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Parish Bulletin

3rd & 4th November 2018

Readings

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 Hebrews 7: 23-28
Mark 12: 28-34

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength

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
5th November - 11th November

Monday
Mass in St Paul's at 10am
Tuesday
Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am
Wednesday
Mass in St. Paul's at 10am
Mass in St Francis Xavier's at 10am (Funeral)
Thursday
Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am
Friday
Mass in St. Paul's at 10am
Mass in St Francis Xavier's at 12.30pm (Funeral)
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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Registered Charity No. SCO10576

St. Andrew's Night Ceilidh: This will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Friday 30th November 7.30pm-11.30pm. Tickets £10. Bring your own bottle!

Mass for the Dead: We will have a Mass for all deceased parishioners of our parishes in the Cathedral on Tuesday November 20th at 7 p.m. While we remember all former parishioners in this Mass, there will be a special focus on those whose funerals have taken place in one of our three churches or at the crematorium by one of our clergy since the beginning of November 2017. The names of these more recent deaths will be read out at this Mass and a candle will be lit in prayerful memory for each of them. Could I encourage you to invite any family members of these souls to come along to this Mass and to encourage them to bring the candle for that person forward when they hear the name being called.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you, or someone you know, is considering joining the Church, please contact Sr. Marie. The RCIA is the process through which those enquiring about the faith can come to know more about what we believe and therefore be more certain that this is the path on which the Holy Spirit is guiding them.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1169.67; St. Paul's - £585.84; St. Francis Xavier's - £233.15.

Tradecraft Autumn Fairs: A world of Fair Trade goods to choose from! Sunday 11 November AND Sunday 18 November 12.00-2.00 p.m. in St. Leonard's Church Hall. Tea/coffee and home baking will be available.

Baptism Preparation Course: The next course for parents requesting Baptism for their children will take place on January 20th & 27th at 4 p.m. The parents of children requesting the Sacrament for their children between January and April next year need to attend these days.

Catholic Schools Mass: Children and staff from every Catholic School in the Diocese will gather together in the Cathedral on Tuesday November 20th for Mass at 11.30 a.m. This event was held for the first time during the last 'Catholic Education Week' and such was its success that it has now become an annual event.

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

November Lists: November is the month in which we remember those who have died in our prayers, and in a special way we remember those whose names appear on our November Lists. Sheets and envelopes are now available at the back of the Churches so that you can compile your lists and return them and they will then be placed upon the altar for the month. Please remember that you can include your offering in the same envelope as they are opened and only the lists are placed on the Altar.

Red Wednesday Service: This year's 'Red Wednesday', a day we floodlight our churches red and pray for persecuted Christians around the world, will be held on Wednesday November 28th. There will be a Service of Prayer and Adoration at 7 p.m.

Youth Group Volunteers Needed: The parish is hoping to start a youth group for secondary school aged young people. In order to set this up there is a required number of over 18 male and female leaders needed. If this could be you or you are looking for further information, please contact Luca on: 07495 190531 Thank you!

First Reconciliation Catch-up: I believe that there are some children of primary four age who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation – usually celebrated during Lent in primary three. If this is your child, and you intend to present them for Confirmation in 2019, please get in touch with the parish office as soon as possible as First Reconciliation needs to be celebrated before Confirmation.

A date for your diary – advanced warning: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Nolan on the primary four aged children in the Cathedral on Thursday February 21st 2019 at 7 p.m. This is the celebration for all the children from Ayr, Waterside, Mossblown, Maybole and Girvan. If your child does not attend a Catholic School in our parishes then please contact Angela at the parish office (263488) to register for this Sacrament as the preparation programme has already begun.

Confirmation Candidates: Any child in primary four who does not attend the Catholic School needs to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

100th Anniversary of Armistice Day: We will have a Service of Remembrance on Sunday November 11th at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Please try to come along to this Service in remembrance of all the fallen and to pray for an end to war and violence. If you intend to be present at this Service and are willing to take part as a Reader please let Fr. David know.

Saint Margaret's

James Alan Jones R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Jones of Drumellan Road who died recently. Allan's private Cremation will take place on Tuesday November 6th and will be followed by a Memorial Service the same afternoon in St. Margaret's at 4.30 p.m. May he rest in peace.
Tuesday November 20th: Please note that there will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday November 20th, the daily Mass that day will be the Parish Mass for the Dead at 7 p.m.
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 October Draw: £30 N Currie, £20 M Brown, £10 I Marioni, £100 Bonus B Strachan.

Saint Paul's

Mother & Toddler Group: The group meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the hall.
Tuesday Club: The group meet in the hall on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.
Art Club: The Art Club meet in the hall on Monday at 1.30 p.m. New members welcome.
Tea/Coffee: In the hall after Sunday morning Mass.

Saint Francis Xavier's

Francis Miller R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis Miller of Castle Croft, Dalmellington who has died. Francis's funeral Mass will be on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. followed by the burial at Dalmellington cemetery. May he rest in peace.
Isobel McMillan R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Isobel McMillan of Doonbank Care Home, Patna, who has died. Isobel's funeral Mass will be on Friday at 12.30 p.m. followed by a cremation at Masonhill at 2 p.m.. May she rest in peace.

