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ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL

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Parish Bulletin

15th & 16th September 2018

Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18

Mark 8:35

Psalm Response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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 17th September - 23rd September

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

Youth Music Group: We are starting up our music group again after the Summer. We need some more singers and if you can play an instrument you will be very welcome. Please let Sr. Marie know if you are interested. Thank you

Volunteer needed for SPRED: Could you offer to support a lady who has learning difficulties from this parish, at her THURSDAY evening SPRED group? We meet in St. Margaret's Hall from 7-9pm. Contact SPRED Office 01292 738068 or Sr. Kathleen 01292 270408 for details.

Head Teacher - Mount Carmel Primary
Applications are invited for the full-time permanent post of Head Teacher of Mount Carmel Primary School, Kilmarnock. Closing date 23 September 2018. Full details at www.myjobscotland.gov.uk.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you, or someone you know, is considering joining the Church, please contact Fr. David or Sr. Marie as we hope to get the RCIA process starting again soon. The RCIA is the process through which those enquiring about the faith can come to know more about what we believe and therefore be more certain that this is the path on which the Holy Spirit is guiding them.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1045.21; St. Paul's - £572.29; St. Francis Xavier's - £156.40.

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

Diocesan Retired Priests Fund: Every year in September we are asked to have a special collection in aid of the Diocesan Retired Priests Fund and we will do so THIS weekend September 15th/16th. This collection is for the Fund which provides for the needs and pensions of our retired priests who have served God's people and the Diocese so selflessly over the years.

Solemn Evening Prayer: To mark the feast day of St. Ninian, our diocesan patron, Bishop Nolan will lead Solemn Evening Prayer this evening in St. Margaret's at 6 p.m. - Sunday September 16th. This is a beautiful devotion so please try to come along and take part. If you have never attended before, and are unsure what this devotion is, please come along and experience it for the first time - it is so beautiful that I am sure you will want to return to it in the future.

Mary's Meals Clothing Collection: SORRY, THERE HAS BEEN A MIX-UP OVER THE DATES OF THE MARY'S MEALS CLOTHING COLLECTION!!! The Mary's Meals Clothing Collection van will NOW be at St. Margaret's and St. Paul's on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH** to accept any donations you wish to make of clothes, fabric (e.g. bedding, curtains, etc) handbags and shoes. This is all they can accept - no household goods or bric-a-brac please. St. Francis Xavier's parishioners can bring their donation to the Church at the Saturday Mass and they will be brought to Ayr for you, St. Margaret's (both Masses) and St Paul's parishioners should take their donations to their respective Hall. Thank you, this is one of Mary's Meals' major sources of funding. If you have brought anything this weekend then please take it to the Hall and we shall store it until the collection date.

Dr Allan McNeill: For those of you who have, or who are thinking about, sponsoring Dr Allan McNeill to run the Great Scottish Run in aid of the charity "Friends of the Holy Land", it's getting serious - his number has arrived!



Please remember you can sponsor him through his just-giving page, via the sponsor sheets at the back of our three churches, or by handing something in to the parish house at St. Margaret's in Ayr. Thank you.

A date for your diary - advanced warning: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Nolan on the primary four aged children in the Cathedral on Thursday February 22nd 2019 at 7 p.m. This is the celebration for all the children from Ayr, Waterside, Mossblown, Maybole and Girvan. If your child does not attend a Catholic School in our parishes then please contact Angela at the parish office (263488) to register for this Sacrament as the preparation programme is beginning soon.

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

Monday - Special intention; *Tuesday* - Lisa D'Amico;
Wednesday - Special intention;
Thursday - Dougie McDonald - Irene;
Friday - Special intention; *Saturday* - May Rooney;
Sunday - for the parishes.

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

Monday - Francis Leaky; *Tuesday* - Irmo & Elvira Galli;
Wednesday - Special intention;
Thursday - Special intention;
Friday - Special intention;
Saturday - Special intention; *Sunday* - Special intention.

Saint Margaret's

Anne Morland R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Morland who died on Friday morning. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

Altar Servers: Most of our Altar Servers are getting older and many have 'retired' – and we could really do with some new volunteers. If you would like to be an Altar Server, providing you have already celebrated First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr. David.

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.

200 Club: Annual subscription of £13 is due in September. Payment can be made in the Hall after the Sunday Mass this weekend. August winners: £30 M Payling, £20 M McLaughlan, £10 R Foulkes.

