

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

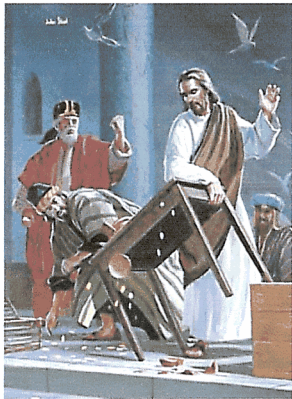
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Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses</u>	Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, 10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses</u>	10.15 a.m.
<u>Way of the Cross</u>	Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday, 9.30 to 9.50 a.m. 4.30 to 5 p.m. 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday is the Feast of St. John Ogilvie.



The Feast of **St. John Ogilvie** on Tuesday has a very special significance as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of his martyrdom. There is so much to admire in this convert to the Catholic faith who became the most heroic of priests and missionaries. At the time of his arrest he was almost certainly the only Catholic priest in Scotland. His trial highlights the continuous conflict between the power of the state and the faith and conscience of an individual. He is as much a saint for our time as he was for his. We need his prayer for Scotland.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Fraser MacPhee, Alistair MacKinnon, Flora MacLean, Charlie Fitzsimons, Winnie Thompson, Catherine MacDonald, Lachlan MacLeod, Thora Finan, Thomas Buchanan, Laura Cameron, Flora MacDonald, James Hurney and Jim Girvan.** May they all rest in peace. We pray also for **Jeanette Penman**, who once worshipped in St. Mary's with her husband Mark. May she be welcomed into her heavenly home, and may the Lord comfort her loved ones.

The **SCIAF Lenten** collection takes place next Sunday. We know that you will be as generous as ever.

The bus for the **Chrism Mass** has been provisionally booked. We will confirm the booking in next week's bulletin. This is the last call for those who would like to take advantage of this bus. The sheet is at the back of the church.

Our **Way of the Cross** has been very well attended. There are many in the parish determined that this devotion, with all its blessings, be not lost. Please be among them.

Carmelite **Easter cards** are displayed for sale at the back of the church. Such cards are the Carmelite Sisters of Dysart's main source of income. Thank you for your support over the years.



There are two Scots we would dearly love to see join John Ogilvie in the Calendar of Saint. One is Blessed John Duns Scotus, a humble Franciscan friar who was also one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. The other is Margaret Sinclair, whose cause for canonisation was accepted by Rome in 1978. This is what Pope John Paul II said of her: "Margaret could well be described as one of God's little ones, who through her very simplicity, was touched by God with the strength of real holiness of life, whether as a child, a young woman, an apprentice, a factory worker, a member of a Trade Union or a professed Sister of religion." Please include both in your personal prayer.

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The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them.

(Fr. Thomas Merton, Trappist monk and spiritual writer)

The worship of the golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any truly human goal. *(Pope Francis)*

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

(Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman statesmen and orator)

Abortion is legal because babies can't vote. *(Joseph Bonkowski, collector of inspirational quotations)*

The risen Lord is the new Temple, the real meeting place between God and man. *(Pope Benedict XVI)*

Each Station recalls a moment when Jesus stopped.... Jesus is close to us when we too are stopped in our tracks and wonder whether can carry one any more. We may be halted by illness or failure, by grief or despair. But Jesus carries on, making his slow way to the Cross and to the Resurrection, and brings us with him in hope. *(Father Timothy Radcliffe, Dominican and writer)*

No sooner have we fallen by the wayside in failing to fulfil our New Year resolutions than along comes Lent, when we're expected to make some more. Old people like myself who have been forced to give up all sorts of things like cricket or Highland dancing due to our failing faculties ought to be excused any further abstinences. Even so, I am going to make a real effort this year to give up news. This is harder for a life-long journalist than it might be for other more respectable people. I have been addicted to news for as long as can remember.

(Richard Ingrams, former editor of "Private Eye" and "The Oldie", Catholic convert)

AND ALSO.....

I will never understand why they cook on TV. I can't smell it. Can't eat it. Can't taste it. At the end of the show they hold it up to the camera, "Well, here it is. You can't have any. Thanks for watching. Goodbye." *(Jerry Seinfeld, American comedian)*

