

St. Joseph's Helensburgh

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer takes place this year on **Friday, 5th March**. It is being hosted in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Helensburgh. There is an invitation to take part. Due to the current situation, the service will take the form of a Zoom Meeting. Anyone interested in attending should E-mail: mu@stmichaelhelensburgh.org.uk

JUSTICE AND PEACE

The next Justice and Peace Scotland on-line event, '**Poverty and Pandemic**' is on Sunday, 7th March at 4.30pm. Please book to join here: **Poverty and Pandemic Tickets. Sun 7 Mar 2021 at 16.30 - Eventbrite**

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The long-awaited Surveyor's Report on the condition of the Church has been made available along with an 'Indicative Estimate' of the costings which are deemed to be required. As expected, very substantial work is regarded as essential to the adequate maintenance of the fabric of the church. There is a great deal in the report and it will take some time for the relevant departments in the Archdiocese to study this along with Mgr. Hughes. It is hoped that a Zoom meeting can be arranged in the near future, so that there can be a discussion about how we might proceed with necessary care for our church. Further detail will be intimated once we have a better idea of the implications of the report.

PASTORAL CARE FOR PARISHIONERS

During lock-down we wish to assure parishioners having to stay at home for health reasons, or self-isolating due to COVID, and perhaps having no family or neighbours to provide support – that our pastoral resources within the parish can help meet any gap in collecting essential medicines, obtaining food items and maintaining telephone contact. The Parish Pastoral Care Group, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Parish Volunteer Group have combined their energies to assist. If you would like support in any of the ways mentioned, please telephone **07954 163267** and help will be provided.

COLLECTIONS

During these weeks, if you would like to contribute to the support of the parish, you can set up a Standing Order or give a cheque made out to the Parish. The Parish account is held in the Bank of Scotland; A/C no. 00821691; Sort Code: 80 08 31; St Joseph's RC Church, Helensburgh, Archdiocese of Glasgow. It goes without saying that parish overheads continue, even during a period such as this. Your generosity is as always most appreciated.

Our Prayers are Requested

For Parishioners who are Sick

For all who have Died Recently: Marian Regan, Brian Court, Gina d'Ambrosio, Gordon Morton, Jack Gledhill, Bernard Campbell, Stephen Russell, John Nicholas, Tommy McGrath

For all whose Month's Mind occurs about now. Bridie McCann

Anniversaries: Canon Boyle, Bishop Renfrew, Phyllis Green

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.