

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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“Unless a wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.”

### Noticeboard

#### Sunday Masses

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

#### Weekday Masses

MONDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH  
AND MASS WILL BE AT 10.15 A.M.

There will be no Mass or Communion Service on  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mass on Friday and Saturday will be at 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.

FR. STANISLAW WILL HEAR CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAY FROM 7 TO  
8 P.M.

#### Way of the Cross

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

The Assembly of Priests will take place in Oban this week, followed by the Chrism Mass. Consequently, Fr. MacKinnon will be absent from Tuesday to Thursday. The Monday Mass will be at 10.15 a.m., not 5 p.m. as is usual. The Way of the Cross will be on Friday, not Wednesday, this week.

A bus has been ordered for the Chrism Mass on Wednesday. It will call at St. John's, Caol, at 4.45 p.m. and at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Please contribute £15 to £20 towards the cost.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Ena Morrison, Christina MacDonald, Jimmy MacBeth, John Currie, Ellen Willmott, Rose and Charlie Alexander, Hugh Davidson, George MacKinnon, Margaret McHugh, John MacLean, Kathleen Roberston, Sister Elizabeth MacLaren, Fred MacLaren, Mary Brannigan, Mary Alister MacDonald, Lena Maguire, Chrissie Christie, Margaret Denny and Sarah Kennedy.** May they all rest in the peace of the crucified and risen Lord.

Next Sunday is Passion or Palm Sunday. Our need for **Holy Week readers** begins at the Vigil Mass. Please fill in the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible. We are always most grateful for the service given by our readers, and this especially at this time of the liturgical year.

**Carmelite Easter cards** are available for sale at the back of the church. 60p is a very reasonable price for cards of such quality.

Please keep a very special place in your prayers for **Vincent Toal**, who will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Glasgow this week. We wish him every blessing in his priestly ministry.

Please note that **Fr. Stanislaw** will be our visiting confessor on Thursday of this week, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Please ensure that the names of your **Faithful Departed** are recorded in the Anniversary Book at the back of the church.



**On the internet, there is no shortage of what Prague can offer as regards Stag Parties and Hen Parties. No comments! For the more conventional tourist, there is much to see in this beautiful city. How many of them walk past this remarkable statue of St. Joseph on the city's famous Charles Bridge, not even knowing who he is? We do have our own well-loved image of St. Joseph, a place of prayer for many a parishioner.**



**The Charles Bridge, Prague**