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## Parish Bulletin

### 4th & 5th August 2018

#### Readings

Exodus 16: 2-4.12-15    Ephesians 4: 17.20-24

John 6: 24-35

#### Psalm Response

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

#### 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 August - 12th August

#### Monday

Mass in St Paul's at 10am

#### Tuesday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

#### Wednesday

Mass in St. Paul's 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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** All places on this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land have now been filled and the tour operator, Joe Walsh Tours, are running a waiting list. If you are still thinking about going then I would suggest you contact them now.

**SPRED Appeal:** At all Masses THIS weekend, August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, Clare Lappin will speak about the work of SPRED in the diocese, especially locally, and appeal for help in fulfilling this worthy ministry in the Church.

**Annual Whithorn Pilgrimage:** This year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn takes place on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated on the beach at 4 p.m. and in the village church at 4.45 p.m. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you wish to travel on the bus.

**SeAscape – The Cobbler Challenge:** The local charity tackling homelessness, poverty and isolation in our community are facilitating this short walk to one of Scotland's most iconic peaks on Sunday 2nd September 2018 – and it is a great day out for all ages while supporting a worthy cause. Text **WALK** to **07833 472313** for more information and a sponsor pack. There are cards at the back of the Churches with these details - please take one.

**Request for your help:** Many charity events take place over the summer months, if you are involved in one and would like us to put a notice in the Parish Newsletter please email the office with details and if there is space we will let people know about it. Please give us enough warning!

**Weekly Collections:** Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1151.19; St. Paul's - £604.06; St. Francis Xavier's - £264.00.

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

**SPRED Galloway Ladies Charity Lunch** - Saturday 29th September 2018 - Trump Turnberry (Caledonian Ballroom) 12.30 - 5pm. Champagne Reception followed by 2 course lunch, coffee & petit fours. Fashion Show hosted by M&Co Troon, also a selection of local Ayrshire businesses will be hosting a number of stalls allowing the purchase of candles, cushions, throws, handbags, scarfs, christening gowns, Christmas Gifts and so much more. Fabulous Charity Auction & Raffle. Ticket Price £30.00 per person, to purchase a ticket please contact Helena or Janette on 01292 738068 or email [info@spredgalloway.org.uk](mailto:info@spredgalloway.org.uk).

**Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary:** This great feast falls on Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated in each of the Churches at 10 a.m. and in St. Margaret's at 7 p.m.

**Fr. Gabriel:** Fr. Gabriel will be on holiday for a week from August 8<sup>th</sup>, may he have an enjoyable and relaxing time.

**Seminar on Emmanuel Levinas:** Friday 24 – Saturday 25 August 2018. See poster in porch for more information.

**Scottish Interfaith Youth Camp:** 7 – 9 September 2018  
See posters in porch for more information.

**Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the beatification of Margaret Sinclair's :** The 2018 Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 9 September from 2.00 to 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 2pm – Opening; 3pm – Film: The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God; 4.30 pm – Holy Mass. Refreshments available.

There has been a little interest in this pilgrimage so if someone would like to arrange the transport please let us know. We are happy to put lists in the churches for people to sign up for this pilgrimage.

**Rena Boyd R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Boyd's sister-in-law Rena who has died. Rena, John and family were members of St. Margaret's parish some years ago but were known in all of our parishes. May she rest in peace.

**Dr Allan McNeil:** Despite being a medical professional, Allan has carelessly caught a bug – the running bug! Now he intends to run the Glasgow half-marathon in aid of 'The Friends of the Holy Land' charity. He is in the process of setting up a Just-Giving page and details of that will be provided soon should you want to sponsor him. There will also be sponsor sheets available in the churches for anyone who chooses to sponsor him that way. Whether you decide to do that or not, please continue to pray for the Christians in the Holy Land who suffer daily just for living their faith – this is the most important thing we can do for them.

## 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

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

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

## Saint Francis Xavier's

**Service of the Word and Holy Communion:** There will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday morning of this week.

**Help! Help! Help!** Mark Rooney is in the process of compiling a book of the "History of St. Francis Xavier's Church" and would really like your help in filling the pages. Mark is looking for stories, anecdotes, photographs etc. to include in the future publication which will be available for all who want a copy. He's not planning to write an academic or weighty tome, so 'funnies' would be very welcome. You can contact Mark on 07909 402203 or at [rooneymarkj@gmail.com](mailto:rooneymarkj@gmail.com) Thank you.

## SVDP

**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.

Collections for July from St. Margaret's and St. Paul's £643. Outgoings £515. Many thanks for your generosity.

