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### Tuesday Club Diary Dates

Please note there will be no Tuesday Club on April 18th.

April 25th Club Day / AGM arrangements  
May 2nd Club AGM

### SCIAF - WEE BOX -

Please return your WEE BOX from Holy Week to May 14th. Tax payers are reminded that they can increase their donation by using GIFT AID. If using GIFT AID do not return your donation to the Parish but send it to SCIAF with your details.

### Feast of Divine Mercy Next Sunday 23rd April 2017 St Gerard's Bellshill

Celebrant Fr Roman. Holy Hour 2.00pm, Hour of Great Mercy 3.00pm  
Veneration of Divine Mercy & Prayers,  
Holy Mass 4.15 pm (Confession 3.00- 4.00 pm)

### THE OCTAVE OF EASTER AND THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

The celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection continues in the Church for eight days, called the Octave of Easter. Each day of the Octave is ranked as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts. At Masses during the Octave of Easter, as on Sundays, the *Gloria*, is recited or sung. And at the end of each Mass of the Octave, the double *Alleluia* is sung at the dismissal.

The idea of an Octave of a great feast has its roots in the Old Testament. There are many Jewish feasts that lasted for eight days, for example, the feast of Passover and the feast of Tabernacles. In the Catholic Church, we celebrate eight days of Christmas as well as eight days of Easter.

The Octave of Easter ends on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass in which he canonized the humble religious Sister Faustina Kowalska, Blessed John Paul II declared that from then on throughout the Church

Divine Mercy Novena concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday

**FOODBANK COLLECTION will take place next weekend on 22-23 April 2017 with donations being accepted at ALL Masses. Shortages include tins of fruit, rice, custard, tomatoes, vegetables, fish, UHT Milk, juice, sugar, potato mash, pasta & sauce, dry rice, curry sauce, coffee, tea bags, biscuits, jam, chocolate, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants and disposable razors. ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

The text of Bishop Toal's Easter Message can be viewed on the Parish Website

### The arrangements for Mgr. Burns' funeral are as follows:

His remains will be received into St. Bride's Bothwell on Monday 24th April at 7.00pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday 25th April in St. Bride's at 12.00noon followed by interment at the priests' plot in St. Patrick's Cemetery, New Stevenston.

*May the Lord who chose Jack to serve Him as priest,  
number him among his chosen in heaven.*

### SCIAF CAMPAIGN TAKE ACTION TODAY

By swapping fossil fuels, like coal and gas, for clean energy, like wind, hydro and solar, we can power our homes without harming our sisters and brothers in countries like Zambia and the planet we share. Please join SCIAF's campaign calling on Members of the Scottish Parliament to support the move to clean energy by adding your name to the parish petition or filling in the **campaign card** that came with your WEE BOX.

### Brexit trade campaign

Britain's exit from the European Union is likely to cause big changes in international trade - and for millions of people who trade with us from poor countries, it could be make or break.

They could find themselves squeezed even harder by powerful international competition. Or it could be the moment when the UK starts trading in a way that really benefits them.

That's why Traidcraft is campaigning with the Fairtrade Foundation (<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/brexit>) and others for a Brexit that works for everyone.

Together, we're calling on International Trade Minister Liam Fox to seize this opportunity to deliver better trade that brings prosperity to the poorest countries around the world as well as the UK.

Please join us and sign the petition to Dr Fox.

Find out more about why Brexit matters to farmers and workers in poor countries. (<http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/brexit-trade-campaign>)

**The Sacrament of the Sick is a Sacrament of Healing:** "By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. And indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ... the apostolic Church had its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."