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Parish Bulletin

21st/22nd October 2017
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year 'A'

Readings

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

Psalm Response

Give the Lord glory and power.

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
23rd October –29th October

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

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Fr David: Fr David is absent from the parish due to a health problem but hopes not to be away for too long. Please keep him in your prayers. In the meantime please contact Deacon Bill on 521208 if you need to contact the clergy, or for parish business please call Angela in the parish office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 10am and 12 noon.

Welcome: This weekend we will welcome Bishop Taylor to St. Margaret's and Fr. Eddie McGhee to St. Francis Xavier's and St. Paul's for Masses. Next weekend it will be Fr. Sandy Culley and Fr. Eddie McGhee.

Ayrshire Interfaith Group: As part of Scottish Interfaith week we would like to invite you to attend our event *Religion, The Arts and Creativity* on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7pm. This is an event with a local artist, music and performances from different faiths, breaking down barriers through sharing music, performance and dialogue. Please join us for a fun evening at: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mossgiel Place, Ayr, KA7 3DL. Please confirm your attendance by emailing stuartlang1@hotmail.com or calling Stuart on 07875 847593.

Discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate? God **is** calling people to serve the Church in Galloway as ordained ministers. The task we have, every one of us, is to encourage people to hear and respond to this call. If you think someone has a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate why not approach them gently and speak with them about it?

Galloway Catholic Youth Rome Pilgrimage: A pilgrimage for young people from Galloway Diocese aged 16-25 (at the time of travel). Flying from Glasgow and returning to Prestwick. Cost is £650 and is subsidised by the Youth Office. A deposit of £250 to be paid by 31st October 2017. For more information email Fr Stephen McGrattan on info@stephenmcgrattan.org.uk or phone 01563 521832. If you attend one of our Catholic secondary schools you will also be able to get some information from your RE department.

Queen Margaret Academy Class of 1969 Reunion: This will be held in St. Margaret's Church Hall on Saturday October 28th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information contact qmareunion69@gmail.com

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

Weekday thoughts on the Sunday Gospels: This is the title of Bishop Taylor's new book which is ON SALE NOW! Running to 227 pages and costing £10, this book is something we would all benefit from reading. Copies are available to purchase at the back of the Churches.

Mission Sunday Special Collection: A second collection will be taken at all masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the churches.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: If you need the assistance of the St Vincent de Paul Society please phone 07722 707076. 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.

Justice and Peace Scotland – Give Me Five Campaign: The "Give Me Five" campaign aims to lift 30,000 children in Scotland out of poverty by increasing child benefit by £5 a week per child. While the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill is welcomed, setting out as it does ambitious targets to eradicate child poverty in Scotland by 2030, this campaign seeks urgent action now to meet the needs of the 260,000 children living in poverty in Scotland today. Go to www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk to sign the petition.

RCIA: The next session will be on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm in St. Margaret's Church Hall.

SCIAF Remembrance Mass: Each November in the month of the Holy Souls, we remember our supporters who are no longer with us. Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those touched by SCIAF's work both here in Scotland and across the world and we would be delighted if you could join us on November 21st 2017 at Carfin. Candlelight procession 6.45pm at Carfin Grotto, Mass at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin, ML1 5AJ.

Conference and Workshop on Liturgical Music: The National Liturgy Commission has invited Benjamin Saunders, Director of Music for the Diocese of Leeds, to speak to church musicians and singers on Saturday, 11th November 2017. The conference will take place at St Margaret of Scotland Church, Drip Road, Stirling, beginning at 2.00 pm. After a presentation on music in the Diocese of Leeds, a singing workshop will prepare music for the Mass of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and a sung Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5.00 pm. Benjamin Saunders was appointed Director of Music for the Diocese of Leeds in 2002. Under his leadership, the Cathedral has become the centre of England's largest choral programme, made up of 3,200 children meeting weekly. This comprises six boys' choirs, six girls' choirs, 53 school choirs, a choir school and a professional adult choir. Ben will talk about this work in his presentation and share how this model may be used in other locations.

Saint Margaret's

Tea/Coffee: Tea and coffee is available in the hall after Mass.

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.

Weekly Social Gathering: This takes place in the Hall on Thursdays from 11.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. All are welcome to drop in.

Saint Francis Xavier's

Service of the Word and Holy Communion: In the Church on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Holy Rosary: The Holy Rosary will be recited in the Church on Friday mornings at 10 a.m.

Saint Paul's

Mother & Toddler Group: The Mother & Toddler group meet in the hall on Tuesday at 10.30am.

Tuesday Club: The Tuesday Club meet in the church hall every Tuesday at 2 p.m. New members most welcome.

The Solemnity of All Saints – Wednesday November 1st: This day is a Holyday of Obligation and Mass in each of the three churches will be at 10 a.m. Mass will also be celebrated in St. Margaret's at 7 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WATERSIDE MASS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH, NOT IN THE SCHOOL.

November Lists: Sheets and envelopes are now available for November, the month we pray for our deceased family and friends. Please return your completed sheet, along with your offering, to the Church and it will lie on the altar during the month of November.

CALCIUM TABLETS THIS WEEKEND PLEASE

VITAMIN D TABLETS NEXT WEEKEND PLEASE

The Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year 'A'

Isaiah 45: 1.4-6 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21

As people with our minds set on the coming of God's Kingdom we are still very much part of this world. We can serve the Lord and offer ourselves to him while still looking to the needs and duties of the world. We can put our trust in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and still pay our taxes.

St. Paul tells us to pray *at all times*, not especially suggesting a blueprint of work and leisure in school and at home. It is certainly good to have space at home, a period of complete aloneness and silence, but it is not easy to achieve. And so, if that feeling of commitment lapses and dies, you may be left thinking that you are starting from scratch. No, everything works to God to those who fear God. We must remember we are human and we will always be human till God takes us to a better place where there will be no more weeping and grinding of teeth.

However, it is not easy to live now in a positive but calm way. We do have clashes with friends, neighbours and family. It is best to face that reality and having faced it, to have it out as best you can but not be afraid. Things can be worse before they are better. Very well. But keep on trustfully, lovingly and in prayer. The love of our neighbour is described by Jesus as being the second most important commandment that we should follow. yet often, far too often, it becomes the first commandment that we do not follow. We must always be reminded that the way that we show our Christian love for our neighbour is a reflection on how we love and follow our Lord.

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

Monday – Clifford McPhee;
Tuesday – Ann Finnegan;
Wednesday – Jim Andrew;
Thursday – Patrick Murphy;
Friday – Theresa Macari;
Saturday – Mary Smith;
Sunday – for the parishes.

Even though Fr David will not be in the parish this week he will celebrate Mass each day.

SPRED: Thankyou to those who have responded to our request for Book-keeping help. We do still need volunteers for our Ayr groups. We meet on Monday evenings and Thursday evenings in the SPRED Centre at QMA 7 – 9 pm. SPRED is a beautiful faith sharing programme specially developed for people with special needs - Could you volunteer one night a week in term time to be a companion to one 'Friend' member in a group?
For more information contact Sr Kathleen 263196 or email spredgalloway@talktalk.net