Saint Paul's

SVDP Ayr: The SVDP Conference which meets in St. Margaret's is the Conference for the whole of the town, helping anyone in need wherever they live. Unfortunately the St. Paul's representation on the Conference is very low, so low in fact that it has zero members! Could you join and help? Please contact Pat Snee on 07722 707076 for more information on how you can help.

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

Tuesday Club: The group meet in the hall on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Art Club: The Art Club meet in the hall on Monday at 1.30 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: There will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday morning of this week.

Farewell to Fr. Gabriel



This weekend is the last weekend that Fr. Gabriel will be with us as part of our parish communities and tomorrow, Monday, he moves on to his new position as parish priest of St. Sophia's, Galston, and St. Paul's, Hurlford. His time with us here in St. Margaret's, St. Paul's and St. Francis Xavier's has been a very short six months, but in that time he has become a very central part of our parish families and we have all benefitted from his faith, wisdom, kindness and sense of humour. We will miss him, and the parish house will be a quieter (and cooler) place without him. We wish him well in his future ministry with the good people of Galston and Hurlford, and thank him for his generosity towards us. Fr. Gabriel will be living in Galston and is happy to be contacted at St. Sophia's, 9 Bentinck Street, Galston, KA4 8HT, Tel: 01563 820928. May God go with him.

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.

The Vincentian Carfin Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 29th September. Rosary Procession at 1 pm followed by Mass at 2 pm. We will be organising a bus for the 3 Churches. This will be free to all. Please add your name to the list at the back of the churches, if you wish to attend.

150th Anniversary: We are getting closer to the 150th Anniversary (October 31st) Mass to celebrate the foundation of the St Vincent de Paul Society in St Margaret's. Unfortunately, apart from the past few years, all records have been lost through time. We are appealing for any information on former members (photos, stories etc). Please contact any member of the SVDP if you can help.

The Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50: 5-9

James 2: 14-18

Mark 8: 27-35

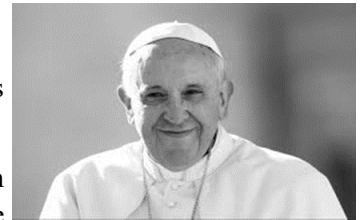
One of the main issues of the Reformation was the discussion and disagreement about the theology of justification by faith alone. St. James in our second reading today cites the case of ‘someone who has never done a single good act but claims he has faith. Will that faith save him?’ and after citing another instance of uselessness by refusing to help someone in need, he goes on: ‘Faith is like that – if good works do not go with it, it is dead.’ He is really doing no more than underlining what Jesus says elsewhere ‘By the fruits you will know them.’ For he tells his listeners to say to such people: *I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now prove to me you have faith without any deeds to show.*

Today there is much less emphasis on justification by faith alone and the pendulum has swung the other way, so that if anything, people are relying too heavily on doing and not enough on faith, or on being. To be over busy may diminish reliance upon God in faith and the concentrated effort of endeavouring to do everything by oneself without reference to God. There is indeed much to be done in almost every direction. There never seems enough time or enough people to work. But the balance is enormously important and there is no way that St. James would want us to do the good deeds without faith. It is also particularly necessary to realise at the end of each day that not all has been achieved and much we must leave to God, as we go to bed saying our prayers.

Without giving time to the Lord we run the very real risk of burnout in what we do. The situation has happened again and again; people feel they can get on with their lives without the Lord, all they need is themselves. Even if they are committed in their faith they feel that they are too busy to pray and deepen their relationship with the Lord. When things start to go wrong they have no-one to turn to – they have not had, or have lost the habit, of immersing themselves in the Lord and are lost. Do not become like them, it is a horrible place to be: I know, I’ve been there!

Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audiences on Wednesday of this week Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the 10 Commandments:



Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we have been reflecting on the third commandment: to keep holy the Lord’s Day. In the version of the Decalogue found in the Book of Deuteronomy, the command to rest on the Sabbath is linked to the memory of Israel’s liberation from the slavery of Egypt. Slaves, as we know, cannot rest. In our own day, so many of our brothers and sisters suffer various forms of enslavement, injustice and inner torment; they long for rest and freedom. Yet, as the example of the martyrs shows us, even in the darkest prisons, it is possible to experience profound interior freedom and repose. True freedom is more than choice. It is liberation from the bondage of selfishness, sin and lovelessness; from such slavery there can be no rest. As Christians, we read, and observe, the third commandment in the light of Christ’s coming. By his sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus redeems us from the slavery of sin and enables us to rest in the freedom born of his truth, his mercy and his undying love.



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