## Fr. Gabriel



Bishop Nolan has announced that he intends to appoint Fr. Gabriel as Parish Priest of the parishes of St. Sophia's, Galston, and St. Paul's, Hurlford, with effect from Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. This is good news for our brothers and sisters in Galston and Hurlford, and for Fr. Gabriel, but sad news for us. I'm sure you will all wish him well and remember him in your prayers. On a personal note I would like to thank him for the great help he has been to me, and for the friendship and support he has offered to me in these six months, he has been a true 'brother priest'. And Molly has loved him too!!! Fr. D.

### "SPECIAL" NEEDS POEM

They say that I have "special" needs,  
and while that's partly true,  
the needs that matter most to me  
are the same ones you have too.  
I NEED TO BE ACCEPTED.  
I need friends that make me smile.  
I need a chance to learn and grow,  
feeling valued all the while.  
Sure, I need some extra help  
and some things I can't do,  
But I hope you'll see beyond all that...  
Inside, I'm just like you.

-April Vernon

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

*Monday* – Ross Craig; *Tuesday* – Special intention;  
*Wednesday* – Maureen McClean;  
*Thursday* – Fr James Meehan; *Friday* – Robert Miller;  
*Saturday* – Maureen Robinson;  
*Sunday* – for the parishes.

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

*Monday* – Ellen Thompson; *Tuesday* – Special intention;  
*Wednesday* – Bobby Corbett;  
*Thursday* – Sadie Rooney; *Friday* – Special intention;  
*Saturday* – Special intention;  
*Sunday* – Special intention.

## Changes to the Catechism in regard to the 'Death Penalty'

Pope Francis has approved a new revision of paragraph number **2267** of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, according to which “a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state,” thus “the death penalty is inadmissible”.

The decision was announced by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in a ‘Letter to the Bishops’ dated 1 August and signed by the Prefect, Cardinal Luis Francisco Ladaria. The new text of the paragraph is:

### *The death penalty*

*2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.*

*Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.*

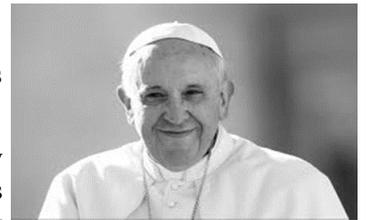
*Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person” and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide”.*

According to the previous text of paragraph 2267, the Church did not exclude recourse to the death penalty in “very rare, if not practically nonexistent” circumstances:

## Words of Pope Francis

Pope Francis resumed his General Audiences on Wednesdays this week and continued his catechesis on the 10 Commandments.

*Dear brothers and sisters:* As we resume our catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we now consider the first commandment: “I am the Lord, your God... You shall have no other gods before me” (*Ex 20:3*). The Lord alone is God; he must be the ultimate centre of our lives and our values, rather than some object, image or idea of our own making. All of us are tempted to this kind of idolatry: to turn away from the true God and to fashion a false god that is no more than a projection of our own selfish desires. Such idols then demand our worship and sacrifices (cf. vv. 4-5). How often in our world does money become an idol to which we are willing to sacrifice our children, by ignoring them or even by refusing to bring them into the world? In the end, idols enslave; they promise a happiness that they simply cannot deliver. The worship of the true God, on the other hand, teaches us, in love, to find freedom, happiness and life in abundance. Let us ask for the grace to make God the centre of our lives, to reject every temptation to idolatry, and to open our eyes to the divine love that alone brings lasting joy and fulfilment.



## The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Exodus 16: 2-4.12-15*

*Ephesians 4: 17.20-24*

*John 6: 24-35*

There is no doubt that the human race is good at complaining: not least the people of Israel, not least ourselves. And so we begin in the scriptures today with the Jews complaining to Moses in the desert and hearing that God’s forgiveness and bounty provides ‘bread from heaven’, manna in the desert. What a wonderful response to their complaining – and it is of course a direct link through to Christ, the bread of life. For Jesus after feeding the multitude left them and they went after him and he scolded them saying they only came because they had been fed. And then he tells them that it was not Moses but his Father in heaven who gave them bread in the desert.

It might be thought that by this time in history, the human race would have achieved a greater standard of living for all. On the one hand there have been almost incredible developments in science and technology and on the other, despite significant improvements in basic crops, there are still vast areas of malnutrition, crop failure, life on the breadline and actual starvation and famine in many parts of the world.

Throughout history, needless to say, food has been centrally important to the people of God’s creation and so it is realistic to find the Scriptures woven through with plenty of stories that deal with food failure, relating to food and so on. Eventually the reader of the Bible comes to the main celebration left to us by Jesus – his supper, his bread and wine, his Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

This is the first of a series of extracts which cover the next two or three Sundays on Jesus’ theme of the bread of life. It gives us the chance to ponder various aspects of the theme which, hopefully, will enrich our understanding of the Eucharist.