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ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL

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Parish Bulletin

10th & 11th November 2018

Readings

1 Kings 17: 10-16 Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12: 38-44

Psalm Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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 12th November - 18th November

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. Andrew's Night Ceilidh: This will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Friday 30th November 7.30pm-11.30pm. Tickets £10. Bring your own bottle!

Mass for the Dead: We will have a Mass for all deceased parishioners of our parishes in the Cathedral on Tuesday November 20th at 7 p.m. While we remember all former parishioners in this Mass, there will be a special focus on those whose funerals have taken place in one of our three churches or at the crematorium by one of our clergy since the beginning of November 2017. The names of these more recent deaths will be read out at this Mass and a candle will be lit in prayerful memory for each of them. Could I encourage you to invite any family members of these souls to come along to this Mass and to encourage them to bring the candle for that person forward when they hear the name being called.

Baptism Preparation Course: The next course for parents requesting Baptism for their children will take place on January 20th & 27th at 4 p.m. The parents of children requesting the Sacrament for their children between January and April next year need to attend these days.

Catholic Schools Mass: Children and staff from every Catholic School in the Diocese will gather together in the Cathedral on Tuesday November 20th for Mass at 11.30 a.m. This event was held for the first time during the last 'Catholic Education Week' and such was its success that it has now become an annual event.

Tradecraft Autumn Fairs: A world of Fair Trade goods to choose from! Sunday 11 November AND Sunday 18 November 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. in St. Leonard's Church Hall. Tea/coffee and home baking will be available.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £914.78; St. Paul's - £702.03; St. Francis Xavier's - £176.00.

Youth Group Volunteers Needed: The parish is hoping to start a youth group for secondary school aged young people. In order to set this up there is a required number of over 18 male and female leaders needed. If this could be you or you are looking for further information, please contact Luca on: 07495 190531 Thank you!

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

November Lists: November is the month in which we remember those who have died in our prayers, and in a special way we remember those whose names appear on our November Lists. Sheets and envelopes are now available at the back of the Churches so that you can compile your lists and return them and they will then be placed upon the altar for the month. Please remember that you can include your offering in the same envelope as they are opened and only the lists are placed on the Altar.

100th Anniversary of Armistice Day: We will have a Service of Remembrance on Sunday November 11th at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Please try to come along to this Service in remembrance of all the fallen and to pray for an end to war and violence. If you intend to be present at this Service and are willing to take part as a Reader please let Fr. David know.

Assembly of Priests: The priests of our Diocese will be meeting together with Bishop Nolan on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in an Assembly of Prayer and Reflection. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Red Wednesday Service: This year's 'Red Wednesday', a day we floodlight our churches red and pray for persecuted Christians around the world, will be held on Wednesday November 28th. There will be a Service of Prayer and Adoration at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral.

First Reconciliation Catch-up: I believe that there are some children of primary four age who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation – usually celebrated during Lent in primary three. If this is your child, and you intend to present them for Confirmation in 2019, please get in touch with the parish office as soon as possible as First Reconciliation needs to be celebrated before Confirmation.

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 21st 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 has already begun.

Confirmation Candidates: Any child in primary four who does not attend the Catholic School needs to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Saint Margaret's

Norrie Bruce R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norrie Bruce who died recently in Berelands Nursing Home in Prestwick. Norrie's funeral arrangements are not yet known. May he rest in peace.

Parking: Please remember that if you park outside on the double yellow lines without a blue badge (even on a Sunday morning) you are liable to get a parking fine – you have been warned!

Tuesday November 20th: Please note that there will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday November 20th, the daily Mass that day will be the Parish Mass for the Dead at 7 p.m.

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

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. We could still do with some members from St. Paul's. 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

Wednesday: There will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

Friday: The Holy Rosary is recited at 10 a.m. on Friday morning.

First-Aid Course: There have been a few incidents at Masses lately when it would have been helpful to have a qualified first-aider present, but unfortunately there was not. As a result of this we would like to put together a team of first-aiders across the parishes. If you would like to take part in a certified First Aid Course then please call Angela at the Parish Office (263488) on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning to register. The Course will be fully-funded by the parishes and the Course will last one full day. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation Meetings – for Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are required to attend both meetings pertaining to the Sacrament their child is preparing for, and if there is no parent/guardian present for a particular child then we will assume that they have chosen that their child will not be receiving that particular Sacrament in this coming year. The dates of the meetings, which will take place in the Cathedral Hall at 6.30 p.m., are as follows:

Confirmation:	Wednesday November 7 th and 21 st
Reconciliation:	Wednesday January 16 th and 30 th
Eucharist:	Wednesday March 13 th

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 1st – 8th July 2019

Lourdes Helpers – the Diocese **NEEDS YOU!** If you think you could be an Adult Helpers on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next July then why not go along to the next sign-up session for more information? Sign-up takes place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 2DF, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday November 25th. Contact Suzy Hollywood (President) for further information suzydnp@aol.com / 07788-150202

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.

