

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 3rd March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	Annie McNeely (Anniv.)
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	People of the Parish
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Margaret O'Brien (Anniv.)
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>CELEBRATED</b>	<b>TODAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th March</b>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's <i>(Main church)</i>	Mass	Patsy Donald (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Margaret O'Brien (Anniv.)
	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Mungo's</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>Danny Lennon (RIP)</b>
	6.30 p.m.	St. Mungo's <i>(Oratory)</i>		Annie McNeely (RIP)
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Margaret O'Brien (Anniv)
<b>Friday 8th March</b>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's <i>(Main church)</i>	Mass	
<b>Saturday 9th March</b>	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 10th March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)</i> <i>Laudate Sunday</i>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Lizzie Duff (RIP)
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Private Intention

#### Sacrament of Confession

Wednesday in St. Mungo's from 6 p.m. to 6.25 p.m.  
 Thursday in St. Serf's from 9.30 a.m. to 9.55 a.m.  
 Friday in St. Mungo's after Mass until 11 a.m.  
 Saturday in St. Mungo's from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday in St. Mungo's from 6 p.m. to 6.25 p.m.  
 Thursday in St. Serf's from 9.30 a.m. to 9.55 a.m.  
 Friday in St. Mungo's from after Mass until 11 a.m.

#### Stations of the Cross

**Sunday in St. Mungo's at 4 p.m.**  
**Wednesday in St. Serf's at 9.30 a.m.**

#### St. Mungo's Prayer Group

No prayer group this week.

#### Teas/coffees

Tuesday after 10 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's Hall  
 Wednesday after 10 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's Hall  
 Last Sunday of the month after 9.30 a.m. Mass in  
 St. Mungo's Hall

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## *Welcome to the Parishes of St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield*

### *Sunday 3rd March 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)*



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer. © 2024 Loyola Press.

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS....**

**We pray for all who are ill/housebound: in particular we remember:**

Hannah McNally, Jane Fentiman, Fay Miller, Veronica McCluskey, Ann Gray,  
Joe Crumley, Jacqui Cadwallender, Richard Donald, Mgr Neil Gallagher,  
Marjory Robson (*mother of Bishop Stephen*), Bishop Stephen Robson, Brian Bell,  
Margaret Renton,  
*Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!*

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

Morag Dowd

**We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Mary Gallagher, Patricia Kiernan, Deacon John McAviney,  
*Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen*

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**

St. Mungo's: Offertory £850.64      Lent Project £191.85

St. Serf's: Offertory £240.35      Lent Project £37.01

***Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.***

***Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Papal & Episcopal Charities (which includes SCIAF)***

### **EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP**

The episcopal ordination of Bishop-Elect Martin will take place on **Saturday 27th April at 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee** More details will follow later, however for now we continue to keep him in our prayers, as he prepares for this important event.

### **LENT PROJECT**

This year in our parishes, we will do something similar to what we do in Advent. **On the 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday**, there will be buckets/baskets in both churches for people to place donations. This will then be split between **Aid to the Church in Need** and **Friends of the Holy Land**. These charities are supporting the efforts of those suffering in the Holy Land due to the ongoing conflict there.

### **PRO-LIFE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join people from across Scotland each Monday throughout Lent for Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom at 7.45 p.m., beginning on 19th February, and lasts around 30 minutes. Each week after the Stations various priests from across Scotland will give a short reflection. I have been asked to give the reflection on Monday 18th March. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/lentstations](http://bit.ly/lentstations)

### **SVDP**

During Lent there will be no formal SVDP collection at the end of Mass. If you do want to make a donation rest assured it will be put to good use helping those in need. Many thanks.

### **SPUC AFTERNOON FOR LIFE**

The annual SPUC Dundee Afternoon For Life will be held at the Pastoral Centre at Our Lady of Victories Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee on **Saturday 16th March**. Tea and coffee and a chance to catch up with friends from 12.30pm; and talks from 1 - 4.30pm. This year's speakers are Bishop John Keenan, Richard Lucas and Dr Gillian Wright (see poster for more details). Feel free to join us for all or part of the afternoon. For enquiries please contact [mcgraw.clare@gmail.com](mailto:mcgraw.clare@gmail.com)

### **ST. MUNGO'S SOCIAL GROUP**

The group are looking for a few more volunteers to join them, who would be interested in helping with the planning and running of our events and fundraisers if you would like to join us please text or phone Alicia on 07449771573 or Pauline on 07429 401414

We are going to be hosting an Easter egg hunt in the church hall on Easter Sunday (31st March) after Mass, everyone is welcome and we would really love if people could join for a fun Easter celebration. There will also be tea and toast available the same day as it is the last Sunday of the month.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?**

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested email [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

### **EXTRA LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

On Thursday 21st March from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in St. Mungo's there will be extra opportunity for confession before Easter with a visiting priest. During this time there will also be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **EASTER TRIDUUM - ADVANCE NOTICE OF SERVICES.**

#### **Thursday 28th March – Holy Thursday**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. in St. Mungo's  
Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 9 p.m.

#### **Friday 29th March – Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)**

*Special Collection for the Holy Places in Jerusalem*  
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. in St. Mungo's  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. in St. Mungo's  
Stations of the Cross at 6.30 p.m. in St. Serf's

#### **Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday**

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. in St. Mungo's  
Blessing of Polish Food Baskets at 12 noon in St. Mungo's  
Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. in St. Mungo's

#### **Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday**

Mass at 9.30 a.m. in St. Mungo's  
Mass at 11.30 a.m. in St. Serf's

