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Parish Bulletin

20th & 21st January 2018

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Readings

Jonah 3: 1-5.10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20

Psalm Response

Lord, make me know your ways.

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
22nd January - 28th January

Monday

Mass in St Paul's at 10am

Tuesday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

Wednesday

Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

Thursday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am (Funeral)

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

Clergy: If you need to contact the parish clergy urgently please call contact Deacon Bill on 521208, or for parish business please call Angela in the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 12 noon.

Movies most definitely worth watching: There are two movies on the parish Facebook page (RC Ayr) and the parish website (www.rcayr.org.uk) which are most definitely worth watching: The Wall, a film about the process of passing through the Separation Wall between Bethlehem and East Jerusalem, and Bishop Nolan speaking about schooling in Jerusalem during his visit to the Holy Land with the Coordination Group last week. If you get the chance please watch them.

Christian Aid: St. James' Concert Party presents 'A Touch of Tartan' on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30 in St. James Church Hall. Tickets £5 (including tea/coffee). All proceeds to Christian Aid. All welcome.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1102.41; St. Paul's - £621.05; St. Francis Xavier's - £199.30. Justice and Peace: St. Margaret's £875.75, St Paul's £365.26. Many thanks.

Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting : Sr. Marie has organised a meeting for Parents of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. John's School on Tuesday 23rd January from 2-3 p.m. If you are not able to attend please contact Sr. Marie on 270408.

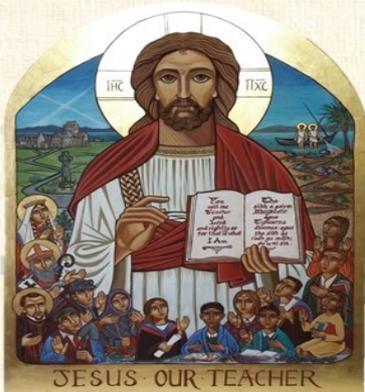
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: If you need the assistance of the St Vincent de Paul Society please phone 07722 707076. Please place your requests for visits to the home/hospital in the box at the back of the Church, please also include the name and contact details of a relative/friend.

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?

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Primary 3: If your child does not attend St. John's Primary and will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year please fill in a registration form which is available in the Sacristy.

Classes will begin on Sunday 28th January at 10.45 in St. Paul's Church.



Please Join Us

We would like to extend an invitation to all of our Parish community to attend our exhibition of the "Jesus Our Teacher" Icon, marking the centenary of the 1918 Education Act.

The art exhibition will take place from 7pm on 25th January at St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr.

There will be an opportunity to purchase some of our students' framed artwork inspired by the icon. Our hope is to raise awareness of the "Jesus Our Teacher" icon created by Scottish artist Bernadette Reilly and to raise funds for charity.

Music and refreshments will be provided on the evening.

Please RSVP to

QMA.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Saint Margaret's

Marianna Capozzo R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marianna Capozzo who died recently. Marianna's body will be brought to the church on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30 p.m. and the funeral Mass will be on Thursday 25th January at 10 a.m., thereafter to Ayr Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Rosary Circle: The Rosary Circle Intentions are available at the back of the church. Please take your copy home.

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.

Mile of Coins: 50% for SCIAF and local charities, 50% to parish improvements. Last week we added £54.37– 1.51 yards. 614.84 yards to go.

SVP Meeting: Meeting in the hall on Monday 22nd January at 6.00 p.m.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is available in the Sacristy.

Saint Paul's

Children's Liturgy: We now have only two volunteers to do this ministry. Unfortunately, if nobody can help with this it will mean we can no longer provide a children's liturgy for the parish. Most families have found this to be a good experience for children and volunteers who have done it in the past have found it enjoyable and by no means onerous. It would be a great pity to lose such a meaningful part of our mass for children and I hope there may be some parents, carers or grandparents who may like to help.

Art Club: The group meet in the hall on Monday at 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. New members welcome.

Mother & Toddler Group: The group meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the hall.

