



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST ANDREW

GALASHIELS • SELKIRK • MELROSE

NEWSLETTER

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COLLECTIONS

Sunday 12 March 2023

Offertory: £480.56; Standing Orders: £604

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Margaret's Primary School, Galashiels

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St Joseph's Primary School, Selkirk

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VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Churches are open this week for prayer as follows:

<u>Galashiels</u>	Sunday to Friday	9am to 6pm
	Saturday	9am to 4.30pm
<u>Melrose</u>	Monday to Friday	10am to 4pm;
<u>Selkirk</u>	Closed	

All times are subject to change.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	10.45am to 11.30am (Galashiels)
	5.15pm to 5.45pm (Selkirk)
Sunday	8.45am to 9.00am (Melrose).

WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesday 6.45pm (Galashiels)

<i>Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year 1</i>	CHURCH	MASS TIME & INTENTION
Sunday 19 March 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	Selkirk Melrose Galashiels	6.00pm (Sat) 9.15am - For the People 11.00am - (live-streamed) – Peta Trousdell (ill)
Monday 20 March SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Selkirk	10.00am
Tuesday 21 March		NO MASS
Wednesday 22 March	Galashiels	7.30pm – Fiona Nunn, RIP
Thursday 23 March (<i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovego</i>)	Melrose	10.00am
Friday 24 March	Galashiels	10.00am
Saturday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Galashiels Selkirk	10.00am 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 26 March 5th Sunday of Lent	Melrose Galashiels	9.15am - For the People 11.00am (live-streamed)

St Margaret's PS Coffee Morning

The pupils at St Margaret's RC Primary School are holding a coffee morning/bake sale at the school on **Friday 24 March from 11.45am to 1.30pm** in aid of Mary's Meals. You are invited to come along and support the children's fundraiser.

Easter Duties

Those of the faithful who infrequently attend the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist should be aware of the long ecclesial tradition associating the precept of confessing grave sins and receive Holy Communion at least once during the Lenten season, or preferably Eastertide. (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 125). The period for fulfilling the Easter Precept began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Trinity Sunday.

Establishing the Parish Database

The Register for our Parish is out of date and Father Andrew wishes to update it with accurate information. A form is available at the back of the church for you to complete and return. If you require assistance please email office@galacatholic.org or phone Maureen on 01896 752 328 during her office hours. Please take additional forms to those who may be unable to attend church. The aim is to be able to contact all Parishioners by email or text message or letter to allow everyone to keep up-to-date with events in the Parish.

SSVP Daffodil Tea

The SSVP Daffodil Tea on Wednesday 15 March in Melrose raised £250 for Mary's Meals. The organisers would like to thank all who supported the fundraiser as well as those who assisted with the event.

Mass Intentions

Please note that requests for Mass Intentions cannot be received by email or telephone. Please place your request and offering in an envelope and either hand it into the Parish office or hand it to Father Andrew directly.



SCIAF Fundraiser Lent 2023

Guess Skating Katie's birthday at £1 per guess. Write your name and telephone number in the diary at Our Lady & St Andrew's Church.

Special Collection for SCIAF

There is a special collection on **19th March** for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). Please pick up a copy of the letter from Bishop Brian McGee explaining how your donations help SCIAF support those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Reading Group

The next meeting of the weekly Parish reading group will take place in the Chapel of the Resurrection (accessed through the vestibule) in Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, Selkirk on **Monday 20 March** after 10am Mass. The book we are reading and discussing this Lent is *The Cross and the Beatitudes* by The Venerable Fulton Sheen. Copies are available for purchase at £8 at the event. All are welcome.

Please pray for those who are sick:

Chrissie Beaton, Margaret Croan, Joe McGill, David Finnie, Maria Gagnon,

Please pray for those who have died:

Edda Plisga, Barbara Kapica,

Mass – Relics of Padre Pio

Relics of Padre Pio are touring Scotland (including his gloves and bloodstained bandages). They will be in the Archdiocese on **Friday 24 March at 7pm** at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. There will be Holy Mass and a chance to receive an individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in the church hall afterwards.

Called and Gifted Workshop

Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9am to 3.30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at bit.ly/calledgifted2023

Lent Talks

Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with the final online talk from the Archdiocese, hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's. Davidson's Mains and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM 7.30pm on **Wednesday 22 March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023 Catch up on YouTube at [bit./y?ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/y?ArchYouTube)

Palm Sunday Talk

Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk about Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7.30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy and prepare for the day. Register for this Zoom talk at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk