

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

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Mass times

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| Monday to Friday | 10 am |
| Saturday Vigil Mass | 6 pm |
| Sunday | 10 am & 12 noon |

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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| Monday to Friday | 9:00 -9:45 am |
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Confessions

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| Tuesday and Thursday | 9:20 am |
| Saturday | 5:20 pm |

Fourth Sunday of Lent-A
Sunday, 15th of March, 2026.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1b,6-7,10-13a

David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 (22)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

He went and washed and received his sight.

Reflection: Why Me? A Question of Faith

“It is not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him” (John 9:3). Do you sometimes ask, “Why me?” Why is this happening to me? I have been faithful to God all my life, so why would God allow me to go through this? These are questions that rise naturally from the human heart when we encounter suffering. Without trivializing the depth of our experiences, we might also ask ourselves other questions: Would I wish this cross for another person? Where was I when God made the world? Was I conscious of the world five hundred years ago? These questions gently remind us of the limits of our understanding.

In this world, there are uncertainties. We experience moments of joy and happiness, but also moments of sorrow and pain. When suffering and crosses appear in our lives, there is often a tendency to assume that they are the result of our sins or the sins of those to whom we are spiritually connected. This was also the assumption of the disciples in today’s Gospel, when they asked Jesus whether the man’s blindness was caused by his own sin or the sin of his parents.

Jesus invites us to rethink this way of seeing things. What if, instead, the glory of God is revealed through the very cross that we carry? The question then arises again: Why would God choose me? Did you know that in bearing a cross for God, we participate in the salvific work of Christ? The saving work of Jesus has been accomplished on the Cross, yet we continue to share in it through our lives (Colossians 1:24). If God created you and has a plan for your life, a plan that unfolds through your faithfulness, then the all-knowing God cannot be mistaken in choosing you to bear this particular cross.

In this season of Lent, God invites us to carry the Cross with Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. He calls us to become another Simon of Cyrene, helping to carry the cross of another person who is struggling along the road of life. Though bearing crosses for the glory of God is a difficult and demanding calling, it is also a privilege. Yet one must not be

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overly expectant. The glory that God intends to reveal through a particular cross may not become visible within our own lifetime. It may unfold quietly in ways beyond our immediate sight, touching lives and bearing fruit long after we are gone. Our task, therefore, is not to seek recognition or visible results, but simply to remain faithful in carrying the cross entrusted to us, trusting that God, in his wisdom, will bring forth His glory in the time and manner He chooses.

So, when the heart grows weary and tired, the prayer of the Christian must remain simple and trusting:

“Your grace is sufficient for me.”

“Not my will, but your will be done.”

Hymns for Sunday

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| Entrance: The Lord is my shepherd | No. 661 |
| Offertory: Gifts of bread and wine | No. 273 |
| Communion 1: God of Mercy and compassion | No. 293 |
| Communion 2: Here I am, Lord | No. 376 |
| Recession: Awake from your slumber | No. 154 |

Feast: St. Patrick (Tuesday), Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary (Thursday)

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially **Paul Stackpool Martin**.

Death: *Margaret Somers.*

Anniversary: *Margaret Johnston, May Brogan, Breandan Collins, Tony Houston, James Shields, Sarah Davie, Mary Scott, Anne McAleer, Cathy Silvano.*

Stations of the Cross continue at 7 PM on Tuesday and after Morning Mass on Thursday

There will be Second Collections throughout all the weeks of Lent.

5th Week: Sick & Retired Priests

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Lenten Retreat – Saturday 21 March

Title: The God of Second Chances (Jonah 3:1-5)

Our parish **Lenten Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, 21 March**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend as we take time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal during Lent.

Retreat commences at 10:30 AM.

Retreat Moderator: Fr. John Adesotu from Edinburgh Archdiocese.

Collections for 01/03/2026

Offertory: £575.93

Gift Aid envelopes: £323.50

Sick and Retired Priests: £564.63 Thank you.

RCAG Youth - Lenten Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan: Monday 30th March 2026, 1900 - 2100 | St. Andrew's Cathedral. Young adults (16+) are invited on Monday of Holy Week for a time of prayer and reflection, followed by a chance to enjoy hot cross buns and tea with old and new friends. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/rcaglent26>

Legion of Mary: All active and auxiliary legionaries are warmly invited to attend the Acies ceremony in Corpus Christi Parish, Knightswood, on Sunday 22nd March at 3pm. Tea and coffee afterwards.

SCIAF Coffee Morning: Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March, 10am – 2.30pm at Pauline Books, St Enoch Square, Glasgow. Coffee, cakes, raffle and a chance to hear more about SCIAF's work and our Wee Box appeal