

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST BERNADETTE, LARBERT**

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**MASSES + SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am Mass [ Karen Breen ] Confessions: 10-10.15 am & 6-6.15pm.  
6.30pm Vigil Mass [ Parish ]

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year B):** 10.30am Mass [ Lawrence Haggart ]

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Solemnity: St Joseph, Husband of Mary. Recitation of The Rosary  
before 7.30pm Mass [ Peter and Pearl Swords ]

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am Mass [ Anne Lynagh ]

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>:** 9.30am Mass [ Neil Mochan ]

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 9.30am Mass [ Kathleen Boyce ] **6pm Stations of Cross NB change of time**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 9.30am Mass [ SI ] Confessions: 10-10.15am & 6-6.15pm. 6.30pm Vigil  
of Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord [ Charles Kerr ]

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord (Year B):** 10.30am Mass  
[ Parish ]

Offertory last week £666.72

Special – 'SCIAF & Episcopal Charities' £428.30

Thank you for your continued generosity especially for the Special Collection

**PARISH NEWS**

**Easter and Holy Week services are listed overleaf.**

**Easter Food Parcels** – SSVP will hold the 'Easter Grocery Collection', which enables us to provide food parcels to those in need. Please bring your gifts along anytime during Holy Week (leave them in Annexe) or especially to the evening Mass on Holy Thursday - the parcels will then be passed to local families.

**Lenten Confessions** – Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St Francis Xavier's from 10.30am.

**Offertory envelopes** – envelopes for the next Financial year available at the back of the Church. Gift Aid envelopes in the Annexe and Non-Gift Aid as you enter Church.

**Legion of Mary - Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium (meets every Wednesday evening) are looking for parishioners to consider joining either as auxiliary or legionary members to ensure our work continues. please speak to Liz Kerr.**

**LENT 2024 - NB Stations of the Cross this week (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be held at 6pm as they are being led by St B's Youth Group.** The Stations of the Cross are in reparation and prayer for all who lose their lives through neglect, abuse, abortion, conflict and war. **Recitation of The Rosary** also takes place after morning Mass daily.

**Gift Aid - Please join our Gift Aid Scheme.** If you are a UK Tax Payer, through work or pension, you can Gift Aid your donations **(at no additional cost to yourself)** to the Parish. **Annually, HMRC give back 25p to the Parish for every £1 you place into Offertory collection** using weekly Gift Aid envelopes or Standing Order **(a huge bonus for the Parish so well worth the few minutes needed for the one-time registration).** Please speak to Mike Kelly for more information if interested.

**SSVP Furniture Project needs you!** - Our Diocesan Furniture Project is at risk of closing down due to lack of volunteers. There are several roles, not just lifting goods, including answering calls, completing databases, recording what goods are available and where they have been delivered. It provides valuable support to those in need. If you have any hours available to help, please contact the SSVP phoneline (07568 354828) or speak to one of the conference members.

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**Conversion Therapies** - The Scottish Government is consulting on a proposed new law to end conversion practices in Scotland. The proposals, which could see loving mums and dads and caring clergy jailed for up to seven years, have drawn sharp and widespread criticism and been described by Aidan O'Neill KC as "ill-thought out" and "fundamentally illiberal". Please respond to the consultation before the closing date of **2<sup>nd</sup> April**. You will find all that you need, including guidance on responding to the consultation, here: <https://rcpolitics.org/conversion-practices/>

**Pro-Life Stations of the Cross** - Every Monday in Lent, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (18 March), includes a reflection from Fr Michael Carrie (Dunkeld Diocese). Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

**Events in the Archdiocese** - For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

**Called to be Saints - Youth Day** - A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils. Features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, television presenter. Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, EH9 1BB. Register your child at [bit.ly/calledtobesaints](http://bit.ly/calledtobesaints)

**Holy Week Webinar** - Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary's Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March) and is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ's Passion. Register at [bit.ly/passionevent2024](http://bit.ly/passionevent2024)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024** - Visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24> for info