

## St Aloysius' Church

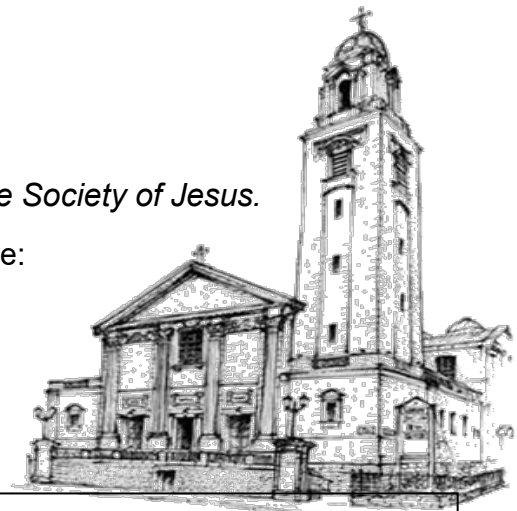
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22 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

**Retreat in Daily Life:** There will be a meeting  
for all those signed up for the Retreat in Daily  
life after 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Stations of the Cross** Friday after 12.15 Mass.

**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.

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.** We begin each  
Mass just outside the church (weather  
permitting). Please collect a Palm and wait on  
the outside platform.

**The clocks will go forward** one hour at 1.00  
AM on Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, marking the  
start of British Summer Time (BST)

**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 will welcome them at Palm  
Sunday Masses. We would like to invite you to  
pray for this project which begins on Saturday  
28 March and ends on Saturday 4 April.

### HOLY WEEK 2026

**Monday to Wednesday** (30 March – 1 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** (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

Confessions after Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** (4<sup>th</sup> April) 10am: Morning prayer  
of the Church followed by Confessions

Confessions 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Holy Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> March ): Easter Vigil: 9 pm

**Easter Sunday** (5<sup>th</sup> April)

Ecumenical Service Garnethill Park 7 a.m.

followed by Breakfast in St Andrew's West  
Church, Bath Street

**Easter Sunday Mass** (5<sup>th</sup> April): 10am, 12pm,  
9pm

## **A Stand for the Vulnerable: Holyrood Votes Down Assisted Suicide Proposal**

MSPs voted 69–57 to reject Liam McArthur’s Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. Following an evening of robust and deeply considered debate, a majority of MSPs concluded that they could not support the Bill. Members highlighted several concerns, including what they viewed as insufficient safeguards, particularly regarding the risk of coercion among vulnerable groups such as disabled individuals and victims of domestic abuse. The absence of an opt-out provision for hospices and care homes opposed to assisted suicide was also a significant issue, as was the removal of key protections for healthcare professionals—developments that prompted the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society to move from neutrality to opposition last week.

Twelve MSPs who had supported the Bill at Stage 1 voted against it at Stage 3. They were: Jamie Hepburn, Mairi McAllan, Audrey Nicoll, Collette Stevenson, Miles Briggs, Sharon Dowey, Russell Findlay, Alexander Stewart, Brian Whittle, Daniel Johnson, Paul Sweeny and Martin Whitfi

Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland, stated: “MSPs can be confident that they have taken the correct and responsible course of action by voting to reject the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. Their decision safeguards some of Scotland’s most vulnerable individuals from the risk of being pressured into an early death.

“As a society, our duty is not to address suffering by eliminating the sufferer, but by surrounding each person with care, respect, and dignity until their natural end. Today’s vote moves Scotland further in that direction, and MSPs should be commended for this.”

Bishop Keenan further suggested that parliamentarians and the government should now make progress by strengthening palliative care, ensuring that it is properly funded and accessible to all who require it. You can read Bishop Keenan’s full statement, [here](#).

Catholic Parliamentary Office Director, Anthony Horan, said: “I would like to thank all MSPs for their thoughtful and careful consideration of the complex issues surrounding Liam McArthur’s Bill. I believe Parliament has made the right decision in rejecting assisted dying, thereby upholding human dignity and protecting the vulnerable. “We must now work together to improve palliative and social care, ensuring that everyone who needs support receives it and that no one is left behind.

“I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to all those within the Catholic community who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, including the many thousands who contacted their MSPs. You have spoken up for the weak and vulnerable and parliamentarians have listened.” If you are able, please contact your MSPs, to thank them for their careful and thoughtful consideration of this important matter.”

**Public Life Group** The purpose of the Public Life Group is to assist the Parish Priest by publicising issues relevant to the Catholic Church within the parish and enabling parishioners to take action to uphold the teachings of the Church in public life. Current activities include campaigning against the assisted dying bill, publicising justice and peace and environmental and climate issues and supporting persecuted Christians. Please see Fr Mitchell if you might be interested in joining the group or would like further details. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend the next meeting on Friday 27th March at 2pm on the first floor of the Ogilvie Centre.

**Glasgow Street Pastors** – Commonwealth Games: The Games take place from 23rd July to 2nd August. We are looking for volunteers to be “Games Pastors”. Church volunteers from around Glasgow will serve on short daytime / evening shifts alongside experienced Street Pastors. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to one of the church’s Street Pastors or get in touch with Elizabeth Lacey (GSP Coordinator) by email to [coordinator@gsp.scot](mailto:coordinator@gsp.scot). Please note that there will be a short application form to comple

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

**Parking** - Holy Week Car Parking is available in St Aloysius' College in the Scott Street playground (upper and lower car parks) to be used by those attending the Church during Holy Week. Please ensure that no car is left in the playground after any of the services.

**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 Cantic 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 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March at St Thomas the Apostle, Riddrie. Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March at Blessed John Duns Scotus, Gorbals. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March at St Bernard's, South Nitshill. Tickets £10/7/5 (Pay What you Can) from [www.gaudi-play.co.uk](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.



**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/>

**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](https://bit.ly/synodality26)

**NET Scotland:** Say yes to adventure - Be a Missionary with NET Scotland. Are you a young Catholic aged 18-28? NET Scotland is now accepting applications to join the team for the upcoming year (August 2026 – June 2027). Visit [www.netscotland.org/apply](http://www.netscotland.org/apply) to apply. Any questions? Email [gwenfawcettwood@netscotland.org](mailto:gwenfawcettwood@netscotland.org) and we'll get back to you.

**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

<p><b>St Aloysius' Church The First Collection</b></p> 	<p><b>St Aloysius' Church Parish Expenses The Second Collection</b></p> 
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**First Collection Sunday 15 March : £1257.97 Second Collection SCIAF : £555.66  
Contactless Machine: £435.00**

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

**Liturgical Calendar**

Wednesday 25 March                      Annunciation of the Lord                      Solemnity

**MASS TEXTS AND READINGS**

**First reading** **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 129. RV.7,**

R/ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second reading** **Romans 8:8-11**

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

**Gospel Acclamation** **Jn 11:25-26**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!** I am the resurrection and the life , says the Lord: whoever believes in me will never die. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel** **John 11:1-45**

I am the resurrection and the life.

**Communion Antiphon** **John 11:26**

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