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Parish Bulletin

16th/17th June 2018

Readings

Ezekiel 17: 22-24 1 Corinthians 5: 6-10
Mark 4: 26-34

Psalm Response
It is good to give you thanks, O 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
18th June – 24th June

Monday
Mass in St Paul's at 10am
Tuesday
Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am
Wednesday
Eucharistic Service 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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St. John's Primary School Valedictory Mass: This will take place on Tuesday June 26th at 10 am. All welcome.

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. 75% of the reserved places have now been booked – so if you are thinking about coming then you better book soon!

Sponsorship for Cancer Research: Our parishioner Dr. Allan McNeil is running the Glasgow 10k in aid of Cancer Research UK on June 17th. If you feel you would like to sponsor him and support this cause then you can do so at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/allan-mcneill1 or simply pop something in an envelope marked "Dr. McNeill" and hand it to Fr David or Fr Gabriel. Thank you.

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul: Friday June 29th is a Holyday of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated in each of the 3 churches at 10 a.m. On the evening before, June 28th, there will be a Vigil Mass in St. Margaret's at 7 p.m. **The Vigil will be the only evening Mass - there will be NO Mass on the Friday evening.**

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1004.17; St. Paul's - £528.53; St. Francis Xavier's - £280.50.

20-40 Network Events: Aged 20-40? Would you like to meet some fellow young Catholics? We are going to Laser Station at Soar, Braehead on 14th July at 7:15pm. Ticket sales close 29th June. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a £12 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

Annual Pilgrimage to Scalan : Sunday 1st July 2018:
The annual Mass at Scalan takes place on Sunday 1st July at 4.00pm. The homilist is the Rt. Rev. William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway. Scalan is signposted on the B9008 (Tomintoul - Dufftown) at Auchnarrow. AB37 9JS is the most local postcode. Cars and mini-buses can park close to Scalan. Coach parties have a mile to walk but car drivers will happily give lifts to walking pilgrim.
The Scalan website is at www.scalan.net
Scalan is on Facebook www.facebook.com/1716Scalan1799

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate: Robert Mackie (Maybole) will be ordained by Bishop Nolan as a Permanent Deacon in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday June 30th. All welcome. *(Please note that this will be the parish Mass that morning – there will be **NO** 10 am Mass)*

Family Fun Day: A family fun day **for all three parishes** will be held in St. Paul's Hall on Sunday 1st July after Mass. There will be a BBQ, bouncy castle, fun & games. Donations for raffle prizes would be appreciated. Funds raised will go to Youth for Lourdes.

Holy Fair: The Christian Aid group need your bric-a -brac to sell at the Holy Fair on 23 June (Low Green). Please leave any items at the back of the church or phone 282021 for uplift. Thankyou.

Friends of the Holy Land: We will have a buffet supper dance on Friday 20th July in St. Margaret's Church Hall in aid of the Friends of the Holy Land. Tickets £10. Bring your own bottle! Unwanted gifts for the raffle would be much appreciated.

Annual Outing to Edinburgh on Wednesday 20th June
Bus leaves from St. Margaret's at 9.30am. Cost £25 which includes evening meal. Please add your name to the list on the notice board in St. Margaret's.

Inaugural Organ Recital: Our Lady & St. Meddan's Church has had a new organ installed and to celebrate they are having an Organ Recital on Friday 22nd June at 7.30 p.m. See Poster for more information and how to obtain tickets.

Friends of the Holy Land Conference: Fr. David will be in London from Monday to Thursday this week attending the Friends of the Holy Land Conference. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land in your prayers - their situation and living conditions are becoming more difficult every day.

Gas and Electric Safety Checks: You may notice some activity around all of our church buildings, halls and houses – gas and electricity safety checks are some years out of date and need to be completed for safety and insurance purposes.

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

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.

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

Weekday Masses: Fr. Gabriel will celebrate the Mass on Monday as Bishop Taylor is on holiday but on Wednesday there will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion due to the parish outing to Edinburgh.

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.

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

Saint Francis Xavier's

Service of the Word and Holy Communion: There will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday morning of this week.

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.

150th Anniversary of St. Margaret's Saint Vincent De Paul Conference

Panic! Panic! Panic! 100,000 apologies – the 150th anniversary of our SVDP Conference is not until November 1st – I knew it was on a Holyday of Obligation, I just got the wrong one and caused absolute panic among the members of the Conference!!!! Sorry! However, the rest of the entry on last weekend's bulletin is still really important.

The need for such an SVDP in Ayr might not be as clear to see as it was 150 years ago, but it is still, sadly, very much required. **The purpose of the SVDP is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need.** The concept of need is broader than financial hardship, so visiting people who are sick, lonely, in prison, or suffering from addiction is also a significant proportion of their work. The essence of the work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is the Society's greatest gift.

