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Parish Bulletin

24th & 25th November 2018

Readings

Daniel 7: 13-14 Apocalypse 1: 5-8
John 18: 33-37

Psalm Response

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

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 26th November - 2nd December

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!

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.

Advent Penitential Service: The Penitential Service for Ayr during the Season of Advent will be held on Monday December 10th at 7 p.m.

Advent Penitential Service – Prestwick: The Penitential Service for Prestwick during the Season of Advent will be held on Wednesday December 12th at 7 p.m.

Cluster Schools Carol Service: The Carol Service for all of the Queen Margaret Cluster Schools will take place in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Thursday December 13th at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

Diocesan Carol Service: The annual Diocesan Carol Service, led by Bishop Nolan and the Diocesan Choir, will take place in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Wednesday December 19th at 7.30 p.m. This Service has become a highlight in the Cathedral calendar and is a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. This Service will be broadcast live on the internet.

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.

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!

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1011.96; St. Paul's - £503.89; St. Francis Xavier's - £244.05.

Catholic Schools Mass: Over 300 children and staff from every Catholic School in the Diocese gathered together in the Cathedral last Tuesday for a beautiful Mass for Catholic Education Week. Thank you to everyone in the Cathedral who made everything run so smoothly.

Catholic Education Sunday: This weekend we are celebrating Catholic Education Sunday, a day we pray for all who work and study in the Catholic Education sector, and we give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Schools. It is hoped that someone will tell us a little more about Catholic Education at all Masses.

Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents: These meetings take place in the Hall at 6.30 p.m. on the following dates: Reconciliation - Wednesday January 16th and 30th. First Eucharist - Wednesday March 13th.

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. 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.

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.

St. John's Primary Christmas Fair: The Parent Council & Fundraising Group have organised a Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December from 3.15 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the school. Please try to support this fundraising event. Free entry.

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.

Foodbank: The Food Bank collections are taken on the 1st Weekend each month.

Saint Margaret's

Sung Evening Prayer for Advent: Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Sunday, 2nd December at 6.00 pm – the First Sunday of Advent. This Service will be broadcast live on the internet. All welcome.

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 November: £30 M Graham, £20 A Haran, £10 S Loughlin

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.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is available at the back of the church.

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.

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

Access to the Raphael Counselling Service for Survivors of Abuse within the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Galloway

Please see the Poster displayed on the notice board detailing how Abuse Survivors in this Diocese may access the above service. Leaflets are also available from the table in the porch. In the New Year it is intended that this information should be available in major public arenas within our diocesan area – Libraries, GP Surgeries/Health Centres and Customer Service Centres.

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.

Solemnity of Christ the King

Daniel 7: 13-14

Apocalypse 1: 5-8

John 18: 33-37

This weekend, the last weekend in the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Preface of the Mass for the day says that as King he claims dominion over all creation that he may present to God our Father: *an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.*

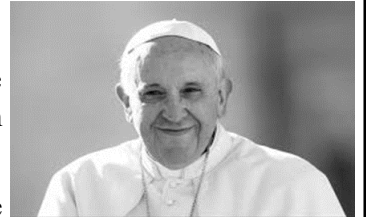
Our first duty and joy, then, is to proclaim that 'Our Lord reigns' in our minds, in our hearts, in our lives. But what does that mean? How does he reign? Firstly, by faith. Unless we believe in him, there can be no loyalty, nor desire to discover and follow his will. So, do you *really* believe in God and Jesus his Son?

No? Well then, face that negative and decide not to just pay lip-service to a belief that you do not have, which is dishonest and undermines true belief. Not sure? Well try to remember the last time you really did believe, remember that beautiful feeling of knowing God, and seek to find it wherever you have misplaced it.

Yes? Well then, live out your belief by being seen and known as an active Catholic. Do not hide your light – Christ's light – under anything. Walk tall and be proud to be a sister or brother of Christ. Of course, some of the things that Christ teaches and tells to each of us are hard, uncompromising and difficult to put across in this modern world, even difficult for us to accept and believe ourselves. So – we are challenged – believe – be loyal – be a witness. And the witness is to truth and life, to holiness, and grace, and justice, and love and peace. It is quite a task, will you take it on more enthusiastically from today? This is especially an important challenge to young people, because this is a day dedicated to youth. However, much as I want to share with the youth, with young people, it is important that young people think and work out what their reaction is to 'Our God reigns'.

Words of Pope Francis

At the weekly General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday of this week, after the reading of Exodus 20:17, 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 final commandments: "You shall not covet your neighbour's wife... You shall not covet your neighbour's goods". These last commandments in some sense sum up the entire content of the Decalogue. For all sin, as Jesus teaches (cf. *Mk 7:23*), is ultimately born of covetousness: the evil desires that lurk in the human heart. The Ten Commandments, by teaching us how to live rightly with one another and with God, show us our need for a liberating change of heart that can only be received through the gift of the Holy Spirit. They invite us to abandon our self-seeking and the illusion of our self-sufficiency, and to acknowledge our need for salvation. The humble recognition of our spiritual poverty thus opens our hearts to God's mercy, which transforms and renews us, enabling us to live righteous lives in the sight of the Father, redeemed by the Son and taught by the Holy Spirit. In this way, we learn to show to others the mercy that we ourselves have received in Christ.

Fr. David's Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – November Lists; *Tuesday* – Billy McNamee; *Wednesday* – Ross Smith; *Thursday* – November Lists; *Friday* – November Lists; *Saturday* – for the parishes; *Sunday* – Archie McBride.

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