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“She Deserves £1.86...”



FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight this year falls between 25th Feb—10th March. This is an annual event during which thousands of individuals, groups and companies across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, yet live in some of the poorest countries in the world and are who are often exploited and badly paid. This year, Fairtrade Fortnight is focussing on the people—particularly the women—who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
25 FEBRUARY – 10 MARCH

£1.86 is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. Currently, a typical cocoa farmer in Côte d'Ivoire lives on around 74p a day. Almost all cocoa farmers in West Africa live in poverty.

For women, the situation is even worse. They may plant and harvest on the farm, while at the same time looking after the children and cooking and cleaning for the family. They also have fewer rights than men.

Fairtrade are campaigning for living income to become a reality for cocoa farmers in West Africa. Working together with governments, chocolate companies and retailers to make the commitments and policies necessary, we can make it happen. After all, she deserves £1.86. Everyone deserves a living wage.

This morning after both masses, Mags MacFarlane will be selling a range of Fairtrade items. Please do support this worthwhile venture. You could also consider making a Lenten commitment to buying Fairtrade produce. To quote one of our major supermarket chains—every little helps!

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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord (Ps 91).

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High..

AND FINALLY...

A wee reflection from Fr Paul

Another week goes by: Brexit still rumbles on, and gets more confusing by the day; Cardinal Pell has been convicted of the abuse of a minor and awaits sentencing; Trump shot himself in the foot (again) by failing to get a deal on North Korea; and we've been warned that cooking a Sunday roast creates more pollution than the traffic in New Delhi. *And it's Lent on Wednesday.*

The great thing about Lent, apart from the opportunity to give up chocolate, which I hardly ever eat, but give up all the same, or whatever, is that it is an opportunity to STOP and take a cool look at the crazy, but beautiful, world we live in. Do we have our priorities right, or do we stare at our smartphones instead of talking to real people? Do we believe everything we see or read on the media, or do we stop and think about it first? Do we sort out our rubbish for recycling, as Pope Francis wants us to do, or do we send it off to the huge landfill site in Dunbar that was the subject of a TV documentary?

I'm being serious. Lent is a time to reflect on the things we do unreflectingly, like driving too fast, or not greeting people in the street, or, and this is the big one, not thanking God for the thousand and one little gifts he gives us every day. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Lent, and may it be a good one this year.

The new bulletin format comes into effect today. The editorial team is Chris Dempsey and Ewan Walker. There may be variations from week to week while we iron out any teething problems. All feedback is welcomed.

LENT 2019—6th March-18th April

Ash Wednesday 6th March

Masses with distribution of ashes will take place at 9.30am and 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one meal, two snacks) and abstinence (from meat)

Lent is a time for reflection (see “Tuesdays in Lent”) **and penitence** (doing something extra—for SCIAF—or giving something up) **and for going to confession.** The Deanery penitential service will be at **St Cuthbert’s on Mon 15 April at 7pm.** Confession will be heard here at the beginning of both masses on **Sun 7 April. Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday evening at 7pm.

SCIAF WEE BOXES will be distributed this weekend and a representative from SCIAF will say a brief word at both masses.

“**Tuesdays in Lent**” - A series of audio visual presentations from 7pm in the hall to help us through Lent.

12 Mar— “Global Healing”: A film on the Pope’s teaching on the environment by the Bishops of England and Wales.

19 Mar—Feast of St Joseph 7pm mass with tea in the hall afterwards. Also a celebration of the 1st anniversary of our Parish Council.

26 Mar— “St Augustine of Hippo”: a film by Bishop Barron, with question and answer session.

2 April— “Best Lent Ever”: Lent for teenagers and young people, presented by Ewan Walker

9 April— “Broken”: Final episode of the BBC drama series about the life of a parish priest in the north of England. Discussion afterwards with Fr Paul.

Parish Open Assembly / AGM

This will take place on **Sunday 31 March, 12.30pm-1.30pm** in the church. The main focus will be on what kind of parish we wish to be and how best to make our church building more welcoming and suitable for worship. A questionnaire has been devised for distribution to the whole parish. All parishioners are welcome. It is an **open meeting.**

Our Archdiocese has been chosen for a safeguarding audit by the Social Care Institute for Excellence/Children in Scotland. The team wants to hear from anyone who has disclosed abuse, shared concerns of unsafe people and also from survivors of non-recent Church-related abuse, their families and friends. Notices with further details are available at the back of the church.

This Week’s Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Mon 04/03	9.30am		<i>Deceased members and benefactors of the Augustinian Order</i>
Tues 05/03	9.30am		
Wed 06/03	9.30am	Ash Wednesday (Day of fasting and abstinence)	
	7pm		
Thurs 07/03	9.30am		<i>Sheelagh Fitzpatrick RIP</i>
Fri 08/03	9.30am		<i>Tom McNeely RIP</i>
Sat 09/03	9.30am		
Sunday 10/03	8.30am	1st Sunday of Lent (C)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11am		<i>Fiona Johnston RIP</i>

Last Sunday’s **COLLECTION:** £595.11. Thank you for your generosity.

ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC (RCIA): A course for those wishing to become Catholic or receive adult confirmation meets on **Thursdays at 7pm** in the parish house.

LEGION OF MARY meets on **Sundays after 11am mass.** New members are always welcome. If you wish a **home visit from the Legion** put your name on the clipboard at the back of the church and they will come and pray for your intentions with a statue of Our Lady.

Next **BINGO** session is tomorrow 4th March. There is a raffle prize as well as money. All profits will go towards our parish youth ministry.

MESSY CHURCH takes place today at St David’s from 12.45pm. Families with children are welcome to come along.

CONGRATULATIONS to the line dancing group led by Sheila Hay and Bridget McCarron who are celebrating 20 years since they began in the old hall and have raised over £20,000 for the parish. Well done!



ST PATRICK’S NIGHT is on Fri 15 March. It will be a ticketed event. Tickets are £7 each and available from Elizabeth Maguire (8.30) and Shirley & Angie (11am). **Volunteers needed to help set up on Thursday evening and assist with serving and cleaning on Friday during the event.**

FATHER FORREST (Parish Priest here immediately before the arrival of the Augustinians) celebrates his diamond jubilee on Thurs 14 March at 7pm in St Mary of the Assumption, Bo’ness with Archbishop Cushley, followed by refreshments; and on Sun 17 March at 10am mass.

Today, Murray Preston of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** will present the end of year 2018 accounts at both masses. Copies will be available to take home.

The bulletin is uploaded to the parish website every weekend:
www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk