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Parish Bulletin

19th/20th May 2018

Pentecost Sunday Year 'B'

Readings

Acts 2: 1-11 Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-13

John 20: 19-23

Psalm Response

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Times of Mass and Services 21st May - 27th May

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

The Creed: During the Season of Easter we will continue to recite the ancient Apostle's Creed during Mass. From next week we will return to reciting the Nicene Creed.

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Joseph Toal (Motherwell), on behalf of the Bishops Conference of Scotland, has issued a Pastoral Letter on the implementation of the new Safeguarding regulations in light of the McLellan Report. Please take a copy home with you when it is handed out as you leave the Church this weekend.

Reminding all family and friends: My house is a safe zone. Coffee/tea can be on in minutes, or if you prefer a glass of wine, easily done. My couch is a place of peace and non-judgment. Anyone who needs to chat is welcome anytime. We can talk, share a laugh or two, or just listen. It's no good suffering in silence. We can have food we can eat and cry. We can go for a walk. I will always do my best to be available...you are always welcome! This is an old value that has been lost to technology...a text, facetime, gif or emoji is nowhere near the same as face to face communication. #mentalhealthawareness #itsokaynottobeokay

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1094.09; St. Paul's - £541.47; St. Francis Xavier's - £141.50. Communications collection: St Margaret's-£643.20, St Paul's- £297.25, St Francis Xavier's- £105.49. Thank you.

Bethlehem Rosaries for World Youth Day 2019: 1.5 million rosaries are being produced in Bethlehem for the World Youth Day in Panama, giving employment to unemployed youth in the family factories in the town. Everyone who attends World Youth Day will be given three rosaries: one to keep, one to give to someone in Panama who was not at WYD, and one to bring home to give to someone else. The organisers have produced a video to raise awareness of this wonderful venture and to encourage people to donate to the cost. The video is available to watch on Youtube:
<https://www.cmc-terrasanta.org/embed/wyd-panama-1-5-million-rosaries-made-in-bethlehem-14416>

Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: The next pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from October 15th to 22nd later this year. The cost is £1,299 based on two people sharing and booking forms are now available in the Sacristy. Book early to avoid disappointment!

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion continues in our parishes this weekend – and the children who are receiving the Sacrament for the first time have been working very hard at home, in school and in the parish. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

Solemn Evening Prayer: The next Solemn Evening Prayer will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday (TODAY) at 3 p.m. All the Neophytes, those brothers and sisters who were received into the Church at Easter, will be invited to attend this celebration. There will be a small social gathering in the Hall afterwards. Please try to come along to this beautiful Service, not only to experience the beauty and calmness of the prayer, but also to welcome the newest members of the Church from across our diocese.

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

Urgent Appeal, we are running out of the following;
Tinned Potatoes / Packet Potatoes
Tinned Custard / Packet Custard /Tinned Rice
Tinned Fruit
Packet Rice 500gms
Sweets / Biscuits

Last year we fed 5076 people - 3672 adults, 1404 children. 5076 people got food to last 3 days, that's 15228 meals and 15228 puddings.

Thank you: We interred my parents' ashes during a little Service on Monday, and I couldn't help noticing a small group of parishioners standing very discreetly at a distance and praying with us. I don't know how you knew where or when this was happening but my sisters and I really appreciated your presence – thank you.

St John's Primary Prize Bingo: The parent council have organised a prize bingo in the school hall on Friday 1st June at 7 p.m. Entry £5 which includes your bingo book. Bring your own bottle!

Collection Envelopes: If you are a UK tax payer and wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme please complete a form at the back of the church and return it to the parish office where a set of envelopes will be allocated to you.

New Appointment: Fr. Eamonn Flynn will retire on Friday 25 May 2018. Bishop Nolan has appointed Monsignor Peter Magee to succeed Fr. Flynn as parish priest of St Mary's, Largs, and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Millport. Monsignor Magee will take up his appointment on Friday 25 May 2018. Let's all pray that Fr. Flynn has a long and happy retirement, and that Mgr. Magee and the People of God in Largs and Millport will embrace this new beginning on their journey of faith.

Saint Margaret's

Today's First Communicants are: at the 6pm Vigil Mass – Wiktor Kurzawa, Mateusz Galka and Aidan McKeown; at the 9.30 a.m. Mass – Alyssa Dorricot, Kassi McGivern, Caitlin Halpin, Ava Reilly and Evie McWilliam.

Margaret Davey R.I.P.: Please pray for Margaret Davey, Phil's sister, who was known to many of you and who died recently in Canada. May she rest in peace.

