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ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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Parish Bulletin

4th/5th November 2017

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year 'A'

Readings

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2.8-10 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9.13

Matthew 23: 1-12

Psalm Response

Guard my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

The Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

(all bow)

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Times of Mass and Services 6th November - 12th November

Monday

Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

Tuesday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

Wednesday

Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

Mass in St. Margaret's at 12.30pm (Funeral)

Thursday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

Friday

Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

Saturday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass in St. Francis Xavier's at 4pm
and St. Margaret's Cathedral at 6.00pm

Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 9.30am

Mass in St. Paul's at 11.30 am

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said before Mass on
Monday and Friday at 9.40am and the Rosary will be
recited on Wednesdays at 9.40am in St. Paul's.

The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday after Mass and
Thursday and Saturday before Mass at 9.30am
in St. Margaret's and on Friday at 10am in
St. Francis Xavier's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This beautiful Sacrament is available from after Mass
until 10.50 a.m. during Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament on Thursdays at St. Margaret's and Fridays at
St. Paul's and at any other convenient time.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on
Thursdays in St. Margaret's and Fridays in St. Paul's
after Mass until 11am

Fr David: Fr David is absent from the parish due to a health problem but hopes not to be away for too long. Please keep him in your prayers. In the meantime please contact Deacon Bill on 521208 if you need to contact the clergy, or for parish business please call Angela in the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 12 noon.

Discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate? God is calling people to serve the Church in Galloway as ordained ministers. The task we have, every one of us, is to encourage people to hear and respond to this call. If you think someone has a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate why not approach them gently and speak with them about it?

November Lists: Sheets and envelopes are now available for November, the month we pray for our deceased family and friends. Please return your completed sheet, along with your offering, to the Church and it will lie on the altar during the month of November.

Ayrshire Interfaith Group: As part of Scottish Interfaith week we would like to invite you to attend our event *Religion, The Arts and Creativity* on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7pm. This is an event with a local artist, music and performances from different faiths, breaking down barriers through sharing music, performance and dialogue. Please join us for a fun evening at: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mossgiel Place, Ayr, KA7 3DL. Please confirm your attendance by emailing stuartlang1@hotmail.com or calling Stuart on 07875 847593.

Family Night: A supper dance in aid of Friends of the Holy Land will be held in St. Margaret's Church Hall on Friday 10th November 7pm-11pm. Tickets £8 for adults, £2 for children and under 5s free. Bring your own bottle. Tickets available in the hall.

Galloway Catholic Youth Rome Pilgrimage: A pilgrimage for young people from Galloway Diocese aged 16-25 (at the time of travel). Flying from Glasgow and returning to Prestwick. Cost is £650 and is subsidised by the Youth Office. A deposit of £250 to be paid by 31st October 2017. For more information email Fr Stephen McGrattan on info@stephenmcgrattan.org.uk or phone 01563 521832. If you attend one of our Catholic secondary schools you will also be able to get some information from your RE department.

Welcome: This weekend we welcome Bishop Taylor to St. Margaret's and Fr. Sandy Culley to St. Francis Xavier's and St. Paul's for Masses.

Weekday thoughts on the Sunday Gospels: This is the title of Bishop Taylor's new book which is ON SALE NOW! Running to 227 pages and costing £10, this book is something we would all benefit from reading. Copies are available to purchase at the back of the Churches.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: If you need the assistance of the St Vincent de Paul Society please phone 07722 707076. Please place your requests for visits to the home/hospital in the box at the back of the Church, please also include the name and contact details of a relative/friend.

Justice and Peace Scotland – Give Me Five Campaign: The "Give Me Five" campaign aims to lift 30,000 children in Scotland out of poverty by increasing child benefit by £5 a week per child. While the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill is welcomed, setting out as it does ambitious targets to eradicate child poverty in Scotland by 2030, this campaign seeks urgent action now to meet the needs of the 260,000 children living in poverty in Scotland today. Go to www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk to sign the petition.

SCIAF Remembrance Mass: Each November in the month of the Holy Souls, we remember our supporters who are no longer with us. Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those touched by SCIAF's work both here in Scotland and across the world and we would be delighted if you could join us on November 21st 2017 at Carfin. Candlelight procession 6.45pm at Carfin Grotto, Mass at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin, ML1 5AJ.

Conference and Workshop on Liturgical Music: The National Liturgy Commission has invited Benjamin Saunders, Director of Music for the Diocese of Leeds, to speak to church musicians and singers on Saturday, 11th November 2017. The conference will take place at St Margaret of Scotland Church, Drip Road, Stirling, beginning at 2.00 pm. After a presentation on music in the Diocese of Leeds, a singing workshop will prepare music for the Mass of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and a sung Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5.00 pm. Benjamin Saunders was appointed Director of Music for the Diocese of Leeds in 2002. Under his leadership, the Cathedral has become the centre of England's largest choral programme, made up of 3,200 children meeting weekly. This comprises six boys' choirs, six girls' choirs, 53 school choirs, a choir school and a professional adult choir. Ben will talk about this work in his presentation and share how this model may be used in other locations.

