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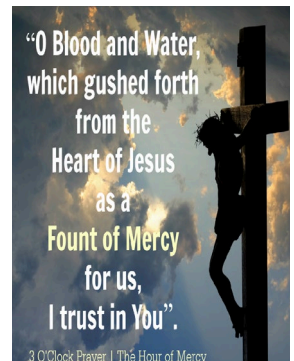
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### 5th Sunday of Lent B

17th March, 2024

### Holy Mass & Services

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

### Parish Mass Book, Page 86

- First Reading: Jer 31: 31-34
- Responsorial Psalm **A pure heart create for me, O God**
- Second Reading: Heb 5: 7-9
- Gospel: Jn 12: 20-30

### Weekly Collection

Please support your Parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

### Last week's collection

First Collection: £823.54

SCIAF: £567.02

There will be a second collection next weekend for our building fund

Thank you for your generosity.

### 500 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: E Cassidy (34)

2<sup>ns</sup> Prize E Gillick (149):

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize :A Clements (153)

### Please keep in your prayers

**Sick:** Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens; Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Kay McDonagh, Mary Glasgow, John Slevin, Andrew Maxwell, Kerry Marshall; John Paul Devlin, Caroline Miller; Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Maria Bolton, John Paul Devlin, Thomas Lally, Marion Moran, Sadie Harkin, John Paul Devlin, James Brown, Jim McCormick, Karen McGuigan, Alice Gallagher, John Lannigan

**RIP:** Isabella Wallace, Charlie Martin, Mary Cairns, John McBride

**Month's Mind:** Robert, Anthony & Isabella Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Stephen Henry, John & Bridie Docherty, Cathie & Frank Wilson, Eddie McGonigal, Hugh Kelly

**Anniversaries:** Mary Frances (Maureen) Gallagher, Annie O'Connor, Frank Gallagher, Robin Clayson, Margaret Fisher, Hugh Fisher, James McNally, Kathleen & Harry McNeilly, Robert McNeil

**Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.**

**5th Sunday Lent, B. The seed must die.** The grain of wheat has to be buried in the cold damp earth as in the tomb. Then it has to die. If it didn't die, no new life would come forth. But when it dies, from the grave of the old grain, a shoot of new wheat miraculously springs forth. It is an amazing paradox. Life coming from death! Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love, and realise our full potential as human beings and children of God. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways. Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty. Every act of love involves dying to selfishness. Thus, the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured. It is by giving that we receive; it is by forgiving that we are forgiven. It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.



### Church Spring Clean

I am looking for volunteers to come along after the **10am Mass on Saturday 22nd March** to help clean the church for Easter. If you are available your help will be appreciated.



### St Andrews Glasgow university Conference: Faith in action, on Thursday 21st March

This conference will be given by special guest [Martha Hennessey](#), an American Catholic peace activist and the granddaughter of renowned Catholic social activist and author, [Dorothy Day](#). Such a speaker is rare and we are encouraging people to attend. Details about the event and to register can be found [https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media\\_1040420\\_smxx.pdf](https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_1040420_smxx.pdf)

#### SCIAF

Please return the SCIAF WEE BOX by  
**31st March, 2024**

Service Schedule 5th Week of Lent	
Monday	Early morning Mass 7.30am Holy Rosary 9.30am Divine Mercy Devotions 2pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
Tuesday	Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am <b>Confessions with visiting Priest &amp; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7.30pm</b>
Wednesday	Early morning mass in St Monica's Primary School 8.40am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am
Thursday	Early morning Mass 8.15am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am
Friday	Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am
Saturday	Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am Vigil Mass 4pm
Sunday	Holy Mass 10am, 12 Noon & 5.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 9.55am	

Parish Meetings	
Wednesday 20th March 7pm	Ministers of the Eucharist
Thursday 21st March 7pm	Readers

### Easter Decorations

There is a box at the back of the church if you would like to contribute to the costs for the flowers for our church this Easter

**Wishing you a Holy and Peaceful Sunday**