

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF

SACRED HEART & ST GERARD

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3rd Sunday of Lent B

7th March 2021

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Streamed Services this Week

Tuesday 7.00pm Mass from Sacred Heart

Wednesday 10.00am Mass from Sacred Heart

Thursday 10.00am Mass from St Gerard's

7.00pm Lenten Prayer & Exposition

Friday 10.00am Mass from St Gerard's

Saturday 4.00pm Vigil Mass from St Gerard's

Sunday 10.00am Mass celebrated by the Bishop

from St Gerard's

11.30am Mass from Sacred Heart

The Lenten Sharing Group using the lenten retreat at www.onlineprayer.net meets on Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom.

The Scriptures

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 116

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading

1 corinthians 1:22-25

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25



SCIAF LENT APPEAL

SCIAF's Lent appeal through parishes in Lent and the wee box campaign are the major fundraisers for SCIAF which works on our behalf to help those most in need.

Ways you can help:

You can collect a box from Fr Stuart at Sacred Heart, there will be a box behind the storm door if no one is in with SCIAF boxes.

You can order a SCIAF wee box from their website.

You can make a donation to SCIAF online through their website.

www.sciaf.org.uk

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Matt McDonald, Kathleen Grant, Jackie Chinskie, Jane Downie, Betty McDermott, Betty McAuley, Anne Taggart, Martin Burns, Megan Carlin, Kirsty White, Gerard Foley, Tony Maschinsky, Elizabeth Ann Curtis, Maureen Griffin, May Dick, Lauren Nicol, Joseph Townsley, Peter Mitchell, Thomas O'Donnell, John Hamilton, Michael Rennie, Rosemary Walsh, Jayne Murphy, Jim McIlroy, Lorraine McCarthy, Mary McCardle, John McKendry (Coatbridge), Jane Curran, Nan McAtamney, Margaret McMahon,

Recently Dead: Charles Murphy, Marie Cushley,

Months Minds: Catherine Howard, Joe & Lizzie Costello, Jeanie Costello,

Anniversaries: Charlie Dooey, Mary Doherty, John Devlin, Frances Connolly, Agnes Moore, Joseph Cushley, Theresa Cushley,

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the work of the SVDP.

Donations can be put through the parish house door or to donate by Bank Transfer: Society of St Vincent de Paul, sort code 80-22-60, account no: 15671561



Building Fabric & Finance

I mentioned at the end of last year a concern about the cracks around the parish hall at Sacred Heart. An initial engineers report last week has raised a number of concerns and the engineer also noticed similar signs around the house. We have therefore asked for a full structural survey of the house and hall to better understand the problems and confirm the initial findings. For the technically minded, the engineer thought that the facing brick was a calcium silicate brick that would require regular expansion joints that are missing on the house and hall. It was observed from the attic of the hall that there are no ties between the bricks in the cavity and also concerns around the safety and structure of the suspended ceiling in the main hall.

As we hope the Churches will reopen at the end of March/beginning of April I would then like to form two parish groups, a fabric group to advise on maintenance work and a finance group to consider how we best manage our resources to support the parish and maintain its buildings.