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Parish Bulletin

7th July/8th July 2018

Readings

Ezekiel 2: 2-5 1 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Mark 6: 1-6

Psalm Response
Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

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
9th July – 15th July

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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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!

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Ayr: Bishop Nolan has asked me to seek a parishioner who could represent the diocese on a steering group being established to look at the possibility of creating a CAB in Ayr – the only town in Scotland of its size/ population that does not have one. If you think you could fulfil this important role then please speak to Fr. David as soon as possible (he returns from annual leave on Sunday evening). The Church of Scotland are also being asked to have a representative.

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.

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.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £951.49; St. Paul's - £715.28; St. Francis Xavier's - £149.50. Peter's Pence special collection: St. Margaret's - £740.28; St. Paul's - £282.18; Thank you.

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?

Thank You: I would like to thank Bishop Nolan, the Priests and Parish Community of St. Margaret's Cathedral, for their hospitality and for their kindness at my Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, on 30th June, also to David Robinson and Claire Ramsay who helped make it a very spiritual and powerful Liturgy and a very moving experience. Thanks also goes to the ladies who organised the fantastic tea in the hall afterwards. Regards Deacon Robert.

Annual Mission Appeal: Each year every parish becomes the host parish for one weekend to a religious Order or Congregation. This year, coincidentally, it is the turn of our parishes to host the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) – but don't worry there will be another priest coming and Fr. Gabriel is not going to get landed with doing the Appeal too! The purpose of the Appeal is to share a little with us of the work of the Spiritans and to offer us the opportunity to contribute to that work by our prayers and by the special collection taken that weekend. The Appeal will take place **THIS** weekend, July 7th/8th.

'Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief': The Rotary Clubs of South Ayrshire in association with this charity and the Ayrshire Hospice have arranged an informative and light-hearted afternoon in Ayr Town Hall on Friday July 13th from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm to look at some of the issues surrounding death. The event will be hosted by the Rev. Fraser Aitken and registering in advance is essential. A leaflet with further details and information on how to book is available at the back of all the churches.

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 desperately needing the following items:

Noodles
Tins of rice pudding
Tinned potatoes
Custard - both powder and tins
Small coffee
Cold meat
UHT milk
Small packets of tea bags
500gm rice
500gm pasta
750ml diluting juice.

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.

200 Club July Draw: £30 M Hagan, £20 Mrs M Miller, £10 E Opiolka, Bonus £100 Mr M Miller.

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.

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.

Advanced 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 7th/8th, July 14th/15th, July 21st/22nd, July 28th/29th, and August 4th/5th and will affect those who travel to St. Francis Xavier's Church for Mass on Saturday afternoons.

July 7th & 14th: Closed from Dalmellington to Minnivey – no access to the Church from the Dalmellington side without using the diversion via Cumnock.

July 21st: Closed from Patna to Hollybush – no access to the Church from the Ayr side without using the diversion via Coylton and Coalhall.

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

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

Monday – Nancy Cooke; *Tuesday* – Ian Hay; *Wednesday* – Liz Kelly; *Thursday* – Maureen Robinson; Friday – Alex Borland; *Saturday* – Teresa Borland; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

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

Monday – Sarah Rooney; *Tuesday* – Liz McQuillan; *Wednesday* – Roy Rushton; *Thursday* – Sarah Rooney; *Friday* – Reilly; *Saturday* – Sarah Rooney; *Sunday* – Rosanna Holand.

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2: 2-5 *1 Corinthians 12: 7-10* *Mark 6: 1-6*

Amos was a shepherd and looked after sycamores; Peter and Andrew and James and John were simple fishermen. They were not highly educated, they were not great scholars, they were not trained priests or rabbis, yet God called each of them to go out and preach his word. We all of us know that we are called to spread the good news of Christ – and most of us find it difficult to do. We do not think we know enough to preach it properly – neither did Amos. We do not feel worthy – well, we're not, no-one is, but God calls us nevertheless. We feel embarrassed if we seem to be preaching to others, if we seem to be setting ourselves up as holier than them – we are right to feel embarrassed if that's what we are doing, but that's not spreading God's word.

Many people have quite the wrong idea of what the word is about. It's not me saying to someone else: "I've got all the answers, so you've got to believe and do what I say." As Christians we believe in God and our strongest desire is to get closer to him. If we do not have that belief or that desire we have no basis for being a Christian. We also know that we actually get closer to God by imitating the life and example of Jesus and by participating in the Church he gave us.

I think of the Church, and I'm giving away my age here, as being like one of those wagon trains we used to see on cowboy movies. Each wagon has its own family and identity and each has its own character and skills, yet they are all going in the same direction and whenever there is a problem everyone rallies round to share their skills and expertise and give the help needed. Because the train has a common purpose its members accept a degree of authority from the leader about the direction to go and the route to follow, but this authority does not prevent the personal growth and development of the people in the train. When we think of the Church in this way, we can see that spreading the word is really about sharing the insights and understandings that we have. In each person's journey towards God, there is the need to take Jesus' teaching and example and apply it to the special circumstances of the person's life. Just like the people on the wagon train, we pool our resources and try to help each other on this journey – and it is the height of arrogance to think that we do not need such help. The teaching of the Church is really the accumulation of all these insights and sharings by all sorts of people over twenty one centuries. Some teaching is very clear-cut, some is much more tentative – but all of it is intended to help us make our own journeys.