

# Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20230212/mass.htm>

### MASS TIMES

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** Mass at **5:30 pm** in the Small Chapel. Rosary from 5:10 pm. The Legion of Mary Group will meet after the Mass.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** Mass at **10 am** in the Small Chapel. Adoration from 9 am. Rosary from 9:35 am. The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group and Mothers Prayers Group will meet after Mass.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February** **Mass at 9 am.**

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr Emmet.*

### EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Both SCIAF and Mary's Meals have launched emergency appeals for the victims of the earthquakes which have devastated northern Syria and southern Turkey. If you would like to make a donation the links are as follows:

**Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) -**

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/475-2023-syria-turkey-earthquake-appeal>

**Mary's Meals -** <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Classes**

There will no classes this weekend due to the school mid-term break. Classes will resume on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Teas and Coffees on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February after the 9 am Mass in the rear hall**

If you would like to help with this, do let us know by speaking to Antonella Tonna ([antonellatonna@hotmail.com](mailto:antonellatonna@hotmail.com)). All are very welcome to attend.

#### **Ash Wednesday Mass, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 6pm, Trinity Church**

Please note that the Mass will be held in the main Church at Trinity.

#### **Stronghold Festival, 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May, Craig Lodge, Argyll**

The Stronghold Festival will be a four-day celebration of God's love for us! Centred on praise, worship, adoration, inspiring talks, and time for building friendships and fellowship. Open to all youth aged 16-35. Early bird tickets now on sale. For more information click [here](#).

#### **Generation Hope Summer Camp, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June, Cairn Brae, Perthshire**

This is a five-day/four-night summer camp/outdoor education style event for youth in S1 – S3. Youth groups will stay in chalets and will take part in fabulous activities including water sports, kayaking, zip line, football, golf, arts & crafts, and much more! There will also be daily Mass, testimonies and teachings on the Faith and the work of Mary's Meal, good music, fun and games! For more details and to register visit the St Mary's Cathedral webpage [here](#).

#### **World Youth Day, 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August, Lisbon, Portugal**

WYD is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Open to all youth aged 16 - 35. If you are interested, please email Joe Kelly, Youth and Children's Coordinator at St Mary's Cathedral: [youth@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:youth@cathedral-abdn.org)

### YOUNG-CATHOLICS.COM

A helpful resource for young and old! <https://young-catholics.com/>

### PRAYERS WITH THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary group can visit your home or meet with you at church to say a special prayer or the rosary with our lovely statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Interested parties can contact Fr Emmet ([eod@rcda.scot](mailto:eod@rcda.scot)) or Bronwyn ([bronwyn.d@vidson.me](mailto:bronwyn.d@vidson.me)).

**"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."** (Matthew 18:20)

## PREGO

PREGO is a weekly leaflet to help people pray the Sunday Mass Readings. There is an additional page (PREGO PLUS) providing simple background material on the two Scripture texts. Prego is produced by St Beuno's, a retreat centre in Wales. To aid spiritual development in adult Catholics they have produced a weekly pamphlet of reflections which are based on the Sunday readings.

The idea is that a person will hear the readings at Mass on Sunday and then refer to their Prego publication throughout the week as a stimulus for personal prayer and reflection: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

## CHRISTIAN ART

Christian Art's mission is to offer a pathway to grow closer to God through the beauty of art and the Gospel. They offer a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, they select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short-written reflection on the two. For more information: <https://christian.art/about/>

*If you use [Universalis.com](https://www.universalis.com) for your daily readings, you will find the link for that day's Christian Art reflection at the end of the readings.*

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING

In Trinity Parish, we ensure the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners. To do this, we adhere to the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

These can be read in full in the document [In God's Image](#) or online by following the link to the National Safeguarding Office: [www.scsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.scsafeguarding.org.uk) or [www.bcso.org.uk](http://www.bcso.org.uk)

The latest edition of Safeguarding Matters Newsletter: [Safeguarding Matters Dec 2022](#)

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Rae; her role is to support the parish by organising the recruitment, induction and training of volunteers who work with children, young people or adults at risk. She is the person to approach if you have any Safeguarding issues to discuss or report (email: [trinitywesthillpsc@rcd-abdn.org](mailto:trinitywesthillpsc@rcd-abdn.org)).

## PARISH GROUPS

**The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Small Chapel, Monday evenings at 6 pm**  
**Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904)**

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics, who under the leadership of Mary, serve the Church and the community on a voluntary basis. Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions.

**The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings, Thursdays after the 10 am Mass**  
All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information: <https://mmp-usa.net/>

**Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after the 10 am Mass**  
The 'Mothers Prayers' prayer group was begun by mothers in England in 1995. These mothers felt that they should bring all the pain and the worries they had for their children to Christ and to trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive.'

## COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February was £70.

***Thank you very much for your generosity.***

## SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

You can support the work of our parish financially either in the **Offertory Collection Basket** at the door, using our **Offertory Envelopes**, or by setting up a **Standing Order** so that money will be donated to the parish every week or month.

If you use the envelopes or set up a standing order and you pay tax, we can claim **Gift Aid** for every donation that you make. This means that we receive a further 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.

To register for **Gift Aid**, to get offertory envelopes, or to set up a Standing Order, please speak to Fr Emmet either directly before or after Mass or by phone/email and he will give you the details. **Thank you to all of you.**