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Parish Bulletin

12th/13th May 2018

The Seventh Sunday of Easter in Year 'B'

Readings

Acts 1: 15-17.20-26 1 John 4: 11-16
John 17: 11-19

Psalm Response

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Times of Mass and Services 14th May - 20th May

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

Eucharistic Service 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

The Creed: During the Season of Easter we will continue to recite the ancient Apostle's Creed during Mass.

Bethlehem Rosaries for World Youth Day 2019:

1.5 million rosaries are being produced in Bethlehem for the World Youth Day in Panama, giving employment to unemployed youth in the family factories in the town. Everyone who attends World Youth Day will be given three rosaries: one to keep, one to give to someone in Panama who was not at WYD, and one to bring home to give to someone else. The organisers have produced a video to raise awareness of this wonderful venture and to encourage people to donate to the cost. The video is available to watch on Youtube:

<https://www.cmc-terrasanta.org/embed/wyd-panama-1-5-million-rosaries-made-in-bethlehem-14416>

Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: The next pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from October 15th to 22nd later this year. The cost is £1,299 based on two people sharing and booking forms are now available in the Sacristy. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1374.07; St. Paul's - £743.27; St. Francis Xavier's - £201.00

Assembly of Priests: Bishop Nolan has called all of the priests working in our Diocese to an Assembly on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and we would be grateful for your prayers. The two major subjects being covered are the new Safeguarding rules and the new Data Protection rules – so you see we'll be having a wonderful time!!!

Collection Envelopes: If you are a UK tax payer and wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme please complete a form at the back of the church and return it to the parish office where a set of envelopes will be allocated to you.

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

St John's Primary Prize Bingo: The parent council have organised a prize bingo in the school hall on Friday 1st June at 7 p.m. Entry £5 which includes your bingo book. Bring your own bottle!

A Gentle Reminder: I ignore anonymous letters!

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion continues in our parishes this weekend – and the children who are receiving the Sacrament for the first time have been working very hard at home, in school and in the parish. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

Sr. Dorothy McCaffrey SND R.I.P.: We have received the sad news that Sr. Dorothy McCaffrey SND, who was RE Adviser in the diocese for many years, died this week. Please remember Sr. Dorothy and her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Begins this Sunday 13th of May. Door to door envelope collections or pick one up from the back of the church. Buy a word search £1.00 to win a prize. Strawberry tea at Alloway church Hall on 20th May 2.00-4.00pm.

Calling all retired Head Teachers: The Association of Catholic Head Teachers, Diocese of Galloway, are holding their annual meeting, Mass and Meal with Bishop Nolan on Tuesday 22 May 2018 in St. Joseph's RC Church, 15 Hill Street, Kilmarnock, KA3 1HA. As this is a very special year, commemorating 100 years of the Education (Scotland) Act, we would like to extend an invitation to all retired Head Teachers to join us for the full event. The day begins with tea/coffee and light lunch at 12.45pm, followed by our guest speaker, Mass is at 4pm, followed by a meal in the Park hotel Kilmarnock at 5.30pm. If you would like to join us for all, or part of the day, please RSVP to Ann Tierney anntierney@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or to Kate Dunn kate@gallowaydiocese.org.uk NO LATER THAN MONDAY 14 MAY. (Apologies for the late notification but we received no information about this).

Solemn Evening Prayer: The next Solemn Evening Prayer will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday (May 20th) at 3 p.m. All the Neophytes, those brothers and sisters who were received into the Church at Easter, will be invited to attend this celebration. There will be a small social gathering in the Hall afterwards. Please try to come along to this beautiful Service, not only to experience the beauty and calmness of the prayer, but also to welcome the newest members of the Church from across our diocese.

New Appointment: Fr. Eamonn Flynn will retire on Friday 25 May 2018. Bishop Nolan has appointed Monsignor Peter Magee to succeed Fr. Flynn as parish priest of St Mary's, Largs, and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Millport. Monsignor Magee will take up his appointment on Friday 25 May 2018. Let's all pray that Fr. Flynn has a long and happy retirement, and that Mgr. Magee and the People of God in Largs and Millport will embrace this new beginning on their journey of faith.

Saint Margaret's

Today's First Communicants are: at the 6pm Vigil Mass – Faith Marie McLaughlan; at the 9.30 a.m. Mass – Ruby Hamilton, Rhys Cassells, Hannah Arakianathan, Lacey McEwan and Dylan Aspden.

THURSDAY MASS: Due to the Assembly of Priests taking place this week there will be no Mass on Thursday morning and Deacon Bill will lead a Service of the Word and Holy Communion in its place.

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.

SVP Meeting: Monday 14th May at 6 p.m. in the church hall. New members very welcome.

Tea/Coffee: In the hall after Sunday morning Mass.

Saint Paul's

Today's First Communicants are: Jamie Muir and Louis MacDonald

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 meet on Tuesday in the hall at 2 p.m. New members welcome.

Tea/Coffee: In the hall after Sunday morning Mass.