First-Aid Course: There have been a few incidents at Masses lately when it would have been helpful to have a qualified first-aider present, but unfortunately there was not. As a result of this we would like to put together a team of first-aiders across the parishes. If you would like to take part in a certified First Aid Course then please call Angela at the Parish Office (263488) on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning to register. The Course will be fully-funded by the parishes and the Course will last one full day. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation Meetings – for Parents/Guardians

While the children receive an excellent preparation for the Sacraments in St. John's Primary School and in the Catechetics class for those children who do not attend our Catholic School (held on Sunday mornings in St. Paul's), there has never been much preparation for their parents/guardians and, if we are honest, it might have been a while since they did the preparation for their reception of the Sacraments! To put this right we will have a couple of Parents' Preparation Meetings for each of the Sacraments beginning in November. Parents/guardians are required to attend both meetings pertaining to the Sacrament their child is preparing for, and if there is no parent/guardian present for a particular child then we will assume that they have chosen that their child will not be receiving that particular Sacrament in this coming year. The dates of the meetings, which will take place in the Cathedral Hall at 6.30 p.m., are as follows:

Confirmation:	Wednesday November 7th and 21st
Reconciliation:	Wednesday January 16th and 30th
Eucharist:	Wednesday March 13th

If any parent/guardian has a particular problem with this then please contact Fr. David, preferably after Mass, who will be happy to explain to them why this is now the procedure.

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.

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 *Hebrews 7: 23-28* *Mark 12: 28-34*

As though to underline the central position in God's revelation to his people in both Old and New Testaments, at various points in the Church's liturgical calendar we have a recurrence of readings referring to the two great commandments. There is something very strengthening about this and it helps, I think, to make sure that among all the other important and varied aspects of the revelation, we do not lose sight of our daily standard of living.

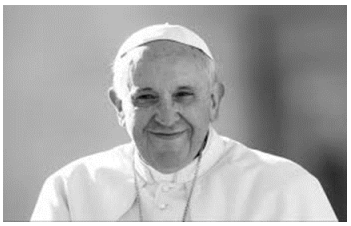
This Sunday in the first reading, Moses tells the people to fear God all the days of their life and to keep his commandments and laws ('fear' in the sense of 'awe', not in the sense of being afraid). And he continues by stating the first great commandment: *The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.* In this version, of course, there is not mention of neighbour, which occurs elsewhere.

When asked in the Gospel by a Scribe 'Which is the first of all the commandments?', Jesus gives a longer version and adds 'and the second is this: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' The Scribe applauds and amplifies his answer and Jesus commends him saying: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

If we can keep those two great commandments close to our hearts and live them out, then we can be sure that we too are not far from the Kingdom of God, which is a joyful support day by day. It helps us to keep our focus beyond our own lives to the needs of others.

So how much are we prepared to love God and our neighbour? Are we willing to offer our lives to God and dedicate ourselves to him? As for our neighbour, are we willing to reach out and help when they need it? Are we willing to be so caring that we are always trying to anticipate their needs? Well are we?

Words of Pope Francis



At the weekly General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday of this week, after the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the Ten Commandments:

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we are discussing the sixth commandment: "You shall not commit adultery". The commandment deals specifically with marital fidelity, yet it also speaks to every human relationship and vocation. In the light of Christ, we see that all love is meant to be pure, faithful, generous and fruitful. True love enables us to find ourselves by giving ourselves away. Hence, authentic love is always spousal, life-giving and self-sacrificing. The undying love of Christ that is the basis of marital fidelity is likewise reflected in the spousal love and spiritual parenthood that mark the vocations to priestly ministry and consecrated virginity. In the mystery of Christ and his love, we come to understand the full meaning of the gift of our human sexuality and the fidelity demanded by the marriage covenant. As men and women, body and spirit, we are called to love in ways that leave no room for lust or promiscuity. The command – "You shall not commit adultery" – is thus an invitation to live fully our original calling to that pure and faithful spousal love revealed in Jesus Christ.

Fr. David's Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Ned & Aileen O'Rourke; *Tuesday* – November Lists; *Wednesday* – November Lists; *Thursday* – Michael Bradley; Friday – November Lists; *Saturday* – November Lists; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

Fr. Stanislaus Chukwube CSSP

I am really pleased to let you know that another Spiritan priest, Fr. Stanislaus Chukwube CSSP, will be arriving to serve in our parishes this week for an undetermined period of time. Fr. Stanislaus is Nigerian by birth and comes to us from a teaching position at the Spiritan School of Philosophy in Isienu, Nigeria. He has worked in parishes in Nigeria, the USA, the Netherlands and Zimbabwe previously although he has been in teaching positions for the last 10 years. Fr. Stanislaus will bring a wonderful range of experiences to our parishes and I know you will make him very welcome.

SPRED Galloway Cordially invites you to their inaugural Black Tie Charity Ball

Saturday 9th March 2019, Dumfries Arms Hotel Cumnock, 6.30pm - 12.30am. Drinks Reception, followed by three course dinner inclusive of a glass of wine, tea, coffee & shortbread, dancing to live band "On the Edge", charity raffle & auction. Ticket price £35.00 per head. Return transport from Ayr, Girvan, Kilmarnock & Prestwick to the Dumfries Arms available. Dumfries Arms have rooms available at a competitive B&B Rate for attendees of the ball. For Further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01292-738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk

Volunteer needed for SPRED: Could you offer to support someone who has learning difficulties from this parish, on a MONDAY or THURSDAY evening? We meet in St. Margaret's Hall from 7-9pm. Contact SPRED Office 01292 738068 or Sr. Kathleen 01292 270408 for details.