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ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL

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Parish Bulletin

9th/10th June 2018

Readings

Genesis 3: 9-15 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

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
11th June – 17th June**

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

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

St. John's Primary School Valedictory Mass: This will take place on Tuesday June 26th at 10 am. All welcome.

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. 75% of the reserved places have now been booked – so if you are thinking about coming then you better book soon!

Sponsorship for Cancer Research: Our parishioner Dr. Allan McNeil is running the Glasgow 10k in aid of Cancer Research UK on June 17th. If you feel you would like to sponsor him and support this cause then you can do so at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/allan-mcneill1 or simply pop something in an envelope marked "Dr. McNeill" and hand it to Fr David or Fr Gabriel. Thank you.

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul: Friday June 29th is a Holyday of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated in each of the 3 churches at 10 a.m. On the evening before, June 28th, there will be a Vigil Mass in St. Margaret's at 7 p.m. – see notice for SVDP 150th anniversary.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1064.29; St. Paul's - £646.21; St. Francis Xavier's - £186.70. Special Day for life collection: St. Margaret's—£640.08; St. Paul's £254.39; St. Francis Xavier's £122.71. Many thanks

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>

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate: Robert Mackie (Maybole) will be ordained by Bishop Nolan as a Permanent Deacon in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday June 30th. All welcome. *(Please note that this will be the parish Mass that morning – there will be NO 10 am Mass)*

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): As you read this you might think that this is absolutely ridiculous but, be that as it may, the new GDPR came into force on Monday and we must be compliant. The GDPR sets out new rules about why/how we gather, hold and dispose of personal information which you have provided to us, and demands that we have a privacy policy which is available to view – ours is available on the diocesan website: www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk The most immediate way the GDPR will affect us as parishes is in the publication of Mass Intentions. The GDPR is only concerned about the personal data of living persons, therefore publishing the names of those who have died is not a problem and will continue as normal, however if you ask for a Mass to be said for a living person then it will appear on the Mass Intentions list as a 'special intention' or 'at the request of ...' If the person whom the Mass is for wishes their name to be published then they must give written explicit consent to Fr David or Fr Gabriel for it to be done. You might think that this is red-tape gone mad, but we have no option!

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

Family Fun Day: A family fun day for all three parishes will be held in St. Paul's Hall on Sunday 1st July after Mass. There will be a BBQ, bouncy castle, fun & games. Donations for raffle prizes would be appreciated. Funds raised will go to Youth for Lourdes.

Holy Fair: The Christian Aid group need your bric-a-brac to sell at the Holy Fair on 23 June (Low Green). Please leave any items at the back of the church or phone 282021 for uplift. Thankyou.

Friends of the Holy Land: We will have a buffet supper dance on Friday 20th July in St. Margaret's Church Hall in aid of the Friends of the Holy Land. Tickets £10. Bring your own bottle! Unwanted gifts for the raffle would be much appreciated.

Annual Outing to Edinburgh on Wednesday 20th June
Bus leaves from St. Margaret's at 9.30am. Cost £25 which includes evening meal. Please add your name to the list on the notice board in St. Margaret's.

Inaugural Organ Recital: Our Lady & St. Meddan's Church has had a new organ installed and to celebrate they are having an Organ Recital on Friday 22nd June at 7.30 p.m. See Poster for more information and how to obtain tickets.

Saint Margaret's

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 at 6 p.m. in the church hall. New members very welcome.

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

Saint Paul's

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: Due to holidays there will be No service on Wednesday morning of this week.

Dalmellington Band – Summer Concert: Takes place in Dalmellington Community Centre on Sunday June 10th at 6.30 p.m. Tickets cost £7 for non-patrons and includes a cuppa and home baking. All welcome.

SVDP Conference:

The Conference based at St. Margaret's serves the whole of Ayr and would be greatly enhanced if more members would come forward from St. Paul's parish community – please think about joining.

Visit requests: 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. If you require the assistance of the SVDP please contact 07722 707076.

150th Anniversary of St. Margaret's Saint Vincent De Paul Conference

On June 29th, the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, our St. Vincent De Paul Conference celebrates its 150th anniversary – a remarkable achievement for any organisation, especially one that is completely dependent on volunteers and charitable donations. The need for such an organisation in Ayr might not be as clear to see as it was 150 years ago, but it is still, sadly, very much required.

