

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Noticeboard

Sunday Masses First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass), Saturday 6 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.

Monday Mass at 5 p.m.

Tuesday Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Way of the Cross, 7 p.m. (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.*)

Wednesday Chrism Mass in Oban, 7 p.m.

Thursday Mass at 5 p.m.

Friday Mass at 5 p.m.

Saturday Funeral Mass at 10.30 a.m. (*Marjory Downie RIP*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday  
- 9.45 to 10 a.m.  
- 4 to 4.30 p.m.  
- 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Thank you for your very generous support of **SCIAF**. Last Sunday's Lenten collection raised a remarkable £1309, to which we can add £30 in late donations. If you did not manage Mass last Sunday, there is a basket at the back of the church for further donations.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Marjory Downie** who has died peacefully in the MacKintosh Centre in Mallaig after a long illness borne with graceful courage. Marjory gave us all an example of faithfulness to her Saviour. May he now take her to himself in eternal peace and joy. We extend our sincere prayer and sympathy to her sister Helen and all the family. Marjory's Funeral Mass will be on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. We pray also for the eternal rest of **Sandra Gemmel**. May her compassionate Saviour welcome her home and may he grant comfort to her family. Sandra will have a quiet family Mass on Friday. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Rosemary Clark, Ann MacBeth, Duncan MacBeth, Ian Kerr, James Campbell, Gregore Wilk, Adriana Filipczak, Lyndsey McMonagle, Donald John MacNeil, Mary Walker, Donald MacLennen, Heber McMahon, John Deakin, Una Tully, Natalie Smith, Donald MacDonald, Ian MacNaughton, Cathy Timbrell, Alistair MacDougall** and **Alasdair MacKintosh**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

This is the last call for the **Chrism Mass bus**. It looks as if it will be 16 seater minibus. It will leave from St. Mary's on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

We need **our readers for Holy Week**, which begins next Sunday, Passion or Palm Sunday. We really appreciate all that you do for us, especially at this time year. There is a sheet at the back of the Church asking you to volunteer for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Morning.

Please note that our **Way of the Cross** will be on TUESDAY this week, at 7 p.m. with Exposition for half an hour beforehand.

### HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE: 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass) Sunday Morning Mass	Saturday, 6 p.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Mass at 7 p.m. Vigil at the Altar of Repose (after Mass until 10 p.m.)	
Good Friday	The Passion of the Lord at 3 p.m. The Way of the Cross at 7 p.m.	
The Easter Vigil	Saturday, 8.30 p.m.	
Easter Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.	

- 1) "Jesus my Lord, let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been "centurions" for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be "truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never quit on life." – Prayer for Holy Week from Catholic Online
- 2) "Life is a precious gift, but we realize this only when we give it to others." – Pope Francis
- 3) "When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way: when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves." — Augustus Toplady
- 4) "The closer a person is to God, the closer he is to people." – Pope Benedict XVI
- 5) "Merciful God, release us from the time of trial and oppression that we may witness to the eternal hope of grief becoming joy and life rising from death. Amen." - Unknown
- 6) "We want to avoid suffering, death, sin, ashes. But we live in a world crushed and broken and torn, a world God Himself visited to redeem. We receive his poured-out life, and being allowed the high privilege of suffering with Him, may then pour ourselves out for others." – Elisabeth Elliot
- 7) "Awake, thou wintry earth - Fling off thy sadness! Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth your ancient gladness!" - Thomas Blackburn, "An Easter Hymn"
- 8) "God in His infinite goodness sometimes sees fit to test our courage and love by depriving us of the things which it seems to us would be advantageous to our souls; and if He finds us earnest in their pursuit, yet humble, tranquil and resigned to do without them if He wishes us to, He will give us more blessings than we should have had in the possession of what we craved." — St. Philip Neri
- 9) "He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity." - Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 10) "The difference between the law and the good news of Jesus is not that law is about dry duty and Jesus is about heart-felt affections. They are both about love. It's just that the law only describes the life of love. The good news of Jesus, when trusted, actually produces it." – Glen Scrivener