

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
Sunday 9th March <i>First Sunday of Lent (C)</i> <i>Preface of Lent I; EPIII</i>	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>Pat McTaggart (RIP)</i>
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	<i>Patsy McIntyre (RIP)</i>
Monday 10th March <i>Feast of St. John Ogilvie</i>	NO MASS CELEBRATED TODAY			
Tuesday 11th March	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>Patsy McIntyre (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 12th March	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	<i>Andrew Mournian (RIP)</i>
Thursday 13th March	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>Pat McTaggart (RIP)</i>
Friday 14th March	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>John Clark (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday 15th March	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	<i>Marion Currie (Anniversary)</i>
Sunday 16th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	<i>Patsy Donald</i> <i>(90th Birthday Remembrance)</i>

<p><u>Sacrament of Confession this week</u> Wednesday in St. Serf's after 10 a.m. Mass Friday in St. Mungo's after 10am Mass Saturday in St. Mungo's 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. On request in both parishes</p>	<p><u>St. Mungo's Prayer Group</u> Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m</p> <p><u>Teas/coffees</u> No teas this week in St. Serf's In St. Mungo's after 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday</p>
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*Welcome to the Parishes of
 St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield
 Sunday 9th March 2025 - First Sunday of Lent (C)*



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God. © Loyola Press

LENTEN EXTRAS IN OUR PARISHES

Stations of the Cross	St. Mungo's:	Sundays at 4 p.m.
	St. Serf's:	Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St. Mungo's:	Tuesdays 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.
		Fridays 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

IN YOUR PRAYERS....

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

Jane Fentiman, Veronica McCluskey, Ann Gray, Jacqui Cadwallender, Richard Donald, Maureen Malkiewicz, Matthew Kelly, Brian Bell, Susan Dyball, Lewis McArthur, Eden Smyth, John Ferguson, Angie Mortimer-Farthing, Jean Rennie, Fr Martin Smith, Roy Drysdale, Chloe Walmsley, Susan Malcolm
Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!

We pray for those who have died recently:

Ruby Douglas

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Marion Currie, Josephine Kiernan, Moira Warner, Mary Gallagher, Patsy Donald (Birthday Remembrance)

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

PARISH INCOME

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£595.27	Offertory	£310.50
Standing Orders	£315.50		
Building Fund	£70		
Hall Income	£138		
Votive Candles	£103.75		
TOTAL	£1222.52	TOTAL	£310.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Dunkeld Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 7th July to 14th July 2025. The pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour, including direct return flights from Prestwick to Lourdes, hotel accommodation at the Sanctuary, meals, full assistance from the Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives and a detailed religious programme. More info at: <https://joewalstours.co.uk/tours/dunkeld-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes-2025/> You can also contact us by email at info@joewalstours.co.uk or phone: 0808 1890468

Pastoral Visit by Bishop Andrew McKenzie

Bishop Andrew will be making his first pastoral visit to our parishes over the weekend of **22nd/23rd March**. He will celebrate all the Masses that weekend, and there will be the opportunity to meet him afterwards.

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland each Monday throughout Lent for Stations of the Cross online. It begins on Monday 10th March at 7.45 p.m., and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB. The event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations25

St. Mungo's Primary Parent Community Quiz Night

Come join us on **Friday 21st March 2025** for a night of "Friendly" competition

Venue: St Mungo's RC Church Hall, Mar Street, Alloa

Start time 7pm

Bring Your Own Bottle/Glass/Snacks

Maximum number in a team is 8.

Money raised on the night will help support the Parent Community to contribute towards costs for school trips, equipment and resources that are needed for the school.

Tickets (£3) can be purchased via the link below or

email: stmungosrcpc@gmail.com WhatsApp:

07822014308

Facebook: St Mungo's RC Primary School - Parent Community

<https://forms.office.com/r/AXgTz4pmyK?origin=lprLink>



Tickets
£1 each

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Easter Raffle



First Prize: Luxury Hamper worth £100

Second Prize: £50 Shopping Voucher

Third Prize: Luxury Easter Egg

plus many other prizes to be won



KSC Easter Raffle

Don't miss the Knights of St. Columba Grand Easter Raffle. Magnificent prizes including a luxury hamper, £50 shopping voucher and luxury Easter egg. Tickets on sale this weekend, £1

To be drawn at St Mungo's Parish Hall on 20th April 2025

St. Serf's Fabric Matters

The sound system appears to have developed an electrical fault and I hope to have it fixed as soon as possible. The floor in the sacristy has sustained some water damage, and I hope to have it repaired soon.

Lenten Fundraising Project

On each of the Sundays of Lent, there will be 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. There will still be the opportunity to donate to SCIAF on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, when we have the annual second collection for the Papal and Episcopal Charities. **Anyone who wishes to collect/donate to SCIAF using a Wee Box they might have from previous years, please send your donation directly to SCIAF.**

Congratulations!

On behalf of the parish, I offer our congratulations to Mrs Jo Rowe, who has been appointed permanent Headteacher of St. Mungo's Primary. As I said at Mass on Wednesday, we look forward to 2028, when St. Mungo's Primary will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding by Father James Donlevy.

Masses in St. Mungo's this weekend

To mark the solemn beginning of Lent, at both Masses this weekend, we will begin with the Litany of Saints instead of an opening hymn.