



ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. *Psalm 42.1-2*

COMMUNION
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Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord. *John 11.26*



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
6TH-7TH APRIL 2019
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1st Reading: **Isaiah 43.16-21:** In beautiful, poetic imagery, Isaiah recalls the Exodus from slavery in Egypt and looks forward to God doing a “new deed.” In Christ we are given a road through the wilderness and wilds of life to the haven we seek.

Response to the Psalm:
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3.8-14:** We who are “in Christ” share the pattern of his death and resurrection each time we die to self. This is how we experience the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord, can lay the past to rest, and look with hope for what is still to come.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Luke 13.1-9: The story of Christ’s forgiveness of the woman caught in adultery is about the divine forgiveness; yes, but it also reminds us of the propensity all religions have for exclusion, judgement and condemnation. The Lord refocuses the minds of the religious leaders away from the woman’s sin towards themselves, and uses the occasion to bring them to a deeper awareness of their own need for pardon.



We begin Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Christian year, next week with Palm Sunday. If the weather permits, we will gather outside the main door of the church for the blessing of palms and then process together inside for the celebration of Mass.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the deanery during Holy Week. All the services other than Shotts begin at 7pm:
Friday 12th April St Patrick’s Shotts 4-7pm;
Monday 15th April St Ignatius’ Wishaw; St Mary’s Cleland;
Tuesday 16th April St Aidan’s Wishaw; St Brigid’s Newmains;
Wednesday 17th April St Mary’s Lanark; St Athanasius’ Carluke.*

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

The parish Garden Party will take place on Sunday 2nd June, beginning straight after Mass. Let’s make this a happy and successful parish event. Volunteers to help out will be needed. Just now we’re looking for some people who could do face-painting.

Our Lenten Service of Reconciliation will take place on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 17th April, at 7pm. Please make a note in your diary. Various priests will be available for Confession.

Our celebration of First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 11th May and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th June. Parents are asked to come along to our preparation evenings: for Communion, the meetings take place on Tuesday 16th, 23rd and 30th April; for Confirmation, the meetings take place on Wednesday 24th April and 1st & 8th May. All the meetings will be held in the Oratory from 7-8pm.

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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 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.

Thank you for last week's collections especially your generous giving to SCIAF. Please see the noticeboard for details. This month's 50/50 winners are: 1st Maureen Doherty No 54; 2nd No 42 John Milloy; 3rd No 41 Maureen Doherty. There will be no 2nd collection this month for the church refurbishment.

Choir Practice for Easter takes place after Mass on 7th & 14th April. New members welcome.

Good spiritual resources for Lent at onlineministries.creighton.edu

The St Margaret Pilgrimage to Dunfermline will take place on Sunday 2nd June. See the noticeboard for more details.

The final order for memorial plaques for our garden of remembrance will be made soon. If you would like a plaque please see Fr Magill.

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.

"Fiona's Thursday Thing" in the Hall on Thursday 11th April at 2pm. Tickets £7.50 for a two course lunch. Please contact Margaret Lindsay 07743 598483 or Margaret Haddow 07866 436263.

On sale in the shop, Easter cards and First Holy Communion cards and gifts.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY

These words of Jesus are spoken all the time: 'I do not condemn you'. In prayer we often feel condemned for our past, or just for whatever in ourselves makes us feel shame. We condemn ourselves for meanness in the past, for our use of people for our own ends. We may also condemn ourselves for feelings we have or aspects of our personalities of which we feel ashamed. We can do nothing better than come before the Lord in shame and sin, and allow the words of mercy, 'I do not condemn you' fill the shame, the guilt which makes our hearts and souls so empty.

Jesus is the one who never condemns, even when we are most condemnatory of ourselves. The look of Jesus to this condemned woman saved her - the look of divine and everlasting love. In prayer we can bring all the shame and guilt of our lives to this story of forgiveness and hear words spoken to each of us - 'I do not condemn you.'

From *Sacred Space*. See www.sacredspace

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: Lesley Christie, Robert McLachlan & Doreen Connelly



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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