

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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1st Sunday of Lent 26th February 2023

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20230226/mass.htm>

MASS TIMES

Monday 27th February Mass at **5:30 pm** in the Small Chapel. Stations of the Cross from 5:10 pm. The Legion of Mary Group will meet after the Mass.

Thursday 2nd March 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 5th March Mass at **9 am**.

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

FLOWERS

Thank you to all those who bring in flowers for the Church. A gentle reminder that during Lent we are not to use flowers as this is a penitential season.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, will be an opportunity to use flowers. Laetare means 'to rejoice' and the Church expresses encouragement in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Classes

There will be classes on Sunday 26th February.

Lenten Lunch, Friday 3rd March, 12:30 pm at Westhill Community Church

We look forward to meeting with our friends from the Church of Scotland and Westhill Community Church congregations. Everyone is welcome to join.

The following week, Friday 10th March, the Lenten Lunch will be hosted by our parish at Trinity Church and led by Fr Emmet.

Lenten Station Mass, Friday 3rd March at Sacred Heart Church, Torry

Confessions from 6 pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm.

For more information: <https://www.rcda.scot/lenten-station-masses-2023/>

Way of the Cross, Tuesday 7th March, 7:30 pm at St Francis Church

Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Music provided by The Aberdeen Diocesan Choir. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Supper and Bingo night, Saturday 18th March at St Francis Church

All proceeds to go to the Catholic Charities working with earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. More details to follow.

Stronghold Festival, 26th – 29th 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, 2nd – 6th 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](#).

EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF), Mary's Meals and Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) 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:

[SCIAF](#) [Mary's Meals](#) [Aid to the Church in Need \(ACN\)](#)

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) or Bronwyn (bronwyn.d@vidson.me).

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

HELPFUL RESOURCES

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. Here is the link: <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. Here is the link: <https://christian.art/>

Young Catholics

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

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 or www.bcos.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).

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 19th February was £105.

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.**