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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

MASS SCHEDULE

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It is no longer necessary to check in when you attend Mass.

Please still wear a face mask at all times (unless exempt) and please sanitise your hands as you come into the Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

5pm

(Confessions from 4.20-4.50pm in the hall)

Sunday

10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday (except Thursday)

Mass at 10am

Thursday

Mass at 7pm

(Confessions from 6.30pm in the hall)

Saturday Morning

Mass at 10am

(Confessions 9.20-9.50am in the hall, unless the Mass is a Funeral)

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Rosary before weekday morning Masses, beginning at 9.20am
(except before Funerals)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 20TH MARCH 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Thursday:

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God clearly reveals his identity as “I am who am.” God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply “is” as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, “I AM.” What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

Second Reading:

Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

Gospel:

In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent?

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Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine

On **Friday 25th March** a Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine will be held in George Square, Glasgow at 6.30pm. On the day that Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please come along to join with Archbishop Nolan and the other Scottish Bishops in praying the Holy Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine and for all those affected by this tragic conflict.

Special Collection - SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal & St. Mirin's Fund – 27th March 2022

The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the hall after Mass at 7pm on Thursday, 24th March.

Stations of the Cross for Ukraine

We will have Stations of the Cross, interceding for Ukraine, on **Tuesday, 29th March at 7pm**. Please join us if you can.

Scripture Talk Tuesdays

Join Fr Ryan for Scripture classes on Tuesdays in Lent from 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall. These classes will be introductory and suitable for everyone. They will include Lectio Divina and exegesis. On Tuesday 22nd March, we begin our journey through St John's Passion narrative. Our topic is 'The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane'. All are welcome.

Young Adults (18-30)

Join us for our next event on Wednesday, 30th March. Fr Eoin Patten will speak about the Sacrament of Confession from 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. The event is preceded by Holy Mass at 6pm and followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. There will also be an opportunity to go to Confession. Afterwards, we will meet for drinks in a local bar. To keep up to date with our schedule of events, connect with us on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

Think Vocation

"Come no nearer, for the place on which you stand is holy ground." (1st Reading) Could you be called to reveal God's presence in the holy ground of people's lives and hearts? Speak our Diocesan Vocations Director, **Fr. John Morrison** by email: vocations@rcdop.org or telephone 01418895056.



Sunday, 27th March 2022



Come and join us in the hall after the 10 o'clock Mass for free tea, coffee and biscuits to celebrate this special occasion.



Children's Corner



Lenten Reflection Evening

There will be an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God and each other in a prayerful atmosphere using scripture, art and music on **Thursday, 7th April at 7.30pm** in the hall.

The Acies

The Legion of Mary Acies ceremony, in which legionaries consecrate themselves to Our Blessed Lady for the year ahead, will be held in **St John's, Barrhead** on **Sunday, 20th of March at 2pm**. All active and auxiliary members are warmly invited to come along. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the hall.

Safeguarding Training – PART ONE –

Church Volunteers

There will be a Part One training session taking place on:

Wednesday 30th March at 7pm in the Diocesan Offices, Paisley, PA1 1HR

and

Saturday 23rd April at 10.30am in St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, Port Glasgow, PA14 5HD

As part of the safe recruitment procedures for the Catholic Church in Scotland, new volunteers undertaking regulated work should complete an application form for their role, apply to become a member of the PVG scheme and attend Safeguarding Part One Training. If you would like to attend one of these training sessions please contact **Sarah Jane Colhoun** at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or telephone 0141 847 6138.

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20th, 2022



*What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.*

What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



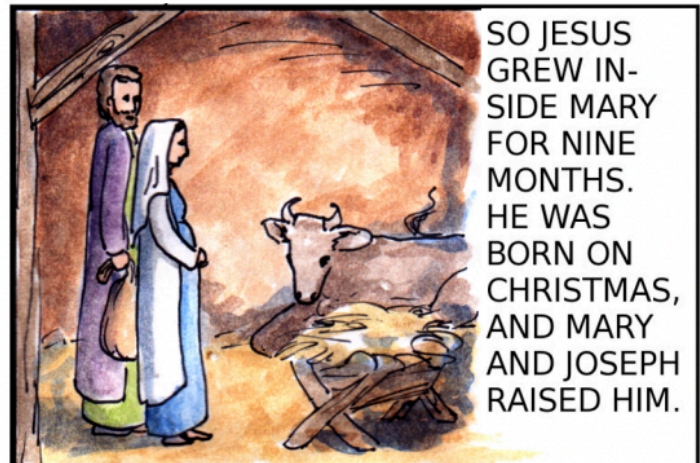
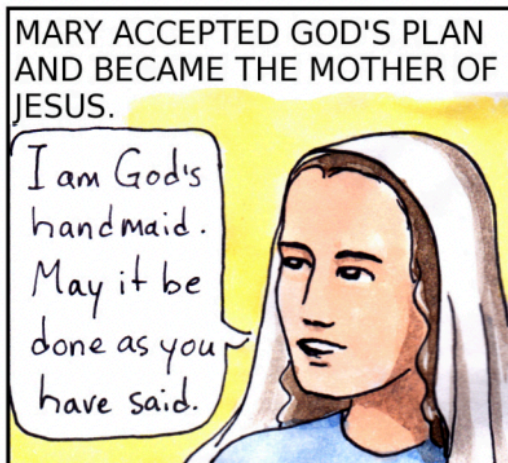
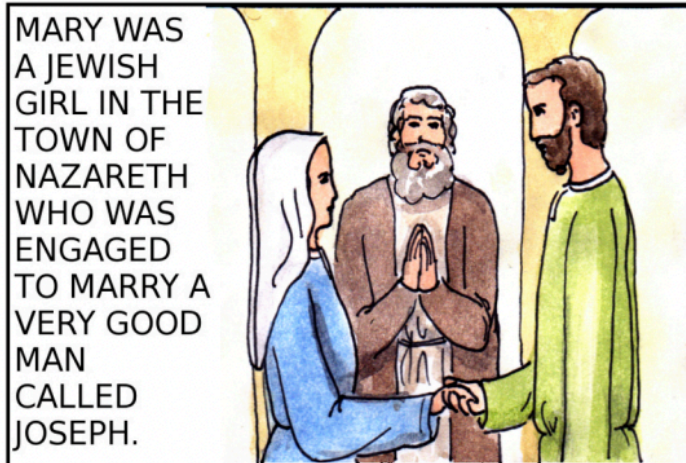
Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Annunciation

March 25



WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO COME TO EARTH AS A MAN, HE CHOSE MARY TO BE HIS MOTHER. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TELL HER THAT SHE WOULD BECOME HIS MOTHER; HE GAVE HER A CHOICE. BECAUSE MARY CHOSE TO SAY "YES" TO GOD, JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND DIED TO LET US INTO HEAVEN!

The Burning Bush Word-Find

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 R G O D J E T H R O R U
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 F L A M E E G Y P T O I
 A O A B U S H O R E B N
 C O C N D B L A Z I N G
 E K M I S E R A B L E S

*See if you can find
 all the words
 in CAPITALS
 in this story.*



*The left over letters
 tell what the
 Israelites in Egypt
 wanted:*

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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers-of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."

