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MASSES:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon and 5.30pm

WEEKDAYS

Mon — Sat 10.00am

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 7.00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily After 10.00am Mass

Saturday After 10.00am Mass,

5.15 to 6.15pm and other times

by arrangement

ROSARY:

Mon-Sat After 10.00am Mass - unless there is a funeral

Feast Days

Friday 25th March—The Annunciation of Our Lord—Solemnity

Season Of Lent

This year, due to Covid restrictions, there will be no morning Masses in the school through Lent.

Stations Of The Cross

During Lent, to offer you the opportunity for extra prayer, there will be Stations of the Cross before morning Mass Monday to Saturday beginning at 9.45am. On Sundays there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 4.00pm.

A reminder that Stations of the Cross are also available in the Chapel Grounds

Children's Liturgy Lent

During the weeks of Lent, the children will be following the Fourth Wise Man. He was too late to see Jesus in Bethlehem and spent the next thirty years searching for him. Each week of Lent, the children will hear, through the gospel, what lessons he learned on his journey to find Jesus. The second week of Lent, the children will be asked to listen to the words of Jesus. We come to the Church to pray and to **listen to the words of Jesus**, who was the special child the man was looking for. This helps us to keep trying to do what Jesus asks of us.

Gift Aid Booklets 2022/2023

Members Please note you will receive your Gift Aid Booklets for the start of April by post.

New members—if you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme please let Canon Conroy know and a booklet will be allocated to you. A Gift Aid form is to be filled out and you must pay tax.

Gift Aid is a good way to support the parish at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you to existing members for their continued support.

Church Grounds

There is a small dedicated team who help each week to keep the church grounds looking good. If you are interested in joining them for an hour or so please contact Canon Conroy and the team will be delighted to see you!

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

Every Lent, between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, dozens of Parishioners save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty.

By giving up a treat and putting what you save into a WEE BOX you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. Please take a Wee Box home and, for your convenience, return it on Easter Sunday and we will organise the pay-in for you.

Parish Consultation

Following on from the Consultation of parishioners in the Parish survey, there will now be a meeting in the Church hall on Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm This will be an opportunity for you to hear the feedback that was received and for further discussion on the topics broached. This was part of a world wide initiative requested by the Pope, the results of which will be shared on a Deanery basis and then collated in each diocese before being sent to Rome. It is not directed to changing Church teaching on anything, rather to help people engage more directly with their faith. Please make an effort to attend.

Mothers and Toddlers

St Patrick's mother and toddlers group is thriving with 50 children each week and a waiting list of 12. We are looking for additional helpers to maintain the high standards of support. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Bell for more information on 07306429769 or by email m.bell3103@gmail.com

Why I Love Lent

Of all the seasons in the Church year, Lent is the one to which I'm most drawn. It's a season of spiritual reset and reorientation, a deliberate move to be joined to the story of Jesus. While I appreciate the other seasons of the Church year, Lent is the one which absolutely refuses to make space for plastic, mediocre Catholicism. Lent doesn't have time for fakery. Lent begins with a reminder we are dust, and dust is our earthly destiny. I love Lent because it's about victory. Lent is a solemn time, there's no question. I love it because it doesn't take a childish look at the Catholic life. It takes a hard look at it. It's real in its assessment of it. It's gritty and not afraid to get down in the dirt with the hard questions of Catholicism and the challenges of living the Catholic life. Through this all there is the victory that Lent ultimately is all about.

During Lent we are encouraged to get to the real deal and say "Here I am, Lord, will you take me?"

40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil outside of QEUH : What are you going to do for Lent?The Encyclical The Gospel of Life was 'the fruit of the cooperation of the Episcopate of every country of the world, it is therefore meant to be a *precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, on the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!*' Gospel of Life para 5. What are **you** going **to do** for Lent? Will you come and pray peacefully outside of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for one hour each week during Lent? This is our seventh year of Vigil, do not be afraid! For more information email Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

Scotland's Census 2022:

Later this month every household in the country will be contacted about Scotland's Census. The deadline for completion of the census is 20 March 2022, known as Census Day. You can find out more about the 2022 Census here: [Scotland's Census 2022 | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk). You can access resources (includes accessible formats and translations e.g. Polish): [Stakeholder promotional materials | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk)

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage:

The inaugural Brecbannoch Pilgrimage will take place 11-13 June 2022. The Brecbannoch is a 50-mile pilgrimage undertaken on foot from Oban to Iona, with the special purpose of praying for the renewal of the faith in Scotland. Along the way, we will carry the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret, invoking their protection over the Church in these isles. Sign up before places run out at: www.brecbannoch.org/sign-up