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

Art Club: The group meet in the hall on Monday at 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

Tuesday Club: The group meet on Tuesday in the hall at 2 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: On Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is now an 'SVDP' box at the door of St. Margaret's and St. Francis Xavier's and every penny you place in the box will be used by our SVDP to help those in our parishes most in need. Please support this noble cause if you are able to, and if you would like to join the SVDP and help them in their work you would be made most welcome.

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.

SPRED Galloway

Saturday 29th September 2018—**LADIES LUNCH** – Caledonian Ballroom Trump Turnberry 12.30 – 4pm – Champagne Reception followed by 2 course lunch, Coffee & petit fours. Fashion Show, Auction, Raffle and selection of stalls will also be available at the event. Tickets £30.00 per person. To book a place please email Helena or Janette at spredgalloway@talktalk.net

Saturday 9th March 2019 – **CHARITY BLACK TIE BALL** – Dumfries Arms Hotel, Cumnock 6.30pm – 12.30am – Drinks reception, followed by 3 course Dinner, Coffee & Homemade Shortbread. Charity Auction & Raffle, dancing to live music. Overnight Accommodation with Breakfast is available at competitive rates. 8 Guests per table, Table, Corporate & Individual Bookings are most welcome. Ticket price is £35.00 per person. To reserve your place/ Accommodation please contact Helen or Janette at spredgalloway@talktalk.net

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

Monday – Mary Kenny; *Tuesday* – Margaret Davey; *Wednesday* – Winifred Kerr; *Thursday* – Anne O'Toole;
Friday – Agnes Hutson; *Saturday 6 p.m.* – Teresa Borland; *Sunday 9.30 a.m.* – for the parishes.

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

Monday – Special intention; *Tuesday* – Umberto Marioni; *Wednesday* – Special intention;
Thursday – Vincent O'Grady; *Friday* – Gabriel O'Grady;
Saturday 4 p.m. – Special intention; *Sunday 11.30 a.m.* – Special intention.

The Solemnity of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

One of the riches of the Spirit which is poured out on us is Joy – love, peace, joy, the list goes on. As Christians individually and as a group, we should be filled with joy. It should reflect from our hearts through our faces and our attitudes. It should be a source of joy picked up by others, reflected from one to another. If we helped others to be joyful, would it not be a joy in itself for us? If people enjoyed meeting us, because of the radiation of the Spirit – if they found our company joyful and encouraging, helping them to live with more hope, trust, love and service of each other would not that be wonderful?

Jesus wanted his followers to be filled with joy after the sorrows of the Passion and Cross. And indeed they were filled with joy when they saw him after the Resurrection. But the fullness of that joy – and the other accompanying gifts and fruits of his coming were realised on the Day of Pentecost in the upper room – and then to all whom the apostles met afterwards.

More than this individual aspect, but partly springing from it, is the spirit of joy which should be in our worship. Do you think it does? I quite often find people who come to our Church as visitors telling me what a lovely, friendly feeling there is at Mass. Do you feel that? It is part of what the Spirit of Joy should be, radiating from us as a congregation, a community, a people. Those who met the early Christian Church after Pentecost used to feel this something. They used to say ‘see how these Christians love one another.’ Let us hope and pray in the celebration and follow up from the gift of the Spirit this Pentecost that we may grow in the Spirit and so help each other and those beyond our immediate fellowship to share love, peace, joy – the wonder of God’s riches poured into our hearts.

Paschaltide: The Solemnity of Pentecost marks the end of Paschaltide and we return to Ordinary Time in the Church’s liturgical calendar from Monday – the 7th week of ordinary time.

Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audience on Wednesday May 16th the Holy Father ended his catechesis on the Sacrament of Baptism:

Dear brothers and sisters: In this, our final catechesis on Baptism, we turn to the rites illustrating the grace of the sacrament. Following an ancient tradition, the newly baptized are robed in a white garment signifying their new life in Christ, and are admonished to preserve it unstained for eternal life. Since, as Saint Paul says, the baptized have been clothed in Christ (cf. *Gal 3:27*), they are called to cultivate every virtue, especially charity, which binds the others together (cf. *Col 3:14*). So too, the taper lighted from the paschal candle symbolizes the light of Christ and the warmth of his love, which, with the help of the parents and godparents, must be nurtured through education in the Christian life. These rites evoke not only our communion in the Church on earth but also point to its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem, where God will be our light for ever (cf. *Rev 22:5*). The rite of Baptism concludes with the *Our Father*, as the expression of our dignity as God’s adoptive children in Christ. May all of us cherish the gift of grace we received on the day of our Baptism, and let ourselves be guided at every step by the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

