

St Aloysius' Church

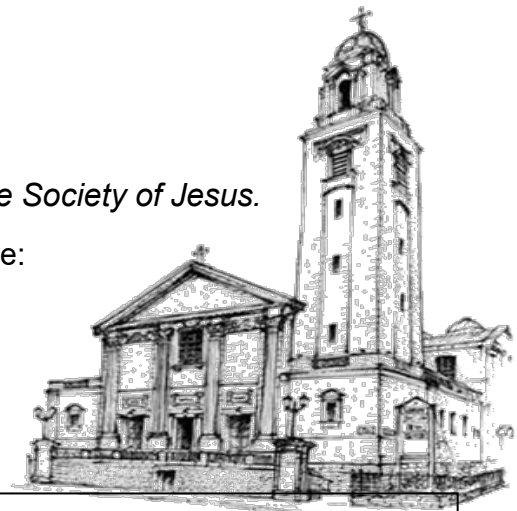
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15 March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

Year A

Service Times

Sunday Mass Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am
Signed Mass for the Deaf
Community
12.00 noon (Sung), & 9.00 pm

Weekday Monday - Friday: 8.00 am, 12.15 pm

Saturday 12.15pm & 5.00pm (*Vigil*)

Confessions Mon-Sun 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions after 8 a.m. Mass on request

Exposition Every Sunday after the 12 noon
Mass

Today is Laetare Sunday. Laetare is the Latin for Rejoice. Laetare Sunday takes its name from the Entry Antiphon in the Missal: Rejoice Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers .
Thank You for all you do for us.

Today the Lebanese Maronite Order invites you to participate in the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the blessed season of Lent.
Date: Sunday, March 15th Time: 2:00 PM
Location: St. Aloysius Church 25 Rose Street Glasgow G3 6RE
Following the Liturgy, there will be light refreshments appropriate to the occasion. We will be delighted to meet up with all of you. Christian Arab community in Scotland.

Can my Lent be 'rescued'? What if I'm approaching the midpoint of Lent and not much is going on? Can my Lent be 'rescued'? Creighton Online Ministries website offers some very simple guidelines: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Stations of the Cross Friday after 12.15 Mass.

The Passion According to Matthew : Preparing for Holy Week & Easter
Wednesday 18th March After 12.15 Mass repeated in the evenings at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30pm

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR SIMON BISHOP SJ



The Jesuit Community in Glasgow,
the Principal of St Aloysius' College,
the Director of
the Ignatian Spirituality Centre,
the Parish Priest of St Aloysius' Church
and the Coordinator of the
St Aloysius' Refugee Language School
warmly invite
all our friends and colleagues,
parishioners, parents,
families and young people,
our pupils & Old Aloysians
to a Mass of Thanksgiving
to celebrate our shared mission and life.
Friday 20 March, 6.00 pm
St Aloysius' Church
followed by a reception
in St Aloysius' College Hall.
RSVP Mrs J McWilliams
at CFAdmin@staloyusius.org
by Friday 13 March

Assisted Suicide: the Scottish Parliament is expected to take the final vote on assisted suicide on St Patrick's Day. This Bill can still be defeated at Stage 3. More than 20 MSPs have indicated they backed the Bill merely to "continue the conversation" and could vote against it at Stage 3. Only 7 MSPs need to switch for the Bill to be defeated. Email your MSPs now asking them to vote NO at Stage 3 - it takes just 30 seconds! <https://righttolife.org.uk/ureq> Take action now. The MSP email tool at the link is quick and easy to use. Every email makes a difference. Now is our last chance to stop assisted suicide in Scotland. Please help us to protect vulnerable people.

Small Faith Sharing Group for Lent in the Ogilvie Centre: Thursday 19 March after 12.15 Mass . We shall follow the gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent **John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45** I am the Resurrection and the Life **The Man Born Blind** Anne Muldoon will lead the group.

Growing in Faith Retreat Days: St. Aloysius', Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. on Saturday 21st March, and 18th April, 10.30am–3pm (lunch provided; donation only). Also, a weeklong Retreat in Daily Life starting after 12.00 Mass on Sunday 22nd March with opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every day. To find out more or sign up, scan the QR code or email marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk



Flourish: The special Lent edition of Flourish is now available free. Please take home a copy. It has an interesting centre spread on how to 'reboot' your Lenten observances. The new edition also has the Pope's letter for Lent, details of a planned pilgrimage for young people to World Youth Day, a focus on the upcoming vote on Assisted Suicide in the Scottish Parliament, details of the St Patrick's Day celebrations in Glasgow and news from around the parishes and schools.

Glasgow 850 Sponsored Interfaith Walk: Experiencing Glasgow's Religious Diversity, Supporting Interfaith Engagement, **Saturday 28 March** Visiting St Andrew's Parish Church, Hindy Mandir, Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow Buddhist Centre, St Aloysius' Church, Garnethill Synagogue, Glasgow Central Mosque, Glasgow Gurdwara. Participants will arrive in St Aloysius at 2.45 when they will be given a short tour of the church followed by a blessing for Glasgow using the Canticum of St Francis. If you would like to participate in the walk or if you would like to sponsor one of the participants please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/Glasgow850InterfaithWalk>

The next foodbank collection will take place over the weekend of 28th and 29th March. Priority items for the month are: UHT milk, packets of porridge, small jars of coffee, tinned peas, tinned carrots, toilet rolls, and ladies and gents deodorant and shampoo. Thank you for your ongoing support. <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

AGAP Theatre Presents "Gaudi: God's Architect": Genius? Madman? Saint? The story of Antoni Gaudí, internationally renowned visionary architect responsible for Barcelona's towering Sagrada Familia. Performances (7.30pm): Thurs 26th March at St Thomas the Apostle, Riddrie. Fri 27th March at Blessed John Duns Scotus, Gorbals. Sat 28th March at St Bernard's, South Nitshill. Tickets £10/7/5 (Pay What you Can) from www.gaudi-play.co.uk or 0141 552 5527.