The purpose of the SVDP is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. The concept of need is broader than financial hardship, so visiting people who are sick, lonely, in prison, or suffering from addiction is also a significant proportion of their work. The essence of the work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is the Society's greatest gift.

To fulfil this purpose our Conference is very much dependent on, and appreciative of, your financial support through the boxes at the back of our churches – this financial support allows them to carry out part of their apostolate. In order to fully carry out their mission though they need more volunteers willing to give of their time, perhaps only for one hour per week. Could that be you? Would you be able to help them, and through the Conference help your brothers and sisters in Christ? If you are able to help, or even just to find out a little more, please call our SVDP telephone number, 07722 707076, and Pat Snee will explain how you could help.

To celebrate the wonderful achievement of 150 years Bishop Nolan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Thursday June 28th at 7 p.m. and a Reception in the Hall will follow afterwards. This Mass will take place on the vigil of the Holyday of Obligation and will fulfil the obligation to attend Mass on the Friday. Please make every effort to come along to this Mass and give thanks for the last 150 years, and pray for the future of the Conference as they try to meet the needs of those among us who require their help.

The Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year ‘B’

Genesis 3: 9-15

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

There is so much loneliness about, in and among people today. This is particularly bad in cities but also present in town, villages and in the countryside. Many go home from work to an empty bedsit or small flat; many cannot even go out to work but simply live in one or two rooms. The latter may be afraid to go out in the evening, if they go out at all, because they are afraid of what they perceive as a dangerous world. Some are simply shut in for reasons known only to themselves. Often, because a person is lovely, no one knows about the loneliness. It is successfully hidden, making it all the more intense. The lonely person does not necessarily come out and shout about it, loneliness is endured, and built up behind closed, impersonal doors.

A Christian has a duty to help anyone in need. The lonely people are in need. How can a Christian help? It may mean keeping an eye and an ear open for them in the street, sharing your loneliness with them. It is possible and very useful to become able to pray with and for lonely people. They need help, so try to get to know how to be alongside them, how to ease their loneliness, how to be patient, listening, kind and constructive. This prayer tries to express some of this:

I'm very conscious, Lord, of all that you have given me:

family, friends, a job, ability.

Life is full and happy for me.

Thank you, Jesus, but I am also sure that some

I know are so shut in and lonely

They seem to have no friends, no interest.

They get depressed and sad.

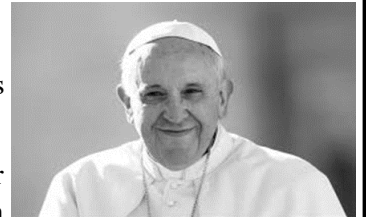
How can I help them, Lord?

Show me a way, because by myself I seem

useless and cannot get them out of themselves.

Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audience on Wednesday June 6th the Holy Father continued his catechesis on the Sacrament of Confirmation:



Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Confirmation, we now consider some of its effects. The gift of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacrament, enables us in turn to become a gift for others within the communion of the Church. As living members of Christ's mystical body, we are called to share in the life and mission of the Church both universally and within our local Christian communities. As an eloquent sign of this ecclesial dimension, the sacrament of Confirmation is ordinarily conferred by the diocesan Bishop, who, as a successor of the Apostles, is charged with fostering the Church's unity through the rich diversity of the Spirit's gifts. The sign of peace exchanged by the Bishop and the newly confirmed is a reminder that each must work for the up-building of the community in faith, love and Christian service. May we who have received this sacrament open our hearts each day to the liberating breath of the Holy Spirit and fan into flame the gifts we have received for the good of one another, the whole Church and the world in which we live.

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

Monday – Special intention;

Tuesday – Robert McIntyre;

Wednesday – Diane Gormley;

Thursday – Isabella McMillan;

Friday – Special intention;

Sunday 9.30 a.m. – Special intention;

Sunday 11.30 a.m. – for the parishes.

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

Monday – Isabella McMillan;

Tuesday – Annie & Thomas McCarthy;

Wednesday – Special intention;

Thursday – Special intention;

Friday – Special intention;

Saturday 4 p.m. – Special intention;

Saturday 6 p.m. – Special intention.

