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ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL

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Parish Bulletin

13th/14th April 2019

Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11
Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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
15th April - 21st April**

Monday

Mass in St Paul's at 10am

Tuesday

Mass in St Margaret's at 10am
Mass of Chrism in St Margaret's at 7.30pm

Wednesday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 8.15am
Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Margaret's at 7pm

Friday

Morning Prayer in ALL three churches at 10am

Saturday

Morning Prayer in ALL three churches at 10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Easter Vigil Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 9pm
Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 9.30am & 11.30am
Mass in St Francis Xavier's 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

Palm Sunday: The new Palms will be blessed and distributed this weekend at all Masses. Please bring your Palms from last year back to your Church so that they can then be burned and the ash created used next year on Ash Wednesday. There will be a box at the back of each Church to receive your old palms.

Lenten Mass: Wednesday mornings at 8.15 a.m. and everyone is welcome. This will be the last week of these Masses.

SCIAF Lenten Boxes: Please return your SCIAF Boxes to the Church on Holy Thursday evening or as soon as possible afterwards.

SCIAF Climate Change Cards: SCIAF have asked that you complete the Climate Change Card contained within your Lenten Pack and return it to them as soon as possible. Thank you.

St John's Parent Council: The PC will be having a coffee morning on Sunday 28th April from 10.30 am until 12.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Tickets will be in school bags this week. The PC are looking for cake/baking/biscuit donations, and for jam-makers to make us jam to sell. All donations very welcome. Support your school!

Saturday Exposition and Benediction: The next Saturday Exposition and Benediction will take place on Saturday April 27th from after Mass until Benediction at 5 p.m. The theme of the April prayer day is "Mothers". Please sign up to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone – sheets are available at the back of each Church.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1077.39; St. Paul's - £784.93; St. Francis Xavier's - £146.01.

Hospital: If you, or any member of your family are going into Ayr or Crosshouse Hospitals, and would like to receive a visit, and/or Holy Communion; please contact Deacon Bill Corbett (The R.C. Chaplain), on 01292 521208.

Diocesan Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul: Bishop Nolan will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turkey from October 10th - 17th 2019, visiting the sites of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. Flights are direct from Glasgow and bookings are now being accepted. Further information and Booking Forms can be obtained from Fr. David Borland. This is the first time the Diocese has offered a pilgrimage to these destinations. Bookings and Deposits need to be made by Easter.

World Youth Day – Lisbon 2022: The 'sign-up' cards to enable you to take part in the fundraising effort to send three of our young people to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2022 are now available at the back of each Church. If you would like to take part then please take a card, complete it, and return it to the Church and a set of envelopes will be issued for you to use. At the moment only 13 people have signed up to take part in this fundraising effort and this is not really enough for the project to continue. If we have to decide to abandon this idea we will return the donations to those who have already made them.

Charity Concert: In aid of Crossroads (South Ayrshire) Care attendant scheme. A song, A Sip, A Pie or a Quiche on Friday 26th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church Hall. Tickets £12 available from Crossroads Office 671331, Frank Ward 267539 or online via PayPal events. Crossroads-sa.org.uk. Bring your own bottle! See posters for more information.

SSVP

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 SSVP please contact 07413 397630.**



Free to a good home! A 180 litre Jewel Aquarium complete with lighting unit, external filter, air pump and dark wood-effect cabinet. The only thing required to set-up the aquarium are airlines, filter tubes and fish! You must be able to collect from the parish house. Contact the parish office for information.

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

Have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a forever home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please visit www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

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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.

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

SSVP: Meeting in the hall on Monday at 6 p.m.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: The rota for Holy Week and Easter is available in the Sacristy.

Saint Paul's

Mass on Palm Sunday: Due to the ongoing work in the Hall the blessing of Palms will take place in the Church. There is still **NO ACCESS/EGRESS** via the Hall this weekend.

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

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is available in the Sacristy.

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. (Not on Good Friday)

SPRED Galloway warmly invite you to an evening of Scottish Music with special guest Alastair McDonald, the event is taking place at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Hill Street, Kilmarnock on Friday 17th May 2019. Tickets are £10.00 per head inclusive of finger buffet. To purchase your tickets for what promises to be a fabulous evening of music and dancing or for further information, please contact the SPRED Office on 01292-738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk

HOLY WEEK AT RC AYR

Tuesday April 16th

Mass of Christm 7.30 pm St. Margaret's

Thursday April 18th

HOLY THURSDAY

*Please note that there is **NO** morning Mass on Holy Thursday*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm St. Margaret's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation 8.30–9.45pm St. Margaret's

Night Prayer of the Church 10 pm St. Margaret's

Friday April 19th

GOOD FRIDAY

Today there is a special collection for the Holy Places - this collection provides for the upkeep of the religious sites in the Holy Land and it will be taken up at the 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Services.

