

Please pray for the repose of the soul of all who have died.

On their anniversary please pray for Mark Grantham and Tom Walls

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially John Shea, Jimmy McGuire, Angela McGeown

For deaths, anniversaries and for those people who are ill and in need of our prayers please submit names by adding to the book in each Sacristy or by email to:

thenewsletter99@gmail.com

Special Collection - Sick and Retired Clergy 8th March We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have eighteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two in Chile, six in houses throughout the diocese, three in parish presbyteries, and six at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2019 our three special collections and Friends Campaign and rental income raised £78,985, which represents 37% of our expenditure of £211,116. i.e. a shortfall of £132,131, of which £93,359 was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Designated Fund Investment income.

Psalm Response

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Articles or Prayer requests for inclusion in this Newsletter should be emailed to:
thenewsletter99@gmail.com by **Thursday lunch time** each week. Items will be included where space permits. **Parish Priest Rev David Boyd**

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St John Bosco's & St Bernadette's Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Lent -Year A 8th March 2020



Lenten Station Masses Bishop John will be celebrating Station Masses around the diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass (**Trinity Cluster, Our Lady of Lourdes Bishopton, Thursday**

12th March at 7:00pm). His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day, to allow our priests and people to join him. Station Mass is simply Mass with the Bishop that replicates the ancient custom of the Popes to go out to 'station parishes' around Rome leading up to Easter. Bishop John's homilies will be a catechesis on the meaning of the Creed as a simple summary of what Catholics believe. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm.

Liturgy Times St. John Bosco's & St. Bernadette's

Mass Times

Sunday:	Vigil Mass 5.30pm (St. John Bosco)	10.30am (St. Bernadette's)
Tuesday:	6.00pm (St. John Bosco)	
Wednesday:	10.00am (St. Bernadette's)	
Thursday:	7.00am (St Bernadette's)	7.00PM Station Mass Our Lady of Lourdes Bishopton
Friday:	9.30am (St. John Bosco)	

Mass with Anointing of the sick takes place on the first Friday of the month.

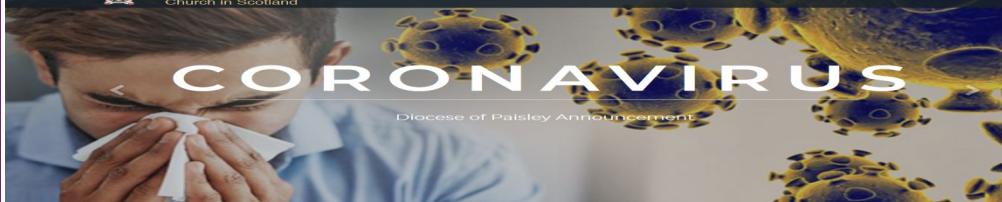
Saturday: 11.00am (St. Bernadette's)

Confessions

Tuesday:	6.30 - 6.45pm (St. John Bosco)
Wednesday:	9.00 - 9.45am (St. Bernadette's)
Friday:	9.00 - 9.20pm (St. John Bosco)
Saturday:	5.00 - 5.20pm (St. John Bosco)
Sunday:	9.30 - 10.15am (St. Bernadette's)

Other Services

Monday:	9.30am Morning Prayer followed by Eucharistic Service. (St. John Bosco)
Tuesday:	6.30pm St Anthony Novena (St. John Bosco)
Thursday:	9.30am Exposition followed by Morning Prayer (St. John Bosco)
Friday:	9.15am Morning Prayer (St. John Bosco)
Saturday:	10.30am Rosary (St. Bernadette's)



Corona Virus Diocese of Paisley Announcement

The Coronavirus (Covid 19) poses a danger particularly to vulnerable members of our community. It is spread by physical contact. We have a duty to protect each other by good general hygiene, especially washing hands frequently and thoroughly. If we have coronavirus-or cold/ flu like symptoms we should stay away from gatherings. The Diocese of Paisley will implement the following from FRIDAY 6th MARCH for parishioners. (1) Holy water fonts will be emptied; (2) The Sign of Peace will be suspended; (3) Distribution of the Precious Blood among the faithful will be suspended; (4) Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand or tongue. If receiving on the tongue, present yourself with mouth wide open and tongue extended to minimise finger contact from the minister. If receiving by hand thoroughly wash your hands and extend them wide open for the host to be placed with minimum contact. Other guidelines are in place for parish workers and volunteers. Thank you for your co-operation

Mothering Sunday There will be a special celebration on the **21st and 22nd March** to mark Mothering Sunday. All primary children are invited to take part in a special performance after Mass on the day and to distribute small gifts. Please come along as it will be a wonderful way to celebrate that day. The performance will take place directly after mass on the day.



Can you join a Lenten Small Group this year? It will be similar to the groups we had during Advent and Lent: meet in someone's home, enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits with friends

and use the provided material to reflect and discuss the Readings from the previous Sunday. The groups commenced 2nd March on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and run for 5 weeks. Please add your name to the evening which suits you on the sheet at the entrance of the church. Thank you



SCIAF Wee Box Appeal Thousands of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo need your help right now. Decades of conflict and chaos in DR Congo have left a legacy of brutality and lawlessness in many areas. Armed groups fight for control of resources such as the precious minerals used in our smart phones. They use sexual violence and the threat of HIV to terrify and

control communities. Rape is a weapon of war, used to show power and to shame and humiliate the victims. Tens of thousands of women have been left injured and traumatised. Survivors are stigmatised and even disowned by their husbands, families and communities. This has to stop. SCIAF are working to end sexual violence in DR Congo. This year the UK Government will give £1 for each £1 donated. Please collect a SCIAF Box and return it after Easter to help SCIAF in this project .



Preparation for Baptism New preparation sessions for 2020 are now available for Parents and God Parents who wish to have their child Baptised and we look forward to welcoming you there. The purpose of these sessions, which are completed prior to the child's Baptism, is to allow Parents and God

Parents to reflect on the Sacrament of Baptism and the responsibility they are undertaking in supporting the child in their Faith.

The format of the session which will run on a Tuesday evening beginning at 7pm, includes a short video followed by discussion and is led by two facilitators, Margaret Gill and Robert Borland.

A choice of venue is available to suit those taking part:

- either at the home of the Parents/God Parents
- or the home of one of the session facilitators based in Erskine
- or at St John Bosco Church.

The next programme commences on **Tuesday 10th March 2020** . Thank you for taking this important step in your child's spiritual development.