

## Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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**Our Lady Star of the Sea & St. Drostan Church, Fraserburgh, and St. Mary's Church, Peterhead, are currently closed until further notice, due to Government regulations in connection with action taken to combat the spread of the Covid 19 coronavirus.**

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Monday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tuesday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Saint John Ogilvie, Priest and Martyr - Feast	
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Thursday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Friday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	SCIAF Day of Prayer
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Saturday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	



***"Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market."***

**This week, in view of the Day of Prayer on Friday, we have a "special guest appearance" in the form of a letter from Bishop Joseph Toal, on the work of SCIAF.**



## Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC\*HS Bishop of Motherwell

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I write on behalf of the Bishops of Scotland to thank you for your generous and prayerful support for SCIAF – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund – over the past year.

In the Gospels, we hear of many occasions when Jesus heals the sick, reaching out with love and mercy to the most marginalised and the poorest, both in action and in spirit.

As Catholics we are called to follow his example, to recognise that we are our brother or sister's keeper. To reach out to the poorest with love. SCIAF is the embodiment of the love of our Church in Scotland, reaching out to our vulnerable sisters and brothers around the world. It is why during Lent, we ask you to give generously to support the vital work SCIAF does on our behalf.

This has been a difficult twelve months for all of us, but through WEE BOX and collection donations, gifts in wills and direct debits, SCIAF have continued to help the poorest people in the world.

SCIAF is extremely grateful that last year, generous parishioners raised £945,218 to help survivors of gender-based violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Victims of a devastating war which lasted more than 20 years. Where many were killed, displaced and are in need due to ongoing violence.

Through SCIAF's Church partners these vulnerable survivors, mostly women and girls, were given the medical care and trauma counselling they needed to recover, and gained new skills to build a better life. That is our faith in action.

This year, SCIAF ask us to look to another country where frequent conflict has left behind a legacy of fear, displacement and despair, making it one of the world's poorest and most fragile states. Children with disabilities

were already the most vulnerable in society. Now, the coronavirus pandemic has deepened already existing issues of poverty, putting them at greater risk. When a crisis comes, be it conflict, famine or even the coronavirus, it's the poorest and most vulnerable children who suffer most.

Many children with disabilities in South Sudan are not able to go to school or, later on, to work and earn a living. They may have no access to support services or hospitals for treatment. They may face stigma and exclusion. Due to a lack of access to education and opportunities, disabled children can miss out on vital learning that helps them to break out of the cycle of poverty, unlock their potential and live life to the full.

Through SCIAF the Scottish Catholic Church can help children with disabilities in South Sudan to access the education and support they need to build a bright future. SCIAF will reach the poorest people first and put our faith into action.

With the support of parishes, SCIAF's work in South Sudan will provide a lifeline for children with disabilities and their families. Our support will help to adapt schools so that pupils with disabilities can access education. Children will be provided with aids such as wheelchairs, ramps, hearing aids and canes, as well as healthcare to help them live more independently.

For example, just £35 could buy a classroom desk so a pupil with a disability doesn't need to sit on the floor.

I am delighted to let you know that this year, all donations to SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal, made before **11th May**, will be doubled by the UK government. Your donations will help SCIAF's life changing work around the world, while match funding from the UK government will provide a lifeline to children with disabilities, their families and communities in South Sudan, helping them to build bright futures. Thank you for your continued generosity; know that it goes towards good work.

As Lent continues and we look forward to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, please remember SCIAF and everyone they work with in your prayers.

May God bless you and your families during the holy season of Lent and throughout the year.

+ Joseph Toal

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Bishop President of SCIAF

On behalf of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland

Further details of SCIAF's activities and how to donate can be found at their own website [here](#).



## Other Stuff

### St. John Ogilvie

This Wednesday, the Church in Scotland celebrates the feast of **one of our home-grown martyr-Saints, the Jesuit, John Ogilvie**.

Let me pause right here to say that this is a man about whom I have recently received solid testimony from a parishioner concerning a major miracle worked through his intercession.

So we are dealing with someone very dear to God, a real hero of the Faith – one of those whose passion (martyrdom) imposes upon the company of Heaven “about half an hour” of “silence”, because the Lamb has opened before them the seventh seal of the “scroll written within and on the back” (see Revelation 8:1 and 5:1). The seventh seal is the last one, and it suggests the perfection of the martyrs' final testimony, which crowned their lives of loving service of God and neighbour.