Morning Prayer 10 am ALL three churches

The Passion of the Lord 3 pm ALL three churches

Stations of the Cross 7 pm St. Margaret's

Saturday April 20th

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer 10 am ALL three churches

Blessing of Easter Food 11 am St. Margaret's

The Easter Vigil 9 pm St. Margaret's

Sunday April 21st

EASTER SUNDAY

Morning Mass 9.30 am St. Margaret's AND St. Francis Xavier's

Morning Mass 11.30 am St. Margaret's AND St. Paul's

Palm (Passion) Sunday – Year ‘C’

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

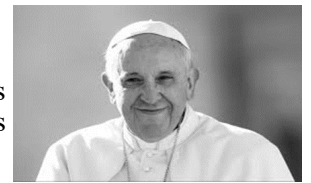
This weekend we celebrate the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. People turned out, tore down tree branches and waved them, shouted ‘Hosanna, son of David!’ It was, according to Gospel accounts, a wonderful popular demonstration. We are used to demonstrations today, many people enjoy them, and often there is a mixture of laughter and serious concern – not always riot and injury. But Jesus was teaching a lesson. He apparently went into Jerusalem on the acclamation from the heart of the people. It may have been mindless – there may have been no possibility at all of staging a revolution. But whether there was a chance or not, Jesus rejected this way. He left Jerusalem and went to stay quietly outside the city with his friends.

This of all weeks is the focal point of our own resolution. We live in the world. Too easily we are ‘of the world’ in that our values get influenced by worldly values – the spiritual values seem not strong enough to set our course on the way of the cross.

It is easy to write this, but does it mean anything? Jesus said ‘By their fruits you will know them’. In self-examination while looking at the Passion and Death of Jesus, we can ask ourselves, ‘Do people get witness to Christ from the way I am, the things I do, the love and care which I show?’ ‘Are there fruits showing in our community from the way the tree of faith and love grows in our lives, both individually and together?’

Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audience on Wednesday in St Peter’s Square Pope Francis returned to his ongoing catechesis on the ‘Our Father’. After the reading of 1 John 1: 8-9 in various languages the Holy Father continued:



Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the “Our Father”, we now consider how Jesus teaches us to ask God to “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (*Mt 6:12*). Just as we need bread, so we have need of forgiveness. Every day! In the original Greek of Matthew’s Gospel, the word used for ‘trespasses’ carries the meaning of being in debt, and so Christians pray asking that God will forgive their debts. We are truly in debt to God because everything we have has come as a gift from him: our life, parents, friends, creation itself. Likewise, we are only capable of loving because we have been loved first; we are able to forgive only because we ourselves have received forgiveness. How can we not recognise, in the bonds of love that precede us, the providential presence of God’s love? None of us can love God as he has loved us. We need only gaze at a crucifix to realize this. Let us pray, then, that even the holiest in our midst will never cease to be in debt to the Lord. O Father, have mercy on us all!

Visits to the Cathedral

We have two very important visitors coming to the Cathedral this year. A Statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen and the Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux!

The Statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen, our unbroken link with Pre-Reformation Scotland, is visiting all eight Catholic Cathedrals in Scotland as part of a programme of Prayer for the conversion of our country. The image of Our Lady of Aberdeen has now become widely recognised as our Scottish National Image of Our Lady and it will be coming to Ayr on Tuesday May 7th at 11 a.m. and remain with us for the whole month.

While the statue is with us we will celebrate May Devotions on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and we will say a Prayer for the Conversion of Scotland at the end of all weekday and weekend Masses in St. Margaret’s.

The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be coming to Scotland in September and will be in our Diocese from Monday September 2nd until Wednesday September 4th – they will be welcomed to St. Margaret’s Cathedral on the 2nd and remain with us until the 3rd when they will be transferred to Dumfries. A spiritual programme is being put together now and we hope that many people from across the Diocese will come and pray before the relics. This will be a very special time of grace for our Diocese.

Fr. David’s Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Marguerite Stewart; *Tuesday* – Linda Patricia Rennie; *Wednesday* – Sandra Miller; *Thursday* – Tommy Gormanley; *Friday* – Mary McMillan; *Saturday* – Special intention; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

Fr Stan’s Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Special intention; *Tuesday* – Daniel Kelly; *Wednesday* – Myra Duffy ; *Thursday* – Bridie Carrol ; *Friday* – Special intention; *Saturday* – Special intention; *Sunday* – Arthur Clarence .

Christus vivit: Pope Francis has issued his Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People and the Entire People of God, “Christus vivit”, his document resulting from the Synod for Young People held at the Vatican last year. The document can be read at the following address, and the link is available on our Facebook page. www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2019/4/2/christus-vivit.html