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**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
16TH-17TH MARCH 2019
YEAR C**



*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

**Of you my heart has
spoken; seek his face.
It is your face, O lord,
that I seek; hide not
your face from me.**
Psalm 26.8-9

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

**This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen to
him.**
Matthew 17.5

1st Reading: Genesis 15.5-18:
The Lord invites Abram to look
up and gaze upon the glory of the
heavens—such will his descend-
ants be. Abram is hesitant yet
nonetheless the Lord creates a
covenant—relationship—with
him.

**Response to the Psalm: The Lord
is my light and help.**

**2nd Reading: Philippians 3.17-
4.1:** Paul encourages the commu-
nity to learn from those who are
following the Lord faithfully
rather than from those who are
fixated on earthly things. The
Lord will transfigure us into
copies of his own glorious body
by the same power with which he
sustains the universe.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory! From the bright
cloud the Father's voice was
heard: "This is my Son, the
Beloved. Listen to him!" Praise to
you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!**

Luke 9.28-36: Jesus allows the
chosen disciples to catch a glimpse
of his transfigured and glorified
body in order to strengthen them for
the coming crisis of his suffering
and death. They will slowly learn
that the following of Christ is the
journey into the
very glory of God.
Already we share
in Christ's suffer-
ings in order to
have a share, even
now, in his glory.



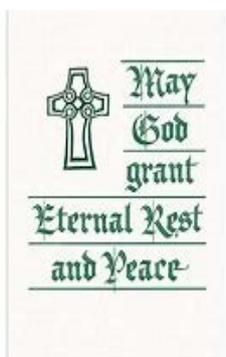
Please take a copy of the Lent information sheet if you haven't already done so. Our parish focus last year was "Participation in the Eucharist". This year's focus is "Growth in Holiness through Prayer." During this Lent let's keep these two themes in mind—through our deeper participation at Mass may we grow together in holiness of life. Remember the church is open for prayer from 7am until dusk. Each week during Lent—the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 7am-9.45am; Stations of the Cross and Benediction each Tuesday at 7pm; Reflections on Pope Francis' document *Rejoice and Be Glad* each Wednesday at 7.30pm

Please keep in your prayers our children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Confession, this Tuesday. May their experience of God's forgiveness and mercy strengthen them in their desire to follow Christ.



Please note that Stations of the Cross and Benediction will take place this week on Wednesday at 7pm.

Thank you for last week's collection . Please see the details on the notice-board.



Please pray for the eternal rest of Robert McLachlan whose Requiem Mass takes place this Monday at 10am with his body being received Sunday at 1pm. May the Lord comfort and console his wife Anne and family at this time of their loss.

*Good spiritual
resources for lent
are available at
onlineministries.
creighton.edu
Beautiful prayers
and reflections.*

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

The diocesan Mission & Evangelisation team has arranged four evenings of **Contemplative Theology** in the Xavier Centre, Carfin on 21st & 28th March from 7.15-9pm. There is also a Lenten **Saturday Day of Prayer** in the Conforti Xaverian Missions Centre in Coatbridge on 13th April. Also at Conforti on Wednesday 17th April is a **Lenten Day of Prayer**. See the noticeboard for more details.

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is offering both online and individually guided retreats during Lent. Please see the poster.

Lanark & District U3A. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th March, at 2pm, in the Memorial Hall, Lanark. The speaker will be the author Phillip Caine who will speak about his book, 'Barrow to Baghdad and Back.' Retired and semi-retired welcome.

SCIAF's Wee Box 6K Family Fun Run will take place on Saturday, 4th May 2019, Strathclyde Country Park, gathering at 10am for 11am run start. Sign up online at www.sciaf.org.uk to show solidarity with people in need around the world. SCIAF is also participating in Glasgow's Lentfest. See the poster for details.

The AGM of the Hall Committee will take place at 7:30pm in the Hall on Monday 25th March. All are welcome to attend. The AGM of the Clydesdale Food Bank takes place on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. All welcome.

St John's Church has a Prayer Day on Saturday 23rd March. See noticeboard for details

St Athanasius' Primary school is participating in Tesco's *Bags of Fun* project from 1st March-1st May. Remember to ask for a token each time you shop and place it in the St Athanasius' box.

During Lent, you are invited to take part in our "Food Amnesty"—letting go some of our favourite foods and donating them to the Food Bank. Please bring along items each week. See the notices in the Welcome Area.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: *Fasting*, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. *Prayer*, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. *Almsgiving*, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to re-discover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness. Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation. *Pope Francis*

Please pray for our sick and housebound. A Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of Your love, I pour out to You, My Saviour the memories that haunt me, the anxieties that perplex me, the fears that stifle me, the sickness that assails me and the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me. Lord, help me to see Your peace in my turmoil, Your compassion in my sorrow. Your forgiveness in my weakness, and Your love in my need. Touch me, Lord, with Your healing power and strength. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: John & Annabella Callan, John & Veronica O'Dowd, Martin Stirling, Amy Low & Mary McCrossan



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.

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