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EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th February 2017 -

[Year of St Matthew (A)]

set your heart on the kingdom of god
Matthew 6:33

Do not worry about tomorrow
Matthew 6:34

THIS WEEK

Monday: Funeral Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Josephine Harrison]
Tuesday: Mass in St Paul's Academy at 8.25 a.m.
Mass in Lawside Convent at 8.30 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Charismatic Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY - BEGINNING OF LENT
Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Distribution of Ashes]
Eucharistic Adoration from after Mass until 3.00 p.m.
Mass in St Paul's Academy at 1.20 p.m.
Mass at 7.00 p.m. [Distribution of Ashes]
Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.
Sunday: First Sunday in Lent - Rite of Election for Primary 4 at 11.00 Mass
Mass at 9.30 a.m., and 11.00 a.m.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after any Morning Mass, on Saturday before Vigil Mass and on request at any other time except on Sundays.

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Josephine Harrison [Funeral Mass on Monday at 9.30 a.m., & George Taylor [Funeral Mass on Tuesday 7th March at 9.30 a.m.
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brigid & Dolly McGovern, Mable Dailly, Catherine Brogan, David Mass & John Macgregor
for those sick in hospital: Janet Low, Paul Kirkwood, Marie Kilhooley & Angela Waddell
and all those who are sick or housebound in our parish and receive the Eucharist each Sunday.

If someone is sick at home, please let Fr Ken or Deacon Charles know.



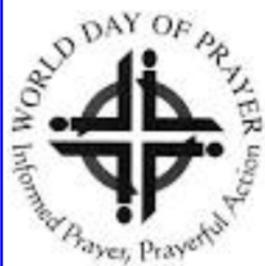
COLLECTIONS for 19th February 2017
£1495.50 [Gift Aid was £515.50]
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
SECOND COLLECTION for CATHOLIC EDUCATION
was £396



Next Sunday - Second Collection for SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN at 11 o'clock Mass. Please note this is for children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion. **Children who have received the sacraments should stay in Church.**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Wednesdays after Mass. Please find time to pay even a short visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Enter by the side door

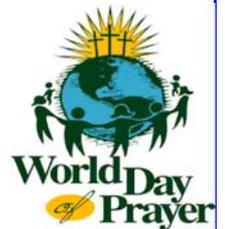


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Caird Avenue United Free Church

Friday 3rd march at 7.00 pm.

All welcome.



SCI AF LENTEN APPEAL

Please take your annual SCI AF Lenten pack today, with the WEE BOX, which, as usual is returned on Holy Thursday at the mass of the Last Supper



26th February (Sunday before Lent begins)

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

Most Zambians grow their food on small farms watered by the seasonal rains. When it doesn't rain at the right time, crops die and people go hungry. Together, we can change this. Please take home a WEE BOX and help families grow their way out of poverty and hunger.

REFLECTION FOR EIGHT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Blessing: Do Not Worry - Be marked by compassion

*“Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs,
and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him
and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” Matthew 6:32-33*

Do not worry about anything in life—
what you'll eat, or what you'll wear.

Look at the birds of the air,
or the flowers in the field.

If God takes such good care of birds and flowers,
how much more will He care for you?

So don't be afraid.

Instead, let your lives be marked by compassion and generosity,
sharing what you have been given with those in need,
storing up your treasure in heaven
instead of here on earth.

And may the blessing of God - Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - encourage and strengthen you in
every good word and deed.

EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS' LETTER TO THE WHOLE CHURCH FOR LENT

'The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift'

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like you to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

Francis From the Vatican on the Feast of St Luke

FROM BISHOP STEPHEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is slightly different this year in that as part of our penitential celebrations I would like to alert you to a new Movement which originated in the USA and has rapidly swept the Catholic World: the 40 Days Prayer for Lent. Being an important and infamous anniversary the year 2017 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act.

Shortly, the Scottish Parliament will have competence for matters relating to abortion and so this prayer initiative will help us focus our Lenten prayer this year in this particular direction. Attached within this is a Pastoral Letter is a letter from the Diocesan Director of 40 Days for Life, Mrs Pat Dowey. Please I read it and consider joining those who have pledged their prayer time for the protection of Unborn children. Or else pledge some time to pray for the protection of innocent Life in the womb this Lent. The letter reads as below:

"Dear brothers and sisters,

The World Health Organisation has stated that abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide, ending the lives of more than 42 million children each year and harming millions of women- and men.

Since the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967, more than 500,000 babies in Scotland alone have lost their lives as a result of abortion. Last year in Scotland, 12,082 babies died as a result of abortion and 11,877 of these were aborted on social grounds.

These were all children created in the image and likeness of God, just like you and me; so what can we do to begin to restore respect for the sanctity of Life.

God has given us a powerful weapon...Prayer!

40 Days for Life is a new prayer initiative which has empowered thousands of ordinary people all over the world to combat the "Culture of Death," as St John Paul has called it, by Prayer and Fasting, and especially by taking part in peaceful prayer vigils. As a result, babies are being saved, hearts are being healed from past abortions and minds are being changed on arguably the most controversial issue in our society today.

Last year, Glasgow held the first 40 Days for Life prayer campaign in Scotland. Now in 2017, which sees the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, all 4 major Scottish cities; Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee will be holding a 40 Days for Life campaign during Lent, and here in our own Diocese of Dunkeld we have been greatly encouraged by the support of our Bishop.

I would like to invite you to take part this Lent by giving an hour of your time to join us in prayer at the vigil site on Ninewells Avenue, Dundee. Please think about making this opportunity a part of your Lenten penitential exercises. The vigil hours are 12 noon to 8.00 p.m. beginning on 1st March (Ash Wednesday) and ending on 9th April (Palm Sunday).

Recently some papers have tried to blacken this prayer campaign by describing it as a politically motivated protest. I would like to emphasise that 40 Days for Life is neither a protest nor a demonstration and we will not be engaging in any debates. Neither will we impede anyone in any way from going about their business, let alone disturb visitors to the Hospital. We are simply there to pray, nothing else. The local police have been informed of our intentions and have been supportive, especially of our plans for everyone taking part to sign a statement of peace.

Finally, as Bishop I do hope that you will help support this initiative, which is an admirable one, which can also be followed at home for those, outside the immediate environs of Dundee and unable to join the prayer circle at Ninewells Avenue in Dundee

Yours sincerely in Christ
+ Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld