

St Aloysius' Church

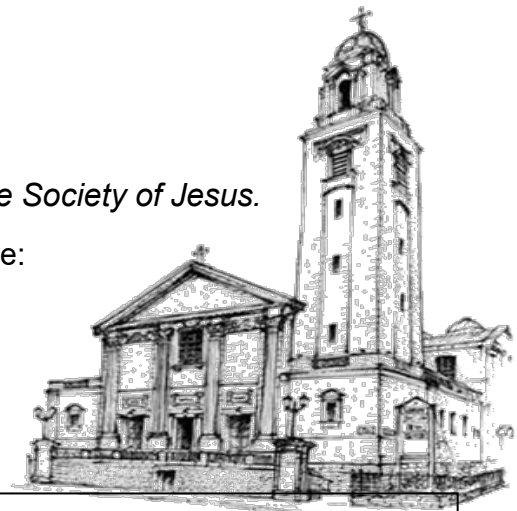
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29 March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

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.

We welcome all who visit us during Holy Week

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

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 this weekend. 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.

Maundy 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 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Confessions after Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday (4th April) 10am: Morning prayer of the Church followed by Confessions

Confessions 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Holy Saturday (4th April): Easter Vigil: 9 pm

Easter Sunday (5th April)

Ecumenical Service Garnethill Park 7 a.m. followed by Breakfast in St Andrew's West Church, Bath Street

Easter Sunday Mass (5th April): 10am, 12pm, 9pm

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.

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00 pm

In keeping with the tradition of the church and true to the spirit of this day which emphasises the unity of the church and community there is one celebration only of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Today we celebrate Christ's twofold giving of himself: to his enemies, to die on the cross for the life of the world. He is the paschal victim, whose blood saves his people; to his friends and disciples, his Church – that is, to us – in the sacrament of his body and blood. If we want to belong to Christ, we must follow his example of self-giving and of service – 'washing one another's feet'. We must be ready and willing to say with Christ, about our own selves: "This is my body which is given up for you." The whole purpose of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is to enable us to make his self-giving the real motivation for our lives.

GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3.00 pm

In this celebration of the passion and death of the Lord,

(a) We listen to the words of scripture and strive to understand the true meaning of his sufferings and the mind that was in him

(b) We pray with his spirit for the needs of the whole world

(c) We worship the Cross as the symbol of his triumph and finally

(d) We enter into sacramental communion with him who is our Saviour and our Life.

According to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and holy communion

HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, the sacrifice of the Mass is not celebrated and candles are not lit. Only after the solemn vigil during the night, held in anticipation of the resurrection, does the Easter celebration begin, with a spirit of joy that overflows into the following period of fifty days. EASTER VIGIL 9.00 pm

Mass Times Easter Monday 6 April - Mass will be celebrated at 12.15 p.m. There will be no 8 a.m. Mass on Easter Monday. Mass times 7 April – 10 April will be as normal.

Statement from the Bishops of Scotland

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable.

We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ.

Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.

In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute.

Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn.

This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people.

Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.

Foodbank collection this 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>

HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION, GOOD FRIDAY: The annual collection to support the Catholic community in the Holy Land will be taken up during the Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. Gift Aid cannot be used since the money is being sent abroad. Thank you for your generosity!

RCAG Youth - Lenten Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan: Monday 30th March 2026, 7-9pm in the Cathedral. Young adults (16+) are invited on Monday of Holy Week for a time of prayer and reflection, followed by a chance to enjoy hot cross buns and tea with old and new friends. Sign up at tinyurl.com/rcaglent26.

Reflect with SCIAF: This Lent, your prayers and donations are making a BIG DIFFERENCE to families in Ethiopia and in vulnerable communities worldwide. As we prepare for Easter, SCIAF has created prayers and reflections to support your Lenten journey. Please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox to download your prayer resources today.

Music Ministry in Barlinnie Prison: Mass is celebrated in Barlinnie Prison every Monday at 2.45pm. At the moment we are seeking a couple of musicians who would be able to assist on the 3rd Monday of each month. Contact Fr Paul McAlinden on 0141 772 1905 or email staugustine@rcag.org.uk

Rachel's Vineyard: A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Glasgow on Friday, 24th to Sunday 26th April. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email sisterandrea@rachelvineyard.org.uk.

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. Please note that there will be a short application form to complete.

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.



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.staloysiusglasgow.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

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

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**First Collection Sunday 22 March £1,267.88 : 2nd Collection sick & Retired Priests : £486.36
Contactless Machine: £105.00 Collection for Lourdes; £1,000
The Second Collection this week is for Parish Expenses**

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R. 2a

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.'

Gospel Acclamation

Ph 2 :8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.