To fulfil this purpose our Conference is very much dependent on, and appreciative of, your financial support through the boxes at the back of our churches – this financial support allows them to carry out part of their apostolate. In order to fully carry out their mission though they need more volunteers willing to give of their time, perhaps only for one hour per week. Could that be you? Would you be able to help them, and through the Conference help your brothers and sisters in Christ? If you are able to help, or even just to find out a little more, please call our SVDP telephone number, 07722 707076, and Pat Snee will explain how you could help.

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

Monday – Special intention; *Tuesday* – Mary O'Rourke; *Wednesday* – Margaret Fisher; *Thursday* – Special intention; Friday – Special intention; *Saturday 6 p.m.* – Ian Drury; *Sunday 9.30 a.m.* – for the parishes.

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

Monday – Fred Yuill; *Tuesday* – John Anthony Culley; *Wednesday* – Special intention; *Thursday* – Special intention; Friday – Special intention; *Saturday 4 p.m.* – Special intention; *Sunday 11.30a.m.* – Special intention.

The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

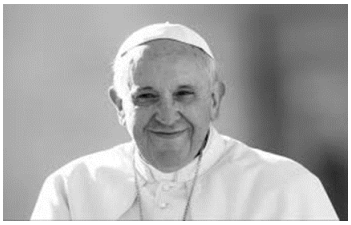
Ezekiel 17: 22-24 1 Corinthians 5: 6-10 Mark 4: 26-34

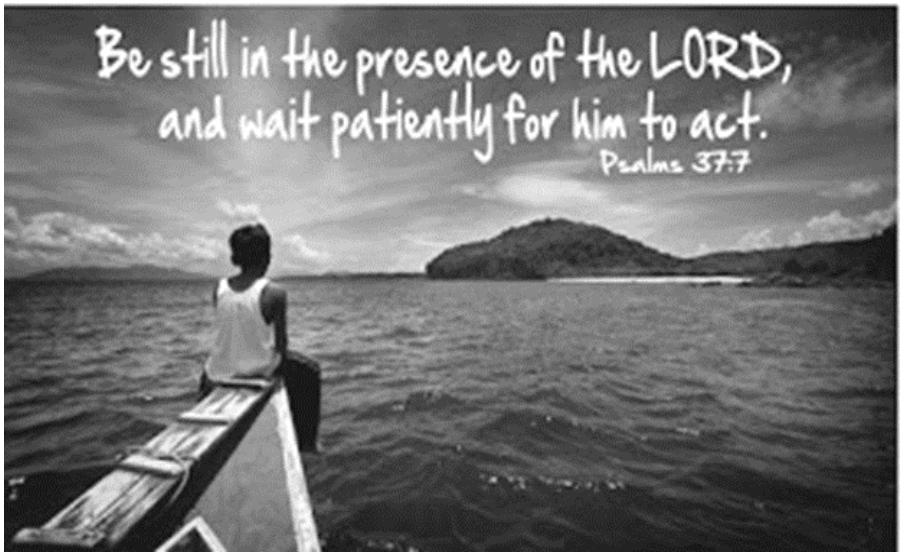
God is the first to know that it is not easy for human beings to take up the cross and follow Jesus Christ. That is why God sent his Son and commissioned him to preach and teach and above all give us the example of his life and death. In his life, Jesus prayed and worshipped giving us the lead. We must always strive to follow the example of Jesus and deepen our commitment to the Father. We should centre on our own personal life of prayer and on the Mass, the Eucharist. Here, at Mass, we meet Jesus in a very special way through his word in the readings and the homily and in Holy Communion. That is – if we come.

Prayer and the Eucharist are the foundation of our power to fulfil our commission of going out to teach the salvation gained for each and every one by Jesus. To stay away from these wonderful gifts is to weaken ourselves, weaken the Church and weaken our witness in our homes and in our society at large.

People often talk about the fact that more and more young people are leaving the Church. This is a great cause of sorrow in our lives. We must all realise that we have a part to play in bringing them to the Church. No, it is not easy to encourage children and young people to give time and interest to God and Church. But more is done by loving and example than any other way. Take a short time thinking about yourself, God and the Gospel. Try always to share in the Mass, especially always receiving Holy Communion.

Words of Pope Francis



At the General Audience on Wednesday June 13th the Holy Father began a new series of catechesis on the Ten Commandments:

Dear brothers and sisters: Today we begin a new series of catecheses dealing with the commandments. In the Gospel passage we heard earlier, a young man asks Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" His question expresses the universal desire, felt especially by young people, to live a full and authentic existence and not to settle for a life of bland mediocrity. Jesus first tells the young man to follow the commandments, but then points beyond them to something "greater", something that is still lacking. He invites the young man, who has obeyed the commandments from childhood, to sell what he has, give to the poor and follow him, promising that in this way he will have "treasure in heaven" (*Mk* 10:21). Here we see the meaning of Jesus' saying that he came, "not to abolish the Law but to fulfil it". The Lord wishes to give us that something greater, the treasure of life in abundance. In coming weeks, we will reflect on how the Law finds its fulfilment in the new life of grace. In the Ten Commandments, read in the light of Christ, we will find a door through which we can follow Jesus to the fullness of life: his own life and our life as God's children.