

## St Aloysius' Church

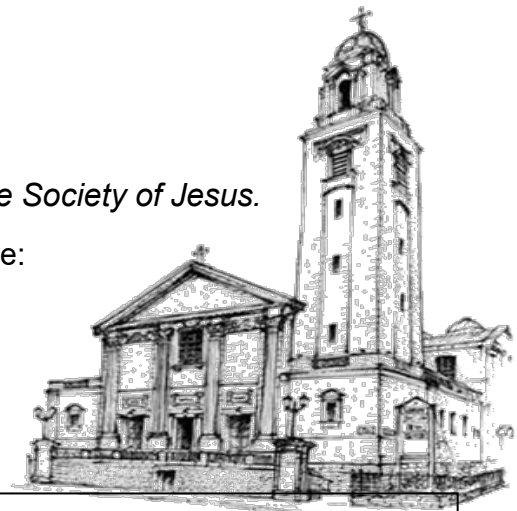
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**CLERGY:** Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)  
Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ Fr Roger Dawson SJ Fr Peter Griffiths SJ



22 February 2026

First 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

**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 are also looking for kind members of our community who would be happy to offer our visitors a bed for the night during their time with us.

**Hosting a member of the Peregrinatio Pro Christi Team:** Hosting a member of the PPC is a real gift to the Parish and to the team. The main commitment for a host is to provide Bed and Breakfast for seven days. The team from Ireland is due to arrive in time for the Vigil Mass on Saturday 28th March. The members make their own way to St Aloysius and there is no expectation that they are met at the airport/station. After attending the Vigil Mass, the team will meet together and have something to eat in the parish hall. Then they will go to their allocated accommodation. During the week they

are out all day visiting in the parish and will return after 9pm. The legionaries pay the host £100 for their stay for the week. They will depart on the morning of Saturday 4th April.

**Small Faith Sharing Groups for Lent in the Ogilvie Centre: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** after 12.15 Mass. We shall follow the gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent **Matthew 17: 1-9 His face shone like the sun** Anne Muldoon will lead the group.

### 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](mailto:CFAdmin@staloyusius.org)  
by Friday 13 March

**This Sunday 22 February Shroud Of Turin** As we approach the time of Good Friday and Easter in the Church's calendar, focus increases on one of the most fascinating of Christian relics – the Shroud of Turin. Many believe that this is the actual shroud that the body of Jesus was wrapped in after his crucifixion, and it certainly is the most discussed and most examined relic in Christendom. David McKenzie, a parishioner, is a member of the British Shroud of Turin Society; David will be giving an illustrated talk about the Shroud, its history, why it causes so much controversy and the unanswered questions that still surround it. This talk will be after the 12:00 mass (around 1:30p.m.) in the Ogilvie Centre on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Refreshments will be available. Parishioners and their friends are invited to join us.

**Rite of Election:** In the season of Lent, those preparing to be baptised or received at Easter embark on the final phase of their preparation. This Sunday at St Andrew's Cathedral at 3.00 pm, our own RCIA group will join with others from across the diocese to take part in the Rite of Election. The catechumens affirm their intention to join the Catholic Church and to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter. This year, three people are preparing to be baptised or received into the Church in our parish – Calum Reid, James Barnes-Millar and Chris Double. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey

**Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent after the 12.15pm Mass For those not able to join us on a Friday, Jules Gibson of Jesuit Missions has provided a link to a Lenten Stations of the Cross, featuring a thoughtful compilation of pupil reflections from Jesuit schools, inspired by the work of Jesuit Missions.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tg01KecpJK4>

**Through Lent with St Matthew:** a retreat for Lent 2026 from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre. The retreat can be accessed [www.onlineprayer.net/L26-M/](http://www.onlineprayer.net/L26-M/). A book that accompanies the retreat is available at the back of the church.

