

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	Monday, 5 p.m.	
	Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.	
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday:	
	9.45 to 10 a.m.	
	4 to 4.30 p.m.	
	5.30 to 5.45 p.m.	
<u>Way of the Cross</u>	Wednesday 7 p.m.	<i>(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)</i>

*There are no Feasts or Memorials this week.*

Our **Lenten SCIAF collection** takes place *next* Sunday. We know that you will be as thoughtful and generous as ever. Please remember that the UK government will match whatever you give. This collection is distinct from the Wee Box donations, which should be handed in at Easter. Should you donate by cheque, please make it out not to SCIAF but to "St. Mary's Fort William", as the collection passes through the parish account.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Elizabeth Mulrooney, Vera MacDonald, Anne MacKintosh, Calum MacLean, Neil Lindsay, Archie Lindsey, Jeanie Wright, Kay MacLeod, James Connachie, Amy MacPherson, Ewan Eddie, Agnes McCaffrey, Adam MacPherson, Marion Gillies, Thomas Cameron, Peggy and Willie Downie, Ella Mackin, Canon John Archie MacNeil, Frank White, Tim Brady, Mary MacLeod, Ronnie MacDonald, Nicholas Griffin and Ailstair MacKinnon.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**Our thanks** to those who cleaned the church so thoroughly earlier this week!

**The Chrism Mass** will take place in Oban on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at 7 p.m. There is a sheet at the back of the church for those who would like to travel by bus. Sister Diane is going to find out how many of the Caol parishioners may want to travel with us, as we did for the Bishop's ordination. Time is short. We will do our best.

**Our Easter Vigil** will begin at 7.30 p.m. on Holy Saturday night. The Easter Morning Mass will be at 10.30 a.m. Mass on Holy Thursday will be at 7 p.m. and the Good Friday Liturgy at 3 p.m.

Those who would like their children to celebrate their **First Holy Communion** in St. Mary's on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, are asked to contact Fr. MacKinnon as soon as possible.

**Our readers** are especially appreciated for all that they do for us in Holy Week. There are sheets at the back of the church that require the names of the readers who are free to help us out. It is good to know well in advance who is reading at the different services: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Morning.

**The World Day of Prayer Service** takes place in St John's, Caol, this Friday, at 2 p.m. The Christian women of Cuba have produced this year's booklet.

## THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Father Roddy Johnston continues to organise the Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome in October. The three-star Olympia Hotel can take a maximum of 60 pilgrims from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16th October. If this number is exceeded, a nearby convent can supply accommodation. Here are the details so far:

First, allow approximately £270 for the flight.

Number of Pilgrims	<u>B+B</u>	<u>HALF BOARD</u>
45 - 49	£ 489.00 + flight	£ 608.00 + flight
40 - 44	£ 495.00 + flight	£ 624.00 + flight
35 - 39	£ 509.00 + flight	£ 638.00 + flight

Prices are based on sharing a twin/double room. The single supplement for the pilgrimage is £125. 00. (Limited to 8 in total)

Forty five people from the Diocese have already made bookings with Father Roddy. If you would like to join them, please contact him as soon as possible.

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