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## Parish Bulletin

**28th July/29th July 2018**

**Readings**

2 Kings 4: 42-44    Ephesians 4: 1-6

John 6: 1-15

**Psalm Response**

You open wide your hand, O Lord  
and grant our desires.

**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**  
**30th July – 5th August**

**Monday**

Mass in St Paul's at 10am

**Tuesday**

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

**Wednesday**

Mass in St. Paul's 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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** All places on this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land have now been filled and the tour operator, Joe Walsh Tours, are running a waiting list. If you are still thinking about going then I would suggest you contact them now.

**SPRED Appeal:** At all Masses next weekend, August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, Clare Lappin will speak about the work of SPRED in the diocese, especially locally, and appeal for help in fulfilling this worthy ministry in the Church.

**Annual Whithorn Pilgrimage:** This year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn takes place on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated on the beach at 4 p.m. and in the village church at 4.45 p.m. Details of the coach to follow.

**SeAscape – The Cobbler Challenge:** The local charity tackling homelessness, poverty and isolation in our community are facilitating this short walk to one of Scotland's most iconic peaks on Sunday 2nd September 2018 – and it is a great day out for all ages while supporting a worthy cause. Text **WALK** to **07833 472313** for more information and a sponsor pack. There are cards at the back of the Churches with these details - please take one.

**Request for your help:** Many charity events take place over the summer months, if you are involved in one and would like us to put a notice in the Parish Newsletter please email the office with details and if there is space we will let people know about it. Please give us enough warning!

**Weekly Collections:** Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1248.27; St. Paul's - £492.83; St. Francis Xavier's - £133.00.

Standing orders Apr-Jun: St. Margaret's - £7183.00  
Standing orders Apr-Jun: St. Paul's - £3396.00

**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?

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

**Dominicans in Glasgow and Ayrshire.** The Lay Dominicans meet monthly at St. Columba's Church in the Glasgow area. Membership is open to all who are interested in Dominican spirituality. **The Dominican Secular Institute** is an Institute of consecrated life under Canons 710-730 (Code of Canon Law). Membership is therefore only open to single or widowed women and there is a 7 year formation period. Members live in their own homes during formation and after consecration but a significant amount of travel may be required annually. If you are interested in either of these please contact **Debra** on 07807 644776.

**Seminar on Emmanuel Levinas:** Friday 24 – Saturday 25 August 2018. See poster in porch for more information.

**Scottish Interfaith Youth Camp:** 7 – 9 September 2018  
See posters in porch for more information.

**Pilgrimage for the Venerable Margaret Sinclair's Beatification:** The 2018 Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 9 September from 2.00 to 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 2pm – Opening; 3pm – Film: The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God; 4.30 pm – Holy Mass. Refreshments available.

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

*Monday* – Nicola McIndoe;  
*Tuesday* – Mary Robertson;  
*Wednesday* – Special intention;  
*Thursday* – Special Intention;  
*Friday* – Edward & Marion McCluskey;  
*Saturday* – Nicola McIndoe;  
*Sunday* – for the parishes.

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

*Monday* – Sarah Rooney;  
*Tuesday* – Special intention;  
*Wednesday* – May Rooney;  
*Thursday* – Michele & Maria Mancini;  
*Friday* – Davie McParland;  
*Saturday* – Special intention;  
*Sunday* – Special intention.

## 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.

**Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:** Rota available in the Sacristy.

## Saint Paul's

**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.

**Help! Help! Help!** Mark Rooney is in the process of compiling a book of the "History of St. Francis Xavier's Church" and would really like your help in filling the pages. Mark is looking for stories, anecdotes, photographs etc. to include in the future publication which will be available for all who want a copy. He's not planning to write an academic or weighty tome, so 'funnies' would be very welcome. You can contact Mark on 07909 402203 or at [rooneymarkj@gmail.com](mailto:rooneymarkj@gmail.com) Thank you.

## 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.

## Warning of A713 Road Closures affecting access to St. Francis Xavier's Church, Waterside

The A713 between Dalmellington and Ayr is to be closed on the weekends of July 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>, and August 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and will affect those who travel to St. Francis Xavier's Church for Mass on Saturday afternoons.

July 28<sup>th</sup>/Aug 4<sup>th</sup>: Closed between the B7034 and B742 Dalrymple junctions – no access to the Church from the Ayr side without using the diversion via Dalrymple.



## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

A few weeks ago Fr John McLean very quietly celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – he didn't tell anyone! Thankfully his secret was discovered shortly afterwards and he was surprised with a cake after Mass one Sunday morning. Belated happy birthday Fr McLean.

## The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Ephesians 4: 1-6

John 6: 1-15

You cannot privatise the Mass. The Mass is offered for everyone. That is what the Bidding Prayers are about. All the Eucharistic Prayers make clear the range of people the Mass is offered for. One of the reasons that I love the fourth Eucharistic Prayer is that it does not leave anyone out:

*Therefore, Lord, remember now all for whom we offer this sacrifice :especially your servant Francis. our Pope, William our Bishop, and the whole Order of Bishops ,all the clergy, those who take part in this offering, those gathered here before you, your entire people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.*

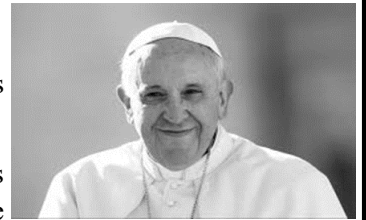
It is wonderful; it is not limited to Catholics, it is not limited to Christians, it is all-embracing. The Mass is the sacrifice of Christ who came for the salvation of the whole world. What are we doing them when we ask for a Mass intention? Well, we are asking the priest to include that intention in his prayers during the Mass. It is not something that involves the rest of the congregation. Indeed, if there are other priests concelebrating the Mass, each of them may well have a separate and different intention. Over the centuries the asking for Mass intentions has won an important place in the hearts of many people – and that can be nothing but good. It is a great source of consolation to people bereaved to know that their loved one is being thought about and prayed for. It can provide a focus for concentrating our prayers in a special way when we are facing a particular problem or challenge. But it is not something to be used lightly or frivolously; it is not a piece of magic.

It is praying and offering sacrifice for a person in the most intimate way possible. In the Mass we remind the Father what his Son Jesus has done for us. We remind the Father that his Son's death means that we have been redeemed and have been given a particular place in his Kingdom. To couple this with prayer for a particular person is to offer that memorial to the Father for that person. What more wonderful gift is there that we can give to anyone?

### Words of Pope Francis

As the General Audience does not take place during the month of July the Holy Father's challenging words from last Sunday's Angelus are below:

*Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!* The Gospel of today (cf. *Mk 6: 30-34*) tells us that the apostles, after their first mission, return to Jesus and tell him "all they had done and what they had taught". After the experience of the mission, certainly exciting but also tiring, they have a need for rest. And Jesus, full of understanding, takes care to assure them some relief and says: "Come aside, you alone, to a deserted place, and rest a while". But this time the intention of Jesus cannot be realized, because the crowd, sensing the solitary place where he would go in the boat with his disciples, were there before them.



The same can happen today. Sometimes we fail to realize our projects, because an unexpected emergency occurs that messes up our programs and requires flexibility and availability to the needs of others. In these circumstances, we are called to imitate what Jesus did: "He came down from the boat, he saw a great crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and began to teach them many things". In this short sentence, the evangelist offers us a *flash* of singular intensity, photographing the eyes of the divine Master and his teaching. Let's look at the three verbs of this frame: to *see*, to *have compassion*, to *teach*. We can call them the verbs of the Shepherd. The *gaze* of Jesus is not a neutral or, worse, cold and detached look, because Jesus always looks with the eyes of the heart. And his heart is so tender and full of *compassion*, which knows how to capture even the most hidden needs of people. Moreover, his compassion does not simply indicate an emotional reaction to a situation of unease of the people, but it is much more: it is the attitude and predisposition of God towards mankind and his history. Jesus appears as the realization of God's concern and care for his people.

Since Jesus was moved to see all those people in need of guidance and help, we would expect that He would now work some miracle. Instead, he began to *teach* many things. Here is the first bread that the Messiah offers to the hungry and lost crowd: the bread of the Word. We all need the word of truth, to guide us and enlighten the path. Without the truth, which is Christ himself, it is not possible to find the right orientation of life. When one moves away from Jesus and his love, one loses oneself and existence turns into disappointment and dissatisfaction. With Jesus on the side we can proceed with security, we can overcome the trials, we progress in love for God and for our neighbour. Jesus has made himself a gift for others, thus becoming a model of love and service for each one of us.

May Mary Most Holy help us to take on the problems, sufferings and difficulties of our neighbour, through an attitude of sharing and service.