**SCIAF Wee Box** This year's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal for Lent focuses on Ethiopia, where years of progress are being undone by conflict, climate shocks and cuts to international aid. Access to clean water is at the heart of the appeal, alongside support for food security, healthcare and rebuilding lives after crisis. Through SCIAF and our local Church partners, parish generosity helps bring life-giving water, dignity and hope to families who need it most. The Wee Boxes available at back of the church

**Jesuit Missions Parish Newsletter** – Southern Africa (JOESA) Look at what Jesuit Missions have been doing to support education in Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe through the project JOESA. The newsletter includes pictures, videos, and testimonials from those benefitting from your support. <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/voO2xH1JtBiPy> If you would like to consider supporting the work of Jesuit Missions, please do follow the link below to donate: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate/>

**The next foodbank collection** will take place this weekend. Priority items this month are: UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned carrots, tinned peas, small jars of pasta sauce, tinned fruit, biscuits, toiletries. Thank you for your support. <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

**Abba's Vineyard:** Adoration night. Come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with a Lenten theme. The evening also includes the opportunity for Confession, Mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. For young adults aged 18-35, from 5-9pm, Saturday 28th February. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: [abbasvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:abbasvineyard@gmail.com).

**Visit of Jesuit Provincial:** Father Peter Gallagher SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain will be visiting the Jesuit Community in Glasgow at the end of February. He will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of February. This will be followed by lunch in the Ogilvie Centre. All are welcome. Please do join us.

**Ecumenical Evening Prayer** in honour of St John Ogilvie and other witnesses of faith St Aloysius Church 25 Rose Street 7pm Monday 9th March 2026

**The Passion According to Matthew : Preparing for Holy Week & Easter** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March After 12.15 Mass repeated in the evenings at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30pm Light refreshments will be served. A study of the passion of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew from the Last supper to the Burial of Jesus.

**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](mailto:marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk).



**Nightfever Friday 27 February 2026 7-10.30 p.m.** *'Come and see! (John 1,46)*  
**Nightfever** is back at St Aloysius' Church Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7-10.30 p.m.

On Night Fever evening the doors of St Aloysius Church, Garnethill are wide open and young people and young adults invite passers-by around Sauchiehall Street to come into the church, light a candle, listen to the music, read a Bible passage, receive a blessing, take up the offer to talk to a priest or celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Compline and Benediction 10 p.m.

**ST ALOYSIUS' CHURCH, GLASGOW RSNO CHORUS RACHMANINOV ALL NIGHT VIGIL** Sat 7 March 2026, 8.00pm Luminous, serene, and rooted in a profound and quiet faith, Rachmaninov's Vespers were the composition that he loved the most. They gave their composer 'an hour of the most complete satisfaction', and every performance creates a quite unmistakable atmosphere. For RSNO Chorus Director Stephen Doughty it's a labour of love; his is music that glows in the dark, and in the beautiful surroundings of a historic church, it should speak straight to the heart – and soul. This performance of Rachmaninov's All-Night Vigil will last for approx. 75 minutes. **Sold Out.**

**Online Course in English Integral Ecology: From Laudato Si' to Laudate Deum** For Information: [jdei.english@unigre.it](mailto:jdei.english@unigre.it) For enrollment: <https://immatricolazioni.unigre.it>

**Glasgow 850 Sponsored Interfaith Walk:** Experiencing Glasgow's Religious Diversity, Supportin 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 Canticle 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 Scottish assisted suicide 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.



**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://joewalshtours.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.

**St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Education Cardinal Winning Lecture 2026:** Saturday 7 March. "Why the Way of Beauty Matters in Catholic Education" – Dr Jem Sullivan, Catholic University

of America. University of Glasgow. Mass at 9:30am in the Memorial Chapel. Lecture 11am – Humanity Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Room 255. <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/>

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**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

<b>St Aloysius' Church The First Collection</b> 	<b>St Aloysius' Church Parish Expenses The Second Collection</b> 
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First Collection Sunday 15 February : £1150.02 Second Collection SPUC: £684.14  
Contactless Machine: £ 301.05

**The Second Collection this week (and 29<sup>th</sup> February and 1 March  
is for Sick and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese**

#### **MASS TEXTS AND READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

**Cf. Ps 91 (90):15-16**

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

**First reading**

**Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7**

The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17**

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

**Second reading**

**Romans 5:12-19**

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt4:4**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

The temptation in the wilderness

**Communion Antiphon:**

**Mt 4: 4**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**LDS**