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17: 10-16

Hebrews 9: 24-28 *Mark 12: 38-44*

When Jesus was living his few years of preaching and teaching in Palestine, he did a great deal of healing. If you read about these miracles, you will find time and again that he says words like 'Your Faith has made you whole'. 'Faith is the foundation of things hoped for', writes St. Paul. Oddly enough, some cures seem to come to those who apparently have no faith! But when we come, we come to pray in faith, knowing the love of God.

The Lord has said in the Gospel 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened'. Anyone who is sick is both 'labouring' and also 'heavy burdened'. It does not matter whether it is toothache, migraine, arthritis, blindness, depression, loss of hearing or old age. Each of us who has a 'health burden' should try to link 'cure' or living-with-pain-and-disability into prayer and faith. Sadly it is easy to behave as if nothing can be done! 'Grin and bear it!' is a very British motto! But Jesus makes the offer – 'come to me'. At least give him the chance – come to him and ask seriously, earnestly, deeply for what you want and need from his healing hands and heart. I personally have come across the most wonderful 'cures'.

For myself, at the time, I felt the Lord did nothing for me when I was struck down by anxiety and depression for all those months last year. In addition to prayer and 'trying to grin and bear it', I had to turn to a Counsellor for therapy and a Doctor for medication. From my point of view the work of the Counsellor and Doctor were miracles of human skill, patience and caring. But I was also very conscious of being upheld by the prayers of so many of you. I urge you to be always aware of the need to pray for and serve the suffering and the dying. Support in suffering is enormously important from family, friends, professionals and parish community members. The Lord talks of giving a cup of cold water as a memorable act in God's sight. We really have the opportunity to give much more than a cup of cold water! As we pray for healing, let us ask ourselves in what practical way – in prayer or service – we are contributing to the healing of our friends, neighbours and community.

Words of Pope Francis

At the weekly General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday of this week, after the reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the Ten Commandments:



Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we now turn to the seventh commandment: "You shall not steal". This commandment deals specifically with theft and with respect for the property of others. Yet it also invites us to consider, in the light of faith and the Church's social doctrine, that the goods of creation are destined for the entire human race. The universal destination of goods does not detract from the right to private property, but sets that right in proper perspective. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that "the ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefits to others" (No. 2404). Our world has sufficient resources to meet the primary needs of all its inhabitants, yet so many members of our human family continue to suffer extreme want and even starvation for lack of sound economic decisions inspired by solidarity and justice. The example of Christ, who, though rich became poor for our sake (cf. *2 Cor 8:9*), reveals the true meaning and purpose of all wealth: it stands at the service of love, freedom and human dignity.

Welcome Fr. Stan

Fr. Stanislaus Chukwube CSSP (Fr Stan) has safely arrived in Ayr and is looking forward to being part of our parish communities. We welcome him and look forward to sharing many happy months as we all walk together the path of faith.



Fr. David's Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – November Lists; *Tuesday* – Rosalind Livingston; *Wednesday* – November Lists; *Thursday* – Maria Mancini; *Friday* – November Lists; *Saturday* – Tommy Mulhearn; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

Fr Stan's Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – November Lists; *Tuesday* – November Lists; *Wednesday* – November Lists; *Thursday* – November Lists; *Friday* – November Lists; *Saturday* – November Lists; *Sunday* – November Lists.

SPRED Galloway Cordially invites you to their inaugural Black Tie Charity Ball

Saturday 9th March 2019, Dumfries Arms Hotel Cumnock, 6.30pm - 12.30am. Drinks Reception, followed by three course dinner inclusive of a glass of wine, tea, coffee & shortbread, dancing to live band "On the Edge", charity raffle & auction. Ticket price £35.00 per head. Return transport from Ayr, Girvan, Kilmarnock & Prestwick to the Dumfries Arms available. Dumfries Arms have rooms available at a competitive B&B Rate for attendees of the ball. For Further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01292-738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk

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