

Programme for St Edward's:-

Sunday 26th February
9.30am Mass
11.00am Mass
Monday 27th February
9.30am Mass
Tuesday 28th February
6.00pm Holy Hour
6.45pm, Evening Prayer
7.00pm Mass
Wednesday 1st March
9.10am Rosary
9.30am Novena Mass
Thursday 2nd March
9.30am Mass
7.00pm Holy Hour
with opportunity for Confession
Friday 3rd March
9.30am Mass
Saturday 4th March
9.10am Rosary
9.30am Mass followed by Novena in honour
of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Confessions follow
5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th March
9.30am Mass
11.00am Mass

Father Desmond is attending a Funeral on Monday so there will be a Eucharistic Service at 9.30am on Monday morning followed by the final Coffee morning until September. Many sincere thanks to everybody who has organized the weekly coffee mornings.

Safeguarding; on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm there will be an evening on safeguarding in the Hall for all those involved in parish ministry. The annual reading of the parish safeguarding mission statement will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Masses will be at 7.00am, 9.30am and 7.00pm

The Requiem Mass of Isaac Henderson will be celebrated this Thursday at 9.30am with the Vigil Reception on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm.

Father Desmond will celebrate First Friday Mass in St. Margaret's School Chapel for St. Dominic's Primary on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am.

Father Maurice O'Mahony C.Ss.R. will lead a morning's retreat next Saturday morning in the parish, beginning with Rosary at 9.10am and concluding with soup and sandwiches in the Hall at 11.45am.

Next Sunday at the 11.00am Mass the children preparing for First Reconciliation will celebrate the Rite of Illumination which reminds us of how we are called to be the Light of Jesus in our world.

Next Sunday we pray for two parishioners Samantha and Claire who will attend the Rite of Election in the Cathedral as they continue their journey to Baptism and reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Please see posters in porch regarding a short-term pledge for Lent to abstain from alcohol.

Thought for the week -

Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.

Oscar Wilde

Responsorial Psalm -

In God alone is my soul at rest

St Gerard's & Sacred Heart Parishes, Bellshill invite you to join them for a **Lenten All-Night Vigil** on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th March 2017, 8.00pm to 8.00am, in St Gerard's Church, Fleming Road, Bellshill, ML4 1NF. The Vigil will include a full schedule of both communal and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is warmly invited to join in this night of Prayer, Adoration and Reconciliation during this holy season of Lent. Please see **poster in porch** for details or visit www.stgerards-sacredheart.org

Congratulations to our 400Club winners:-

1. Margaret Rose Morgan 306 2. Jackie Ramage 21
3. Iain Feeney 178 4. Angela Fegan 169

Please see posters in the porch about **Making your Will** and supporting St. Andrew's Hospice.

The Beginning Experience residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or widowhood will take place from 31st March to 2nd April in St. Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth.

For further details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 / e-mail rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk. Completed applications no later than Friday 24th March.

Please pray for:

Sick - Marie Balmer, Josephine Tracey, Peter Weir, Philomena Harvey, Moira Coll, Jacqueline Hannan, Margaret Hogg, Nicola Taggart, Kathy McDonald, Laura Wylie, Sue Booth, Chic Finnigan, Tracey Horn, Cissie Scanlon. Pauline Storie, John & Nan Hart, Gerard Morris, Gavin Lanigan, Evan Smith, Brenda Hill, Father Gabriel Maguire C.Ss.R, Sheila Clark and Eddie Austin

Anniversaries - Bill Graham, Margaret McKeown, members of the Hughes family, Michael Cunningham
Recently deceased - Deborah D'Mello, Fay Hamilton, Dominic Smith, Charles Robertson, Isaac Henderson, Reba Ramage, Arthur McClory, Veronica Tobin and Patrick O'Rourke

Motherwell Diocese - Pilgrimage to Fatima

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions, Bishop Toal will lead the pilgrimage October 3rd - 8th. For further information contact Anne Marie, Alba Tours by email amcalba@yahoo.co.uk or call 01698 262941 Please see poster in the porch.

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07 592 771 194 is **SSVdP** dedicated line for anyone in need of assistance.

To support the **SSVdP** furniture project please contact **07 905 563 054**.

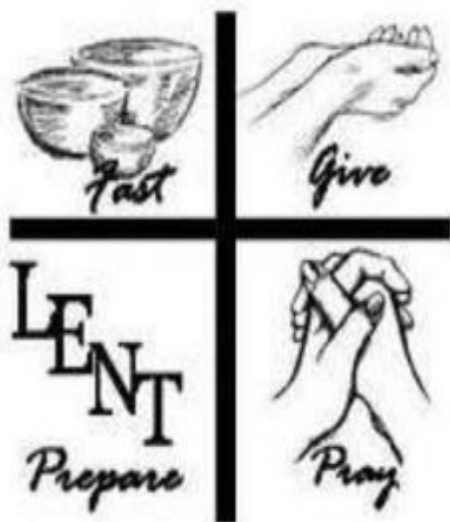




Season of Lent 2017

Lent is a time, lasting 40 days, when we prepare to celebrate Easter, The Resurrection of The Lord. As is traditional in the Catholic Church, the beginning of Lent is marked by the ritual marking of ashes on our foreheads, reminding us of our earthly vulnerability. On Ash Wednesday we are reminded through the readings at Mass of our need to **reacquaint ourselves** with the **One** who loved us into being and continues to love us. Lent is an opportunity, a period of time to **reflect, to re-align ourselves spiritually** so that when Easter comes we can celebrate with fresh vigour the joy of **The Resurrection.**

We prepare during Lent for Easter in three main ways:-



Prayer:-

Get Lent off to a great start by coming along to the morning's retreat on Saturday 4th March from 9.10am to 11.45am with soup and sandwiches in the Hall

Every **Sunday** during Lent Stations of The Cross with Benediction at 4.00pm

Every **Monday** during Lent Masses at 7.00am and 9.30am in the Church

Every **Tuesday** during Lent, reflecting on The Stations of The Cross in the Church House from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Perhaps try to come to **daily Mass** as often as possible during Lent

Celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Lent. There will be a parish Service of Reconciliation during Lent; date to be confirmed

Fasting:-

Perhaps fast from gossip, criticism of others as well as fasting from our favourite foods or activities so as to appreciate all the God-given blessings we have in our lives

We could fast from television which would free up time for some prayer or spiritual reading.

There are excellent **Lenten calendars** for the children; please do take one

There are also copies of **Lenten Extra** available, an excellent resource for Lent. Suggested donation £2.00. If you do not have £2.00, do not worry, please do take one as it is important that good Christian Catholic literature is in our homes.

Almsgiving:-

An excellent way to almsgive during Lent is to participate in the **SCIAF WEE BOX** appeal which this year is helping communities in Zambia.

Tickets go on sale next week for the **Passover Meal**

on Friday 7th April at 7.15pm. £5 and £2 with Fish supper and a glass of wine.

May we all enjoy the beautiful Season of Lent as we draw closer to Jesus and so be ready to rejoice with The Risen Jesus on **Resurrection** day.