Saint Francis Xavier's

Service of the Word and Holy Communion: On Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is now an 'SVDP' box at the door of St. Margaret's and St. Francis Xavier's and every penny you place in the box will be used by our SVDP to help those in our parishes most in need. Please support this noble cause if you are able to, and if you would like to join the SVDP and help them in their work you would be made most welcome.

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.

SPRED Galloway are holding two charity events, to which you are warmly invited to:

Saturday 29th September 2018—**LADIES LUNCH** – Caledonian Ballroom Trump Turnberry 12.30 – 4pm – Champagne Reception followed by 2 course lunch, Coffee & petit fours. Fashion Show, Auction, Raffle and selection of stalls will also be available at the event. Tickets £30.00 per person. To book a place please email Helena or Janette at spredgalloway@talktalk.net

Saturday 9th March 2019 – **CHARITY BLACK TIE BALL** – Dumfries Arms Hotel, Cumnock 6.30pm – 12.30am – Drinks reception, followed by 3 course Dinner, Coffee & Homemade Shortbread. Charity Auction & Raffle, dancing to live music. Overnight Accommodation with Breakfast is available at competitive rates. 8 Guests per table, Table, Corporate & Individual Bookings are most welcome. Ticket price is £35.00 per person. To reserve your place/ Accommodation please contact Helen or Janette at spredgalloway@talktalk.net

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

Monday – Teresa Borland; *Tuesday* – Ken McKeown; *Wednesday* – Jim McMillan; *Thursday* – Ellen Woods;

Friday – Alec Jamieson; *Saturday 4 p.m.* – Archie McBride; *Sunday 11.30 a.m.* – for the parishes.

(My apologies to those who have asked more than a few weeks ago for a Mass to be said and the name hasn't yet appeared – they will have been due to be celebrated the week my mum died so I am now catching up.)

Fr. Gabriel's Mass intentions for this week are:

Monday – Special intention; *Tuesday* – Marie O'Hallaran; *Wednesday* – Maureen Brett; *Thursday* – Ken McKeown;

Friday – Special intention; *Saturday 6 p.m.* – Special intention; *Sunday 9.30 a.m.* – Special intention.

Seventh Sunday of Easter in Year 'B'

Acts 1: 15-17.20-26

1 John 4: 11-16

John 17: 11-19

The days between Ascension and Pentecost are the original days of prayer ordered by Jesus Christ himself before he left his followers to take back to his Father in heaven his total sacrifice made for us, to save us from sin and renew our relationship with God, the creator of life. He told his friends to wait for his sending of the Holy Spirit. In the life of the Church there are 'Novenas'. These are sets of nine days dedicated to special prayers. Well, the original nine days were those between the Ascension and Pentecost. The passage in the Acts of the Apostles reads:

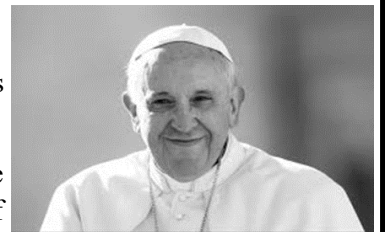
After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.(Acts 1: 12-14)

Let each of us, then, try to make a **little** more time to be peaceful, quiet and prayerful, and let us **really** ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit next Sunday and into the future. We should be like Mary and the Apostles and shut out the world and let the Spirit come into our lives. We should look forward to being able to re-dedicate ourselves and being empowered with the gifts of the Spirit. Our prayer must be: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful.

Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audience on Wednesday May 9th the Holy Father continued his catechesis on the Sacrament of Baptism:

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Baptism, we now turn to the central action of the baptismal rite. Through the pouring of water and the invocation of the Blessed Trinity, we are "immersed" in the mystery of Christ's death and rising to new life. Thus reborn, we become a new creation, passing from the corruption of sin to eternal life. In Christ, and by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we are made adoptive children of the Father, with the Church as our spiritual mother. This relationship is definitive and is sealed by an indelible mark on the soul. Henceforth, as members of Christ's body, we are committed to avoid sin and to conform our lives ever more fully to him. Following our rebirth in the waters of baptism, we are anointed with sacred chrism as a sign of our sharing in Christ's role as priest, prophet and king. As members of God's priestly people, we are called to offer our lives daily as a sacrifice pleasing to him. As a royal and prophetic people, we are called to proclaim Christ's kingship by our witness of faith and love, and our commitment to imitate him in loving service to our brothers and sisters.



Be part of the SCIAF 6k Family Fun Run: Millions of people walk for hours every day in search of food and water. Others flee across continents to get to safety. The steps you take can help share their journey. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with SCIAF's 6k Family Fun Run you can raise money and show solidarity with people in need around the world. Your entry fee will go towards our work helping people in poverty across 27 countries. With plenty of music, stalls and games this will be a perfect summer's day out for the whole family. Whether you run, jog or take a stroll around the course we hope to see you at the starting line. Saturday 2nd June 2018 @ Strathclyde Country Park. Fun starts 10am, run starts at 11am, Adults £10 / Children £5. Sign up at www.sciaf.org.uk/sciaf-6k-fun-run or call Teresa on 0141 354 5555.

