



St Joseph's Broomhouse

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Order of Saint Augustine

St Josephs is a Parish of St Andrew's and Edinburgh Archdiocese, a registered charity in Scotland no: SC008540

Sunday Mass 8:30am & 11am.

Daily Mass 9:30am.

Confession: After Sat. am Mass and on request

4 March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life (Ps 18).

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow herself finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: £554.25

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Sat 10 Mar *St John Ogilvie Feast (White)*

NOTICES

About Being Catholic (RCIA) – Thursdays at 7.30pm in the parish house.

PLANNED GIVING – Make sure you have your envelope for this year. If you want to be part of the planned giving system, speak to Fr Paul.

Catholic Publications – Do pick up at the back of the church the *Scottish Catholic Observer*, Scotland's weekly Catholic paper. Also, *Bible Alive* (for Lent) will give your scripture meditations for each day of Lent.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT – Friday 16 March, 7.30pm.
£7 entrance. BYOB and raffle prizes wanted. Please put your name on the clipboard at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIMIGNANO – 22-29 Sept 2018. Cost: around £500 plus return flights to Pisa. Seven nights half-board at il Convento Sant' Agostino, San

Gimignano. Two day excursions to be arranged. Closing date for bookings the end of February. See Fr Ian.

LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every **Friday in Lent at 7pm**. Pauline Davies will lead us in the Stations this week, using the prayers supplied by SCIAF. **The SCIAF Lenten Appeal will be next Sunday, 11 March.** Also, confessions will take place during Mass next **Sunday 11 March**. There will be a deanery **Penitential Service at St Cuthbert's on 26 March, 7pm**

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER – Archbishop Leo has written to all parishes to say that he will be making an announcement 'shortly' about the clustering of parishes. More copies of the letter are at the back of the church.

ORDINATION – Bros Arthur and Gladson will be ordained to the priesthood on Sat 5 May, 11am, at St Augustine's, Hammersmith, London.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS – the Augustinian website [www.theaugstinians.org](http://www.theaugustinians.org) has a series of daily reflections in Lent, just go to **Lent Online** on the homepage. You can also have the daily reflection mailed to you each day by following the instructions.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER – Sat 31 March 10am.
Just turn up. Hot Cross buns to follow.

FAIRTRADE STALL – this weekend at the 11am Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – an announcement will be soon, remembering that the new parish council will be installed on the Feast of St Joseph, Mon 19 Mar, beginning with a 7pm Mass.

Our Wee Community: I had to attend a meeting in London this week, getting the train down on Tuesday and back on Wednesday. The train ploughed through a couple of blizzards and got stuck for while in Newcastle, waiting for the driver to arrive. Fair dues to Virgin Trains, we were only two hours late.

I read an interesting book on the train, *The Benedict Option* by Rod Dreher, a bestseller in the US. In the face of rampant secularism, it calls on Christians to retreat to their own sacred enclaves, with their own schools and parishes with sympathetic clergy, seeking inspiration from St Benedict whose monasteries saved Christian civilisation as the Roman one collapsed. There is a similar urgency today to save what's left of western society, he argues. Gripping stuff but fundamentally flawed. St Augustine also lived during the decline of the Roman Empire, but his solution was for Christians to be engaged in society to redeem it. Retreating from the world, no matter how toxic, is no solution.

Fr Paul