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The Bishop:

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C

2nd-3rd April 2022

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
ANTIPHON

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

John 11.26

1st Readings: **Isaiah 43.16-21**: God does a new deed so that there is no need to think about what was done before. The whole creation will be caught up in the praise of God.

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

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3.8-14**: Nothing outweighs the supreme knowledge of knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord. We forget what is past and strain forward to what is still to come.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil 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!

Gospel: **John 8.1-11**: The Lord forgives the woman caught in adultery. In her meeting with him, she is made able to let go of her past and begin a newness of life which came about from this encounter.



The story contrasts a judgmental attitude with the attitude of compassion and mercy.



This year we have three catechumens who are preparing for Baptism and entry into the Church this Easter: Helen Millar, Colette Sutherland and Hayley Callaghan. We thank God for them and welcome them to our Sunday Mass during which they will declare their readiness for Baptism. Please keep them in your prayers during these final weeks of Lent.

Next week is Palm Sunday. If the weather permits we will begin our liturgy in the front garden with the blessing and procession of palms. This begins Holy Week, the most sacred week in our year. Please do your best to attend all the Services.



Our Stations of the Cross this week on Tuesday at 7pm will be led on video by Fr Stephen Reilly who has specially written them for SCIAF.

From Monday, 4th April, wearing of face-coverings in church is not longer demanded. However, please continue to maintain social distance as best you can.

HYMNS: Entrance Music Offertory 877 Communion 720 Exit 779

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April: **Health Care Workers** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Last month's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 013 Wilma Ross £125; 2nd No 072 Maura Barr £75; 3rd No 005 John Hackett £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings



Pray for Amy Kettles and Sean McCann who celebrate their marriage this Thursday at 1pm. May the Lord bless them and keep them and let his face shine upon them.

May they always know his love for them and his holy protection.

Our Lenten Service of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week, 13th April, at 7pm. General Absolution will once again be offered. Individual Confession for those who wish will be available that day from 5-6pm.



Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10

Remember our online Bulletin offers further reflections on the Sunday readings and other prayer and spiritual resources. On the homepage of our website there is a Children's Liturgy each week as well as a short video for everyone. Fr Magill also offers a video 'take' on each week's Gospel.

Resources for prayer and reflection are available on the diocesan website www.rcdom.org.uk. Go to Synod 2021-23 and click Synodality and Spirituality. Copies of our Novena Prayer for Peace are available to take home with you.



SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: Ask yourself regularly, "What am I afraid of? Does it matter? Will it matter in the great scheme of things? Is it worth holding on to?" We have to ask whether it is fear that keeps us from loving. Grace will lead us into such fears and emptiness, and grace alone can fill them, *if we are willing to stay in the void*. We mustn't engineer an answer too quickly. We mustn't get settled too fast. We all want to manufacture an answer to take away our anxiety and settle the dust. To stay in God's hands, to trust, means that we usually have to let go of our attachments to feelings—which are going to pass away anyway. People of deep faith develop a high tolerance for ambiguity and come to recognize that it is only the small self that needs certitude or perfect order all the time. The Godself is perfectly at home in the River of Mystery. Faith does not need to push the river precisely because it is able to trust that *there is a river*. The river is flowing; we are already in it. This is probably the deepest meaning of "divine providence." So do not be afraid. We have been proactively given the Spirit by a very proactive God. *Fr Richard Rohr OFM*

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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