

Week commencing 25 February 2018

Season of Lent

The season of Lent prepares us for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery as the centre of both the liturgical year and Christian life.

Second collections – There will be a second collection at all Masses on the Sundays at Lent. With the exception of the fourth Sunday which will be for SIAF, the collection will be for the Sick and Retired priests of the Archdiocese.

SCIAF – Packs are now available including the 'Wee Box'. This year the UK Government will match all donations made to SCIAF through this campaign.

Additional Lenten Services

- Stations of the Cross lead by the SVdP on Tuesdays at 7.00pm. We also propose to run a series of reflections on the stations each week for about 1 hour.
- Mass at 6.00pm each Thursday, commencing 22 February.

Lentfest

The Archdiocese arts programme returns again this year. Details of the various events can be found [here](#).

Baptismal Talk

If you are planning to have your child baptised would you please come along to the talk arranged for 8 March at 7.30pm? This will help you prepare for your child's Baptism and will be an opportunity to re-engage with this special Sacrament of the Church, the Sacrament which opens up for us the Sacramental Life of the Church.

Springboard to the World

This delightful full colour documentary (running time approx. 30 minutes) film tells the story of the foundation of St. Gregory's, Wyndford. There is also a surprise with the appearance of a very young former Parish Priest of our parish. [View it here](#).

Parish Pilgrimage to Krakow

There will be a meeting on Sunday 4 March after 12.00pm Mass for all who are going on this trip. Anne Marie Cairns from Alba Travel will be at the meeting to explain the final arrangements. By then everyone should have completed their payments and given Fr. John a copy of their passport.

Malawi Fundraising

On Friday 16 March there is a St. Patrick's Ladies Night in the hall. Tickets are priced at £5 including a glass of fix and are available after 10.00am mass each Sunday from Jacqueline Miller (T:729731). Rita is coming back with her amazing make-up and gift offers. BYOB.

SVdP

The annual Lenten collection of non-perishable foodstuffs has begun and the green collection box is at the back of the church. Everything collected will be taken to the House of Bread Foodbank.

First Friday Coffee Morning

This takes place in the hall on Friday 2 March after 10.00 Mass. For a trial period, a couple of the ladies will be offering tea/coffee and toast in each of the Fridays of Lent to see if it is successful.

Collections

Offertory	£469.09
Gift Aid	£354.00
Sick and Retired Priests	£664.89

Thank you for your generosity.