

Our Lady and St. Helen's, Condorrat
Parish Bulletin
Week commencing 17 March 2024

Special Collection

The 2nd collection is for the Sick and Retired clergy of the Archdiocese.

Stations of the Cross

This afternoon 4.00pm and Tuesday evening 7.00pm, led by the SSVP.

Day of Confessions

There is again a Day of Confessions in St Andrew's Cathedral on Friday 22 March from 7:45am till 5.00pm. There will be additional priests from across the Archdiocese to help hear Confessions.

Gift Aid

The end of another tax year approaches. We are grateful to all of you in the scheme whose contributions allowed us to reclaim almost £10,000 of your tax last year from HM Revenue & Customs. New envelope sets will be available for collection after all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 March. Those who contribute by standing order need take no action unless you wish to increase your donations, in which case you should contact your bank directly or alternatively amend it online or using your banking app.

Like all charities, the Archdiocese is feeling the effects of the ongoing financial crisis. We fully appreciate the impact on parishioners of the ever-increasing cost of living but there is a way you can **increase your charitable giving to the parish by 25% at absolutely no additional cost to you.** If you are a taxpayer you are eligible to join the Gift Aid scheme and the UK Government will pay us an additional 25% of your gift aided donation. Currently, fewer than one hundred parishioners take part in the scheme. Other than the fact that you are a taxpayer, your tax affairs are not known to us. The scheme is completely confidential and if you would like to know more about how it operates visit <https://ourladyandsthelen.org/gift-aid>. The necessary forms can also be downloaded there.

Film for Lent

'The Way' starring Martin Sheen, a moving & incredibly lifting film for Lent, in the parish hall Monday 18th March 2-5pm, £3 pay at the door.

S.S.V.P.

The S.S.V.P. is continuing to appeal for your help in these difficult times for families as they struggle to put food on their tables. They are looking for donations of non-perishable foodstuff to take to the "House of Bread" Foodbank who do a great job helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Now though the House of Bread have made some special requests in addition to what you already so generously give, perhaps even some things you might not think about, like kitchen roll, toilet roll, washing up liquid, shampoo, pastas and cereals. Thank you all once again for your wonderful and continued support.

Parish Hall

To book the parish hall please contact Claire McGhie on 07825 983270.

Collections

Offertory	£ 429.00
Gift Aid envelopes	£ 473.00
SCIAF	£ 1812.30

Thank you for your generosity.

Don't carry cash but want to make a donation?

Increasingly today people do not carry cash and rely on cards and smartphones to pay for their goods and services. If you are one of those and would find it more convenient to make your offering electronically, then you can now do so using the QR code below. Simply scan the code with your phone to be taken to our donation page.

Please though do not do this during the uptake of the offertory or other collection or at any other time during Mass.