Tuesday Club: The group resumes on Tuesday in the hall at 2 p.m. New members welcome.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is available at the back of the church.

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 is recited in the Church on Friday mornings at 10 a.m.

A Message from Fr. David

I had hoped to be back with you by now, in my head all my plans were made, but my doctor had other ideas! He feels that I am not quite ready and, despite my inner rebellious streak (which tells me I'm getting back to normal), I need to listen to his direction. I will appear every so often to celebrate a weekday Mass but it is going to be at least the beginning of March before I will be back at weekends. In the meantime I would like to thank Deacon Bill who has had much of the parish work thrust upon him, Bishop Taylor for so willingly and joyfully meeting the sacramental needs of our communities, Bishop Nolan for his unfailing support, and all the priests who have been helping out since October, their help has removed a huge burden from me. Angela too in the parish office has found herself with greatly expanded duties, and all those who work quietly to make our parish communities run smoothly have done so dutifully and with great willingness – thank you. I expect to come back and have absolutely nothing to do!

The only others who need thanked are you – for your understanding, patience, and most of all for your prayers – you probably have no idea how important they have been to me. Please keep me in your prayers, and I will keep you in mine. God bless.

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

Monday – Betty Spiers; *Tuesday* – Terrence Higgins; *Wednesday* – Isabel Johnston;

Thursday – Margaret Telfer; *Friday* – Johnny McGhee; *Saturday* – Thanksgiving;

Sunday – for the parishes.

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

Third Sunday of the Year

Jonah 3: 1-5.10

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

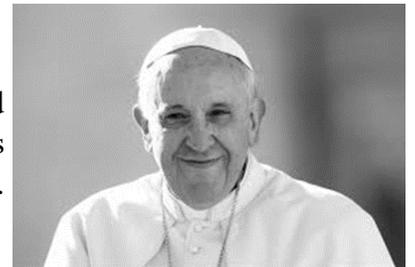
Mark 1: 14-20

Each one of us, as we come to Church, come for some reason. This reason is personal, but it has a common origin – belief or an attempt to believe in Jesus Christ – Son of God and son of Mary. Perhaps in our own way we are responding to the call of Jesus in today’s Gospel to repent, believe in the Good News and follow him. We follow him when we do as he asks us. We show our faith in the Good News when we receive him in word and sacrament. We repent when we dedicate ourselves to him through the Sacraments.

For most of us, we also have a common origin in Baptism. Through this Sacrament we each and all become members of the Body of Christ. We are temples of the Holy Spirit – Jesus, as he promised, is with us always. For God to share our human condition is astounding – unbelievable, but you and I do believe. So, if we believe, are we prepared to give ourselves in our belief to the commands of Jesus? I ask this because, despite the opportunity being made available at every Mass, there are still a number of people who do not ‘take and eat, take and drink’. Jesus gave this direct command; why do some not take and eat? You must answer that if you do not take and eat. If there is something in your life which prevents you, please, please talk to someone about it. Can we sort it out? The Lord really wants you at his table. Come!

Words of Pope Francis

Pope Francis left the Vatican on Monday for his pastoral visit to Chile and Peru. At the Angelus on Sunday of last weekend Pope Francis spoke of his concern for Migrants and Refugees with those gathered with him in St. Peter’s Square:



Dear brothers and sisters, today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This morning I celebrated Mass with a good group of migrants and refugees residing in the diocese of Rome. In my message for this Day, I stressed that migration today is a sign of the times. “Every stranger who knocks on our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ, who identifies himself with the foreigner who has been accepted or rejected in every age (cf. *Mt. 25,35.43*). In this regard, I would like to reaffirm that our common response could be articulated around four verbs based on the principles of the Church’s doctrine: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.” From now on, for pastoral reasons, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on the second Sunday of September. The next one, that is the one hundredth-fifth, will be Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Tomorrow I will go to Chile and Peru. I ask you to accompany me with prayer on this apostolic journey.