Saint Margaret's

Grace Codona R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grace Codona who died recently. Grace's Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday at 12.30 p.m. and thereafter to Ayr Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Tea/Coffee: Tea and coffee is available in the hall after Mass.

St. Margaret's Hall: Our Hall is available for use by parishioners as a venue for functions and parties. Please contact Tony Mulholland (07780 760338) for anything related to the Hall.

Weekly Social Gathering: This takes place in the Hall on Thursdays from 11.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. All are welcome to drop in.

Mile of Coins: 50% for SCIAF and local charities, 50% to parish improvements. Last week we added £92.50–2.57yards. 629.17 yards to go.

200 Club October Draw: £30 M Kane, £20 A Slater, £10 M McGoogan, £100 Bonus J McQuillan.

SVP: The next meeting will be on Monday 6th November at 6 p.m. in the church hall.

Saint Paul's

Mother & Toddler Group: The Mother & Toddler group meet in the hall on Tuesday at 10.30am.

Tuesday Club: The Tuesday Club meet in the church hall every Tuesday at 2 p.m. New members most welcome.

Saint Francis Xavier's

Service of the Word and Holy Communion: In the Church on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Holy Rosary: The Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on Friday mornings at 10 a.m.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1337.63; St. Paul's - £742.55; St. Francis Xavier's - £152.75.

SACRAMENTAL MEETING: A meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 6.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church Hall for parents of children who will celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year. It is important that you attend as your child will be registered for the Sacraments at this meeting.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Margaret's Cathedral on Thursday 22nd February 2018.

SPRED: In each of our Ayr SPRED groups is a parishioner who has special needs waiting for a volunteer to partner them in the group. Could **YOU** give a Monday or a Thursday evening in term time to take part in SPRED?

Please contact the SPRED office on 263196 or email spredgalloway@talktalk.net for more information. *Thank you Sr. Kathleen*

Advent Quiet Day: A quiet day to mark the start of Advent will be held in St. Margaret's Church Hall on Saturday 2nd December from 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Please see notice board and flyers that are at the back of the church for details

Foodbank: The Food Bank collections for St. Margaret's and St. Paul's parishes are taken on the 1st Weekend each month.

Fr. David's Mass intentions this coming week are:

Monday – Bob Watson;

Tuesday – Ian Drury;

Wednesday – Eileen Oliver;

Thursday – Cheryl Kelly;

Friday – Benny Henry;

Saturday – Jessie Baillie;

Sunday – for the parishes.

Even though Fr David will not be in the parish this week he will celebrate Mass each day.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:



For Christians in Asia - That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year 'A'

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9.13

Matthew 23: 1-12

Those who push themselves forward and then abuse their position in the community are nothing new to us. What may be new is the realisation that they may be frustrating the wishes of God. No-one should think of themselves as being able to take on the role of God in this world. They should realise that they are to be humble and ready to 'hand over' their 'whole lives' and in that way be Christ-like.

If you are a priest, as I am, it is quite usual when I ask people to pray for me to get the reply 'Oh, you're alright, Father! You don't need prayers!' How kind, but how wrong such people are! Priests, perhaps more than others need prayer, from Pope Francis down. Now I can imagine that some people could be saying of rich people, celebrities, sports stars, 'Oh they're alright, look at everything they've got going for them!' But the fact is problems in life are no respecters of people. Divorce, drugs, drunkenness can afflict even the richest and most famous people in our world. I'm sure we could all name lots of people from all walks of life who have been troubled by such things.

Once I celebrated a Funeral Mass and cremation for a young man aged 34 from a well-to-do family. His family came and later took his ashes back to place them in his mother's grave. He had a wife and two children, got hooked on heroin and alcohol, the marriage broke up, and he drifted to my parish. When he was taken to hospital he was dead on arrival from pneumonia. I am very happy to say he rang his father two days before he was taken to hospital and told him how much he loved him. May he rest in peace. I strongly believe that a united, happy, gently prayerful and Mass-going family can make a firm background and lasting foundation. The parish and school are there to help in this development. But only you – mothers, fathers, grandparents and children can help the process forward by coming along, praying and sharing.



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HOLY LAND APPEAL 2017
How you can help the Christians remaining in the Holy Land
Week 4 - 4/5th November
Please donate:
Voltarol Gel
IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Maximum of one donation per household per week. Please do not provide any NHS prescribed items as these cannot be sent.
Thank you for your assistance.
Please drop off your donation at the back of the Church.

**VOLTAROL
(OR SIMILAR)
GEL THIS
WEEKEND
PLEASE**



RC AYR
HOLY LAND APPEAL 2017
How you can help the Christians remaining in the Holy Land
Week 5 - 11/12th November
Please donate:
Chewable Multi-Vitamins (for children)
IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Maximum of one donation per household per week. Please do not provide any NHS prescribed items as these cannot be sent.
Thank you for your assistance.
Please drop off your donation at the back of the Church.

**CHEWABLE
MULTI-
VITAMINS
NEXT
WEEKEND PLEASE**