

St Francis Aberdeen and Trinity Church. Charity number SC005122
Second Sunday in Lent. 08th March. 2020 Year A.

Mon 09th Mar: Mass in Westhill 7.00 pm.
Tues 10th Mar: Mass in St Francis 10.00 am. *Stations of the Cross* 7.30pm, with Diocesan Choir
Wed 11th Mar: Masses in St Francis 10.00am. *Scripture Reflection* 7.00pm till 8.00pm.
Thu 12th Mar: Mass in Westhill 10.00am Mass.
Fri 13th Mar: Mass in St Francis 10.00am. *Station Mass* in Holy Family 7.00pm.
Sat 14th Mar: Mass in St Francis 10.00 am. Confessions till 11.00 am.
Sun 15th Mar: Masses in Westhill 9.00 am. Masses in St Francis 11.00 am and 6.00 pm.

Offertory Sunday 01st March £940. Many thanks. Bingo with Pancakes £2400 (many donations).

Following the *Bishop's Directive*, based on best practice to avoid any spread of the Coronavirus, there will be no *Holy Water* for blessing, the *Sign of peace* will be replaced by a bow, own hands pressed together, palms touching and fingers pointing upwards, *Children* will be blessed in a non-tactile way, and the offering of the *Chalice* at Holy Communion will be suspended for the moment.
We encourage all parishioners to receive the Sacred Host on the hand.

Until the danger has passed, we continue to *Celebrate Mass* with joy and patience and understanding.

Minutes from the *Pastoral* Parish Council are displayed in the porch of the church, with copies for those who wish.

We are very keen for parishioners to volunteer to assist at *Children's Sunday Liturgy*. Please contact Fr. Peter or any of the Catechists.

Stations of the Cross in St Francis Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm., with the Diocesan Choir.

Scottish *Country Dancing* continues in St Francis Hall on Thursday 12th March from 7.30pm till 8.30pm.

Ist Holy Communion in St Francis on Sat 16th May at 10.00 am.

On Saturday 28th March, we propose a *Passover-Feast* in St Francis. This celebrates the origins of our catholic faith: what Jesus did at the Last Supper, and what we celebrate in the Mass. A full meal is provided with wine, bitter herbs, music and some Jewish dancing at the end. Tickets £15. Concessions £10.
As always, monies raised will go to charity.

The *Holy Season of Lent* began with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. Every Friday during Lent the parishioners at Westhill meet with the other 2 local congregations: Church of Scotland and Episcopal. We take it in turn to play Host, to lead the prayers and music, and provide a Soup and Biscuits lunch.

There are *Station Masses* every Friday in Lent, following the format: Stations of the Cross 6.30pm., Holy Mass at 7.00pm. Next Holy Family 13th March. St Francis 3rd April.

Please be considerate when parking: always leave enough room for an emergency vehicle. On busy Sundays it is useful to park before you enter the estate. Don't park in front of anyone's drive. Never park on the yellow lines. If possible park on the Church grass. Always be considerate.

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