

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

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Sunday 6th April 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th April

5 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Confessions in St. Mungo's
6 p.m. Vigil Mass of Sunday in St. Mungo's (Roy Finlayson RIP)

Sunday 6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (People of the Parish)
11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's (Donor's Intention)
4 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction in St. Mungo's

Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April

NO MASSES CELEBRATED ON THESE DAYS

I am having a couple of days break to prepare for the liturgies of Holy Week.

Thursday 10th April

4 p.m. Reception of Remains for Nessie Small in St. Mungo's
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mungo's

Friday 11th April

10 a.m. Funeral Mass for Nessie Small in St. Mungo's

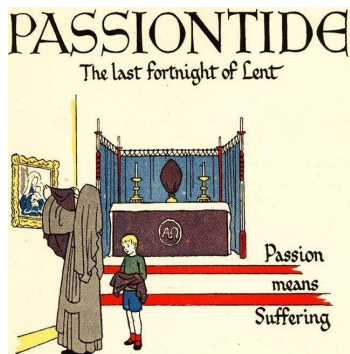
Saturday 12th April

5 p.m. - 5.40 p.m. Confessions in St. Mungo's
6 p.m. Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday in St. Mungo's ()

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (Thomas Garner RIP)
We will begin the 9.30 a.m. Mass in the hall, and after the blessing of palms process round to the church.
11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's (People of the Parish) followed by confessions
4 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction in St. Mungo's

PASSIONTIDE



This weekend we enter what is traditionally known as Passiontide. As Christ hid himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (John 8:59), so now He is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of His passion. His face and whole body were so disfigured by the blows and scourges that our Jesus was scarcely recognizable! Thus, the wounds He endured hid both His divinity and His humanity. From this weekend all crucifixes and statues in the church are covered in purple veils. The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready! The veiled images hopefully build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. Crosses remain veiled until after the Passion Service on Good Friday. Statues and other images are uncovered before the Easter Vigil.

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, Chloe Walmsley, Bishop Stephen Robson, Susan Malcolm, Winnie Solomon, Pope Francis
Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!

We pray for those who have died recently:

Thomas Garner

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Pope St. John Paul II, Fr. Francis Kennedy, Fr. Martin Chambers, Alan Ferguson, Nick Blake, Frank Affa

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

LAST WEEK'S INCOME

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£586.22	Offertory	£543.05
Standing Orders	£315.50	Special Collection	£252.53
Building Fund	£20		
Special Collection	£730.61		
Tuesday Teas	£61.28		
Funeral Income	£50		
TOTAL	£1763.61	TOTAL	£795.58

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.

Easter Treasure Hunt

There will be an Easter Treasure Hunt in the church hall on Easter Sunday (20th April) after the 9.30 a.m. Mass, everyone is welcome and we would really love if people could join us for a fun Easter celebration. There will also be tea and toast available as well.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take a break after today for a couple of weeks due to the school holidays. It will resume on Sunday 27th April.

Lenten Confessions

On **Thursday 10th April from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in St. Mungo's there will be an extra opportunity for confession before Easter with a visiting priest. During this time there will also be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Annual Chrism Mass

This will take place on the **Wednesday of Holy Week, 16th April, at 7 p.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.** During this Mass the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to Priestly Service, and the various oils used in the sacraments will be blessed. This will be Bishop Andrew's first Chrism Mass as our bishop. If you are able to go along please do so, and we come together as a diocesan family, gathered around our bishop.

First Anniversary of the death of Bishop-elect Martin Chambers

To mark the first anniversary of Fr. Martin's death, Bishop Andrew will offer Mass on Thursday 10th April at 1 p.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.

Holy Week leaflet

Please take a copy of the leaflet containing the times for the various liturgies during Holy Week. Please also give a copy to someone who might have been away from church for a while and invite them to join us for Holy Week.