Archdiocese of Glasgow Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now open for anyone wishing to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking place from 16th July to 23rd July. For information about the pilgrimage go to <https://joewalshstours.co.uk/tours/glasgow-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/> If you are interested in attending, or you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office at pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

SPUC News: SPUC has recently launched *The Legacy of Life Fellowship*, which has been established to encourage SPUC supporters to become invaluable partners in this mission. If you are interested in leaving a legacy and would like to find out more information about joining *The Legacy of Life Fellowship*, please email legacy@spuc.org.uk or telephone 020 7820 3136.

Jesuit Young Adult Ministries: offer an extensive programme of activities and meetings every Sunday evening at 7.00 pm in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre at 35 Scott Street, G3 6PE. We begin at 6.45pm for 7pm: a light meal is prepared, followed by a talk and discussion or prayer time with the option to attend 9.00 pm Sunday Mass. You can download the monthly programme offer or the whole programme for 2025-26 here: <https://www.staloyusglasgow.org/yam/>

JESUIT MISSIONS are looking for a new 'Campaigns & Outreach Officer.' Successful applicant can work remotely. Closing date for applications: 9:00am on Friday 20th March. Information about Jesuit Missions, the Job Description/Person Specification go to: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies/>

Festival of Synodality – Saturday 6 June 2026: We invite you to the National Festival of Synodality at Glasgow Caledonian University, a day inspired by Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses to synodality." The Festival will focus on Conversation in the Spirit, a simple and powerful way of communal discernment rooted in listening, conversion and mission. The day will celebrate the fruits already flourishing in the Church in Scotland and include input from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience Conversation in the Spirit first-hand. Lunch is included. All are welcome, especially those involved in parish and diocesan life, pastoral councils, schools and faith organisations. Tickets: £65. Parishes and dioceses are encouraged to support those wishing to attend. Tickets available: bit.ly/synodality26

Peregrinatio Pro Christi (Travelling for Christ): Every year some members of the Legion of Mary volunteer to take part in a Peregrinatio Pro Christi project (PPC) to another country. This coming Holy Week a group from Ireland will be travelling to Scotland to help with evangelisation in St Aloysius', Garnethill. They will be assisted by legionaries from Glasgow. We would like to invite you to pray for this project which begins on Saturday 28 March and ends on Saturday 4 April. We thank all those kind members of our community who have kindly offered our visitors a bed for the night during their time with us.

Day of Confessions for Lent: Priests will be available to hear Confessions all day, from 9am - 5pm, in St Andrew's Cathedral on Friday 27th March.

Financial Support for Saint Aloysius Church: We rely on the generous financial support of those who worship in this church to be able to keep the building and our mission in Glasgow afloat. The most helpful way of giving is by Standing Order, either monthly or weekly, as this allows us to predict income and plan well. If you are a UK taxpayer, please also sign a Gift Aid form – this enables us to claim from the Government an additional 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra expense to yourself. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church.. If you have internet banking, you can set up a Standing Order online.

Donations to St Aloysius' Garnethill can be made by using the card readers located at the main entrance to the church or by scanning this QR code. Don't forget to gift aid your donation. Thank you for your support

**St Aloysius' Church
The First Collection**



**St Aloysius' Church Parish Expenses
The Second Collection**



First Collection Sunday 8 March : £1453.36 Second Collection : £403.31

Contactless Machine: £143.00

**The Second Collection this week
is for SCIAF**

The Second Collection next week is for Sick and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese

Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday 17 March	St Patrick	Feast
Wednesday 18 March	St Cyril ,Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
Thursday 19 March	St Jospeh, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity

HOLY WEEK 2026

Monday to Wednesday (30th March – 1st April) Mass: 8am, 12.15pm, 5.30 pm
Confessions 30 minutes before 12.15 and 5.30 pm Masses.

Maunday Thursday (2 April) No Morning Mass
11.00am—The Chrism Mass, St Andrew's Cathedral
Confessions 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8 pm

Good Friday (3rd April): Morning Prayer of the Church: 10am
Confessions after Morning Prayer
Stations of the cross: 12:15pm
Confessions after Stations of the Cross
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm
Confessions after celebration of the Lords Passion
Good Friday Evening Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Confessions after Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday (4th April) 10am: Morning prayer of the Church
Confessions after Morning Prayer
Holy Saturday (30th March): Easter Vigil: 9 pm

Easter Sunday (5th April)
Ecumenical Service Garnethill Park 7 a.m.
followed by Breakfast in St Anrdew's West Church, Bath Street
Easter Sunday Mass (5th April): 10am, 12pm, 9pm

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

First reading **Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

David is anointed king of Israel

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 22. RV.1,**

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second reading **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 8:12**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel **John 9:1-41**

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

Communion Antiphon **John 9, 11, 38**

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God