

Note taker please record the conclusions. End with the following prayer.

Our Father.....

Through our annual Lenten observance, Lord, deepen our understanding of the mystery of Christ and make it a reality in the conduct of our lives.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

“Often people don’t see the responsibility they genuinely feel towards others as springing from a faith perspective; there is a disconnect between charitable acts and the faith that inspires them. Often they don’t see the churches work out on the streets. Co responsibility for the churches mission is the way to keep people on board with the churches mission.”- *from Glasgow’s Synodal response para 5.*



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Lenten Meeting One.

Temptation.

Opening Prayer *(from Second Vatican Council)*

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Enthroned Scriptures Matthew 4:1-11.

Stilling Exercise.

Slow prayerful reading of the scriptures....

Silence.....read the scriptures again.....silence....

What struck you? A word?....a verse?.....

A deeper sharing.....silence.....break.

Slowly & prayerfully the Leader reads and repeats:

*“Overcoming temptation, clearly and definitely
strengthens us in every virtue. The devil would not tempt
us if he was not convinced about our holiness; thus
temptation is a sign that the devil is losing hold of our
lives.”* *(Catholic readings.org)*

*The leader offers the following questions for respectful
discussion and listening.*

How does prayer, fasting and almsgiving, help us
connect with Jesus experience in the desert?

How does prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us focus on
our Lenten objectives of spirituality- sacrifice & service.

Can I take away from this gathering an action point for
myself as an individual?

Is there anything we as a parish should be doing to help
each other during this Lenten season?

After a period of silence following the discussion: ask if there is a consensus about anything.... have we identified a way forward for our parish?

Note taker please record the conclusions. End with the following prayer.

Our Father.....

God our Father,
you bid us listen to your Son, the well-beloved.
Nourish our hearts on your word,
purify the eyes of our mind,
and fill us with joy at the vision of your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Lenten Meeting Two.

Transfiguration.

Opening Prayer *(from Second Vatican Council)*

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Enthroned Scriptures Matthew 17:1-9.

Stilling Exercise.

Slow prayerful reading of the scriptures....

Silence.....read the scriptures again.....silence....

What struck you? A word?....a verse?.....

A deeper sharing.....silence.....break.

Slowly & prayerfully the Leader reads and repeats:

God's voice reassured the disciples, in the face of Jesus speaking about death, they are encouraged not to lose faith.

The leader offers the following questions for respectful discussion and listening.

How does your faith make a difference to others?

How does your parish make a difference in your area?

“The grass roots church really does want to welcome everyone and ignore no one. People are sad when the church they love is not as welcoming as it should be and when priests and people do not work in tandem on this.” *From Glasgow's Synodal response -para 1.*

After a period of silence following the discussion: ask if there is a consensus about anything.... have we identified a way forward for our parish?

Note taker please record the conclusions. End with the following prayer.

Our Father.....

God our Father,
in your infinite love and goodness
you have shown us that
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
are remedies for sin.
Accept the humble admission of our guilt,
and when our conscience weighs us down
let your unfailing mercy raise us up.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



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Lenten Meeting Three.

Conversion.

Opening Prayer *(from Second Vatican Council)*

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Enthroned Scriptures John 4:5-42.

Stilling Exercise.

Slow prayerful reading of the scriptures....

Silence.....read the scriptures again.....silence....

What struck you? A word?....a verse?.....

A deeper sharing.....silence.....break.

Slowly & prayerfully the Leader reads and repeats:

The woman came to the well at noon, to avoid being
judged by the other women.

*The leader offers the following questions for respectful
discussion and listening.*

Can I look on others as God sees them?

Are you scandalised by the love God has for all people,
including yourself?

How are we as a parish a sign of God's love?

“Synodality means being open to change, aware of
the need for on going learning, adherence to the
tenants of the faith and a readiness to read the
signs of the times in the light of that faith. It
requires self reflection and a willingness to
contribute the common good. This is a form of
inner renewal, that may be difficult for some, but
without betraying the faith would be able to
prevent it become a rigid one size fits all mould. It
is about inclusion, welcome, diversity, faithfulness
and sharing”. *-from Glasgow's Synodal response
para 10.*

After a period of silence following the discussion: ask if there is a consensus about anything.... have we identified a way forward for our parish?

Note taker please record the conclusions. End with the following prayer.

Our Father.....

Lord God, in your surpassing wisdom
you reconcile man to yourself through your Word.
Grant that your Christian people may come with eager faith and
ready will
to celebrate the Easter festival.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



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Lenten Meeting Four.

New sight.

Opening Prayer *(from Second Vatican Council)*

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Enthroned Scriptures 9:1-41.

Stilling Exercise.

Slow prayerful reading of the scriptures....

Silence.....read the scriptures again.....silence....

What struck you? A word?....a verse?.....

A deeper sharing.....silence.....break.

Slowly & prayerfully the Leader reads and repeats:

Like the pharisees, are we blind to the hand of God around us. Do we see the daily miracles and gifts of God in our lives and in the lives of others?

The leader offers the following questions for respectful discussion and listening.

Where are the signs of God's presence around us?

In our own lives?

In the life of our parish?

“Being Baptised should bring an understanding that you must live your faith in an overt way and be involved in the mission of the church. Thankfully many within our parishes feel this commission to express their faith in a way beyond celebrating Sunday Mass and in personal prayer. They make the community more complete and more alive through their commitment to education, social services, pastoral services. Foodbanks, catechesis, bereavement ministry, Marys Meals, Jesuit Missions, SVdP, Eucharistic Ministry to the sick and housebound and many, many more.” - from *Glasgow's Synodal response -para 5*

After a period of silence following the discussion: ask if there is a consensus about anything.... have we identified a way forward for our parish?

Note taker please record the conclusions. End with the following prayer.

Our Father.....

Lord our God, your Son so loved the world
that he gave himself up to death for our sake.

Strengthen us by your grace,
and give us a heart willing to live by that same love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



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Lenten Meeting Five.

New life.

Opening Prayer *(from Second Vatican Council)*

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as we gather together in Your name.**

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make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
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**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Enthroned Scriptures John 11:1-45.

Stilling Exercise.

Slow prayerful reading of the scriptures....

Silence.....read the scriptures again.....silence....

What struck you? A word?....a verse?.....

A deeper sharing.....silence.....break.

Slowly & prayerfully the Leader reads and repeats:

Belief in Jesus brings life!

*The leader offers the following questions for respectful
discussion and listening.*

When have you experienced your faith as life giving?

As Martha, Mary and Lazarus were to Jesus, is our parish
a supportive community, is it growing as a parish family?

“ It is in the collective choir of humanity that the
Spirits voice is clearly heard. People say they are
comfortable speaking of their faith in their own
environment, but lack the confidence to speak out
in other faith settings or in hostile settings. More
help from priests is desired as is the desire to
interpret the changes in society from a gospel
perspective ie helping God people interpret the
signs of the times by the light of faith.”- from
Glasgow’s Synodal response -para 3

