part of the provision the defibrillator will be available for Parish use as well as for the wider community. Training on the use of the defibrillator will be announced in due course and will be open to all.

St Vincent De Paul Society – St Francis Xavier's Conference Carfin

The St Francis Xavier's Conference Carfin of the St Vincent De Paul Society have contacted Fr Kevin to advise that they're willing to offer assistance to anyone from St Teresa's Parish or anyone we may know of who may require assistance. The contact details are: Denis – 07484 100632 or Hugh – 07801 495448 or by contacting Fr Kevin.

St Vincent De Paul Society – Diocese of Motherwell Furniture Project APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

(Office Staff/ Warehouse Assistants / Drivers and Lifters)

The SSVP urgently require volunteers at their furniture unit in Wishaw. Help is required in the office and warehouse, especially with furniture uplifts and deliveries. The Furniture Project accepts donations of good quality, pre-loved furniture and electrical goods. Referrals are made by Parish Conferences and goods are distributed as required. Are you available from 11.00am — 3.00pm to help assist with this work? If so, please call, Wednesday or Thursday between 11.00am and 3.00pm or leave a message and we will get back to you, 01698 372599 or 07483363888, or email svdpfurniture@outlook.com.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the Sick especially: Fernando M. A. Menoscal, Orla Rose McMullen; Mary Francis Chance; Isa Keatings; Enrique Menoscal Valarezo; Nazia McNulty; Dora Menoscal. Deaths: Thomas Rice – formerly Beechworth Drive; Robert Hoey – McCormick Gardens; Jane Ryan; Jemima McFarlane; Jim Simmons; Mary Kelly Hugh Clelland.

Months Minds:.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Margaret & Thomas McAvoy; Catherine & Bernard McCardie; Joseph Nugent; James Keeney (Snr); Brigid McBride; Margaret McIntyre; Julia Cullion; James Burn (Snr); James Houston (Snr); Jackie Tougher; The Holy Souls in Purgatory especially the most forgotten.

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POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – March: For the New Martyrs

Pope Francis invites prayer "for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal."



Coffee and Tea after Sunday 10.00am Mass

In light of the Easter Holidays, the next teas, coffees and all, it is anticipated, will take place on Sunday 5th May 2024 after the 10.00am Mass. Thank you once again to all those who volunteer to provide home baking and provide the teas, coffees and all.

Our Lady of Fatima – 1st Saturday Devotion

The next Devotion will take place on Saturday 6th April 2024 at 9.00am.

'Offertory' collection

The Box at the entrance of the Church: last weekend $-16^{th}/17^{th}$ March - £842.99. Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collections using the Box at the Entrance to the Church and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

Hire of Parish Hall

To hire the Parish Hall please contact Joe Mullen on 01698 860015.



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Day and Date	Times	Mass and/or other
Sunday 24 th March	10:00am 12.00noon 5.00pm	Mass Mass (Live-streamed on Facebook) Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Monday 25 th March	9.00am 9.30am 7.00pm	Rosary Mass Reception – Thomas Rice
Tuesday 26 th March	9.00am 9.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm	Rosary Mass Funeral Mass – Thomas Rice Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 27 th March	9.00am 9.30am	Rosary Mass
Holy Thursday 28 th March	9:30am 7.00pm 9.30pm	Morning Prayer Mass of The Lord's Supper Night Prayer
Good Friday 29 th March	9.30am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 30 th March	9:30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 31 st March	10:00am 12.00noon	Mass Mass (Live-streamed on Facebook)



A message from Fr Kevin,

The 1st Parish meeting took place on Wednesday 13th March, 4 parishioners attended with 3 others giving their apologies but wishing to be involved.

As I said at all Masses last weekend having more people involved is essential, so can I please ask that many more consider being part of Project Wellspring here at St Teresa's.

I continue to be excited about taking activities forward here at St Teresa's. We have done so much so far with increased numbers attending our weekend Masses, people coming back to Mass after a time away. Our successful Teas and Coffees after 10.00am Mass on a monthly basis on Sundays; participation by children in Children's Liturgy, people coming along to our social events here in the Parish and overall, a welcoming and blessed feeling of being part of the Parish Community at St Teresa's Newarthill.

A 2nd meeting takes place this Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm in the Chapel, can I please ask that many more come along to this meeting.

Parish Social Events

The following three Parish Social events have been arranged:

firstly, a Parish Social Event including live music on Saturday 20th April in the Parish Hall 8.00pm – 11.15pm with live music and BYOB, tickets priced £5 are available to buy this weekend;

secondly, a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 1st Holy Communicants on Sunday 26th May at 12.00noon Mass followed by a 'celebration' in the Parish Hall; and thirdly, a Parish fun day on Saturday 22nd June in and at the side of the Parish Hall 11.00am – 1.00pm.

Thank you in advance for supporting these events to raise monies for Parish funds.

Thank you once again to all those who volunteer to make the events happen, thanks to the new volunteers who have joined the existing volunteers and if anyone else would like to volunteer, please let Fr Kevin know.

Easter Collection

This is no Easter Collection using additional envelopes again this year. However, if you would like to make a special Easter Collection, please do so by using the envelope in your Gift Aid envelopes or place it in a normal envelope and put it in the box at the Entrance to the Church. Thank you once again in anticipation of your ongoing support to the Parish, it is appreciated.

Confessions – St Teresa's

During this Holy Week Confessions will be available on Tuesday -26^{th} March from 6.00pm -7.00pm with a visiting priest hearing confessions.

Altar Servers

In preparation for the Masses and Services due to take place during Holy Week and Easter, a meeting of Altar Servers will take place on Monday 25th March at 5.00pm in the Chapel.

Chrism Mass – Holy Thursday

The Annual Chrism Mass takes place this Thursday – 28th March at 11.00am in Motherwell Cathedral. Bishop Toal will celebrate the Mass along with priests of the Diocese. During the Mass the priests present will renew their promises made at their ordinations. All are welcome to attend.

Collection for the Holy Places

A Collection for the Holy Places takes place this Good Friday - 29th March.

SCIAF wee boxes

If you have been using a SCIAF Wee Box as part of your Lenten almsgiving, please hand them in from Holy Thursday onwards. Thank you.

Easter Sunday – Easter Bonnet Competition

As part of the Children's Liturgy next Sunday - Easter Sunday - at the 10.00am Mass, we ask that if any of the children would like to make an Easter Bonnet and bring it along to the Mass, they would be most welcome to do so, we look forward to seeing them.

Gift Aid

Thank you to all who are members of the Gift Aid Scheme here at St Teresa's, your participation in the Scheme is greatly appreciated.

The new Gift Aid envelopes that are due to be used from the weekend of the $6^{th}/7^{th}$ April are available in the stall.

If anyone who is currently in the scheme but is no longer paying tax, please let Fr Kevin know as soon as possible. Also, if you have changed your name and/or address please let Fr Kevin know.

A reminder that being a member of the Gift Aid scheme is an excellent opportunity to support the Parish. For every £1 contributed an extra amount of 25p can be claimed by the Parish from HMRC. It does not cost any extra to take part in the Scheme, you make your collection using the envelopes provided or by Standing Order to the Parish Bank Account. Subsequently, if anyone wishes to join the Scheme, then please ask for a mandate form and envelopes from the Stall or from Fr Kevin.

For those parishioners not in the Gift Aid Scheme and wish a set of offertory envelopes with no number on them, these are also available from the Stall.