

FOURTH 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	Monday, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Mass at 10.15 a.m. Wednesday: Communion Service at 10.15 a.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. (<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.</i>)

Saturday is the Feast of St. Patrick.



This Sunday, we have the annual Lenten collection on behalf of the Scottish Catholic Aid Fund. You have always been exceptionally generous in support of SCIAF. This year will be no exception. Please remember that this collection is distinct from the funds raised by the Wee Box, which should be handed in at Easter.

A happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of the parish!

Please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday morning. Instead, there will be a service led by Deacon Thomas. Fr. MacKinnon will be in Mallaig and Arisaig for pre-Easter confessions. He will be back in time for the Way of the Cross on Wednesday evening, preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We have an important Feast Day on Saturday, that of St. Patrick. Fr. MacKinnon has always thought that if St. Columba is the Father of our Diocese, St. Patrick is its spiritual grandfather!

Fr. Stanislaw will be here on Thursday, 22nd March, for our own Easter confessions, from 7 to 8 p.m.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: Peter Archibald, Lachlan MacLeod, Catherine MacDonald, James Hurney, Thora Finan, Thomas Buchanan, Laura Cameron, Flora MacDonald. William Coull, Jim Girvan, Margaret MacLaren, Tommy Naughton, Charlie Fitzsimons, Tommy Stevenson, Robert Wright, Jean Wright, Daniel Wright, Lily MacDonald, Mary Forsyth, Betsie Jarvis, Sandra MacPherson and Mark Penman. May they all rest in the peace of their Saviour.

The World Day of Prayer collection in St. Mary's raised £183. We renew our thanks to the parishioners who took part and provided warm hospitality afterwards, enjoyed by everyone.

Easter cards have been ordered from the Carmelite Sister of Dysart, and should be with us very soon.

We are most grateful to those who have restored the church's speaker system.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass at the usual times: 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10.30 on Sunday

We will need three readers for the First Reading and the Passion

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Vigil at the Altar of Repose

We will need a list of those prepared to keep the vigil from after Mass until 10 p.m.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Commemoration of the Passion at 3 p.m.

We will need three readers for the First Reading and the Passion

Way of the Cross at 7 p.m.

THE EASTER VIGIL

This will begin at 8 p.m., at sunset in Fort William

We will need four readers for the Vigil and the Epistle

Easter Morning Mass at 10.30 a.m.



The "Nicodemus Pietà" by Michelangelo