

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

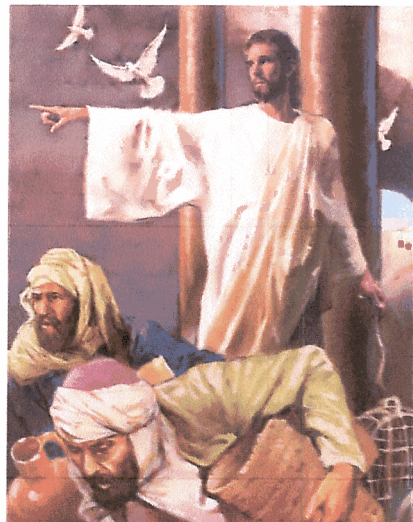
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Noticeboard

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

Weekday Masses **THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY**
Mass on Tuesday will be at 5p.m.
Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

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

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

Saturday is the Feast of St. John Ogilvie

Next Sunday, we have a very important collection, **the annual appeal for SCIAF**. You have always shown great generosity as regards the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. This year will no doubt be no exception.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Peggy and Willie Downie, Mary MacLeod, Ronnie MacDonald, Nicholas Griffin, Alistair MacKinnon, Michael Masclet, John MacIntyre, Alasdair Martin, Fraser MacPhee, Alistair MacKinnon, Flora MacLean and Winnie Thompson**. May they all rest in peace.

If you should wish to take the bus for the **Chrism Mass** on the 21st March, please enter your names on the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible. We thank those who have already done so.

Our sincere thanks to the parishioners who took part in the World Day of Prayer service on Friday and to those who made our visitors feel so welcome, especially after the service! Everyone really did appreciate all you did for them.

Please note that there will be no Mass on Monday and that the Tuesday Mass will be at 5 p.m. And our thanks to all who have been so faithful to our Way of the Cross. This week, it will be at the usual time, Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour before.

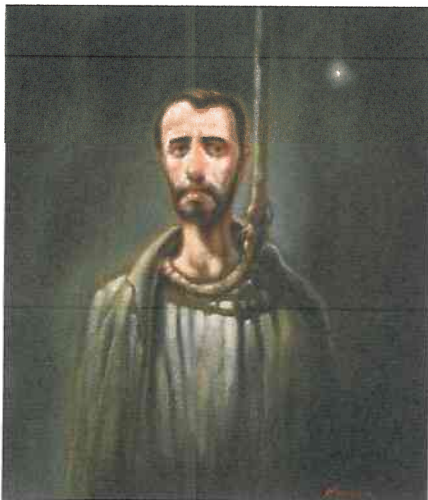
John Ogilvie was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1976. Much of the Holy Father's homily was in Italian, but here are the words he spoke in English:

“We have great joy in being able to announce to all of God's pilgrim Church on earth the glorious name of a new Saint, that of John Ogilvie, who died a martyr in Glasgow, on 10 March 1615, and who has already been accorded the honour of beatification by our venerable predecessor Pope Pius XI, on 22 December 1929....”

“The conclusion of this very simple talk of ours cannot be without a word of ardent satisfaction for you, sons and daughters of Scotland, who have come to this solemn and culminating canonization of the new Saint-the Saint whom you, above all others, have the right to call your own.

We are happy to recognize in this sympathetic and heroic figure of a man, a saint and a martyr the symbol of your own religious, strong and generous land. And in Saint John Ogilvie we willingly greet a glorious champion of your people, an ideal exemplar of your past history, a magnificent inspiration for your happy future. We honour in Saint John Ogilvie an outstanding member of that Society of Jesus which has given so many other valiant soldiers like him to the cause of Christ and of civilization. In him we jubilantly greet a beloved son of the Catholic Church, a typical citizen of the world who is called to discover the light for its harmony, progress and peace in the faith of Christ.

Honour to you, representatives of a Scotland that has given to humanity such a great hero of freedom and of faith.”



Mosaic from the National Shrine of St John Ogilvie (1933) in the Jesuit Church of St Aloysius, Glasgow.

'The Watching' was the torture of sleep deprivation practised on John Ogilvie for nine consecutive nights in 1615. Sharp pins and knives were used to keep him constantly awake as shown in this mosaic.