

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wild lilies in Galilee

Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	10.15 a.m.	
ASH WEDNESDAY	Masses at 10.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m. and 7 p.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.	

There are no Feasts or Memorials this week.

Lent is almost upon us. We look forward to all that this season of grace offers us. As we commit ourselves to almsgiving, prayer and self-denial, we look forward to a real springtime of heart and soul. And we look forward above all to the joy of Easter Night and Easter Sunday morning.

The **SCIAF Boxes** are available at the back of the church. These are to be returned from Easter Sunday onwards, and should not be part of the SCIAF special collection that takes place during Lent.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Canon John Archie MacNeil, Frank White, Tim Brady, Jeannie Wright, Kay MacLeod, James Connochie, Amy MacPherson, Thomas Cameron, Peggy and Willie Downie, John MacIntyre, Alasdair Martin, Mary MacLeod, Ronnie MacDonald, Nicholas Griffin, Michel Maslet, Fraser MacPhee and Alistair MacKinnon.** We pray also for **Isabel Chapman**, Fr. MacKinnon's aunt, who has died very peacefully, at the age of 91, in Preston, Lancashire. May her faithfulness and her trust in her Saviour reach fulfilment in eternal peace and joy. We give thanks especially for the devoted love of her daughters Hilary, Gillian and Anne and we ask the Lord to be their comfort and peace.

The annual **World Day of Prayer Service** takes place in the Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church on Friday at 2 p.m. This year's service is entitled "Streams in the Desert" and has been written by the Christian women of Egypt. Please come along and take part!

Our **Stations of the Cross** will begin next week, on Wednesday 12th March.

Many Catholics commit themselves to **spiritual reading** during Lent. You may find a suitable book in the parish library. Read just a few pages each day. Some of you have copies of Pope Francis's "Joy of the Gospel." Why not read through that, pausing at the paragraphs that speak directly to you? And the best reading of all will always be the Gospel. Why not choose one Gospel and prayerfully read one small section each day of Lent? Perhaps you could read it aloud. Then spend a few minutes in silence, clearing your mind of all distractions, allowing the Word to enter and do its work. There is no need for scholarship or analysis. Simply welcome the Gospel into your heart and trust it to bear fruit.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The Jesuit Creighton University in Omaha in the United States has a very good Online Ministry, especially as regards Lent. You may wish to visit its website in the coming weeks. Here is one of its prayers.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Lord,
it feels like we are embarking on a Lenten journey together,
you and I.
The beautiful words in the today's prayer talk about
the "quiet remembrance of our need for redemption."
That feels like what I am looking for -
or what you are looking for in me.
I want to remember how much I need you in my life
and how much my life needs redemption.
I want to remember it clearly and
in the background of my day today and all through Lent.
On this special day, Ash Wednesday,
may my small sacrifices in fasting be a way to clear away
the clutter in my life to see you more clearly.
May my longing for meat and other food,
help me to focus my life today more outside myself.
Let me be aware of those who are in so much more suffering
than I am
and may I be aware of them as the brothers and sisters you
have placed in my life.
Lord, I know there is darkness within me and around me.
Bless these days with your Word.
Let your Light shine in the darkness.
Help me long for that Light
until we celebrate it at the Vigil six weeks from now.
And most of all, Lord,
help me to honour this day with the ashes on my forehead.
They help me remember where I have come from and where
I am going.
May I acknowledge to you my sins
and my deep need for your loving forgiveness and grace.
I pray that this Lenten season will make me so much more
aware
of how much I need your healing in my life.
May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.



Men make counterfeit money; in many more cases,
money makes counterfeit men. (*Sydney J. Harris*)

If God has allowed me to earn so much money, it is
because He knows I give it all away. (*Edith Piaf*)

Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but
in having few wants. (*Epictetus*)

Money is a great servant but a bad master.
(*Francis Bacon*)

When someone steals another's clothes, we call them
a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who
could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in
your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused
in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the
shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has
no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to
the poor. (*St. Basil the Great*)

Fashion is made to become unfashionable.
(*Coco Chanel*)

An adult faith does not follow the waves of fashion
and the latest novelties. (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but
follows religiously the new.
(*Henry David Thoreau*)

Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate
our life and in this way to know the fundamental
truth: who we are, where we come from, where we
must go, which path we must take in life.
(*Pope Benedict XVI*)

God isn't present in the past or future. The great 'I
Am' is in the present moment. When I claim that
presence, I can get through anything today
(*Regina Brett*)

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It
empties today of its strength. (*Corrie Ten Boom*)

My life has been full of terrible misfortunes most of
which never happened. (*Michel de Montaigne*)

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what
you were worrying about one year ago today
(*E. Joseph Cossman*)

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our
lives means the most to us, we often find that it is
those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or
cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch
our wounds with a warm and tender hand.
(*Henri Nouwen*)