

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 19th March 2023

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20230319/mass.htm>

MASS TIMES

- Monday 20th March** 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 23rd 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 26th March** Mass at **9 am**.

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

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 \(ACN\)](#)

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER, TO MARY OUR MOTHER

Mother of God and our mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfil their maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children.

Pray for their children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of your Son.

We pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love.

We pray for mothers, who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family & friends support and console them.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of His kingdom.

We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord, and your Son, in union with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Classes

There will be classes on Sunday 19th March.

Adoration on Tuesday 21st March, 2 pm to 3 pm, in the Small Chapel

Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunch, Friday 24th March, 12:30 pm at Westhill Community Church

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

Friday 31st March is the last Lenten Lunch at Trinity Church, led by Fr Emmet. We are needing more helpers for this event. If you think you might be able to help by making a pot of soup or being there to help serve the lunch, then please speak with Sarah Christie or Fr Emmet.

Lenten Station Mass, Friday 24th March at St Francis Church

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/>

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony, Saturday 25th March, 1 pm at St Francis Church

The annual Acies ceremony is where all Auxiliary and Active members of the Legion of Mary come together to renew their consecration to Jesus through His Mother Mary, our Queen and our Mother. It starts with the Legion Prayers and closes with Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament followed by light refreshments.

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)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday (this year on 7th April 2023).

St Faustina Kowalska was born in 1905 to a devout but poor family in Poland. Jesus guided her to a religious vocation and she entered the convent as a young woman. In early 1931, Jesus appeared to her and told her that she would be His special messenger to remind the world of His Divine Mercy. He also informed her that the first Sunday after Easter would become “the Feast of Mercy”, now known as Divine Mercy Sunday (this year on 16th April 2023). St Faustina recorded what Jesus said to her in a diary, including the nine-day Divine Mercy Novena, where each day is prayed for a different group of souls. St Faustina died at age 33 and was canonized by Pope St John Paul II in 2000.

Here is a link to the Novena: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena>

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 5th March was £125.

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.**