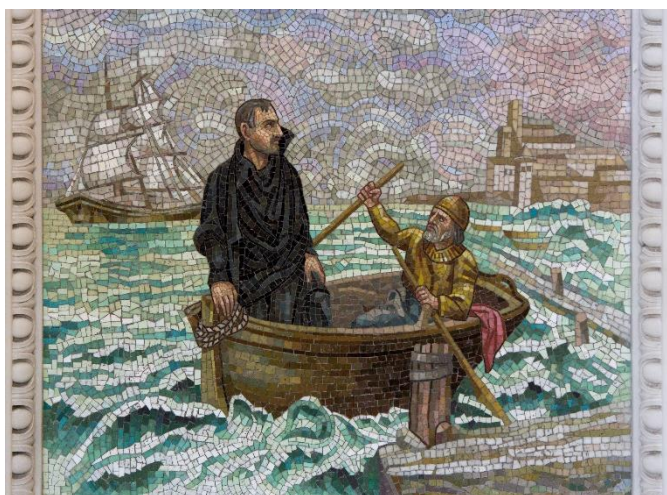
“Our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in **power** and in the **Holy Spirit** and with **full conviction**. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake” (1Thessalonians 1:5).

Praise forever!

John was born in about 1579 at Drum, near Keith. He was raised a Calvinist, but went to the Low Countries and was received into the Catholic Church by the famous Jesuit theologian and Scripture exegete, Cornelius a Lapide. John entered the Society of Jesus himself, and travelled quite widely in central and western Europe, studying and leading souls to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ. He was ordained in Paris in 1610.

Though eager to return to Scotland as a missionary, John had to wait several years because of the practical impossibility of establishing any mission there in the face of severe anti-Catholic persecution. Eventually John's superiors saw an opportunity and our Saint set sail in the autumn of 1613. He

landed at Leith near Edinburgh, and took up his apostolate disguised as a horse-dealer, using the pseudonym John Watson.



St. John returns to Scotland  
Mosaic from St. John Ogilvie's shrine in St. Aloysius' church, Glasgow  
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John's work proved fruitful – but brief. In late 1614, he was betrayed by a man whom he planned to receive back into the Church in Glasgow. Taken to the (Protestant) archbishop's house, John was struck and beaten, and imprisoned. Over subsequent months, he had to endure several arduous interrogations in different places, and various tortures, including 9 consecutive days of forced sleep-deprivation. (That's some novena.)

In spite of his sufferings, John remained firm in his convictions and gave clear testimony to the supremacy of the Bishop of Rome in matters of religion. Because of this, he was condemned for high treason and sentenced to death. John was executed in Glasgow by hanging on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1615. His body was buried outside of the city in a place reserved for criminals.

St. John Ogilvie gives us an inspiring example of courage in searching for and adhering to the truth. **He did not seek a**

**“comfortable life”**: he knew that he needed to allow himself to be challenged if he was to attain to true happiness and freedom of spirit. God was the centre and foundation of his life, and his priestly service flowed from his own experience of God's love.

If you need help, ask for his intercession. **Perhaps there is someone who is experiencing some specific trial that resonates with something in John's life** – like insomnia, or a betrayal of trust... Perhaps you would like the grace to make the most of a good and holy friendship. Or maybe you would like the grace to use your time effectively. **Ask St. John Ogilvie to help you.** Above all, ask him to help you fix your heart in God, so that the trials of life might not overwhelm you, but instead provide an opportunity to “re-form” your heart more and more in the likeness of that Lamb who reigns from the midst of His Father's throne (Revelation 7:17).

**And perhaps this is a opportune moment to mention priestly vocations...**

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2021? The RC Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact: Fr. Mark Impson, Vocations Director, on 01569 762433 or by email at [mark.impson@rcda.scot](mailto:mark.impson@rcda.scot)

**A bishop leading his flock to pasture**

Bishop Hugh has recorded a Catechesis on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is on the diocesan website and YouTube: <https://youtu.be/OxDqQQ6nHw>

**For any safeguarding questions or concerns**, our parish safeguarding coordinator at Fraserburgh is Mrs. Anne Reilly (01171 623029); or contact the Diocesan Office on 01224 319154.

Items for the Newsletter, website and Facebook page should be sent to Bob Watson, email: [rmbwatson@gmail.com](mailto:rmbwatson@gmail.com)

STATION MASSES IN LENT	
<b>Date &amp; Location</b> 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross 7pm: Mass	<b>Links to Live Streaming</b> (going live just before 6.30pm on the day)
12 <sup>th</sup> March St. Mary's, Beaulieu	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoil3nqucRjCPknKm07DC5A">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoil3nqucRjCPknKm07DC5A</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> March St. Joseph's, Aberdeen	<a href="https://youtu.be/gwMuiSn9Paw">https://youtu.be/gwMuiSn9Paw</a>
26 <sup>th</sup> March St. Peter's, Aberdeen	<a href="https://youtu.be/ekjIhYlBTNQ">https://youtu.be/ekjIhYlBTNQ</a>