

The Parish Communities of:

ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL

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Parish Bulletin

16th & 17th February 2019

Readings

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 1 Corinthians 15: 12.16-20
Luke 6: 17.20-26

Response

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the 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 February - 24th February

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

Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents:

These meetings take place in the Cathedral Hall at 6.30 p.m. First Eucharist - Wednesday March 13th.

Annual Mission Appeal: Each year every parish in Scotland has to host a Mission Appeal from a Religious Order or Congregation. This year we are hosting the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco and so Sr. Ella Flynn FMA will be with us at all Masses on the weekend of March 2nd/3rd to make the Appeal.

Kiltwalk Glasgow: If you would like to volunteer to join the SPRED Galloway team for the Glasgow Kiltwalk on Sunday 28th April 2019 please contact: info@spredgalloway.org.uk

Independent Review of the Leadership Culture and Safeguarding Practice within the Catholic Church in Scotland – Diocese of Galloway:

THERE IS AN UPDATED notice on the board about this review. The same notice is available on both the diocesan and parish websites and Facebook pages. The independent team can be contacted directly at learningtogether@scie.org.uk

Saturday Exposition and Benediction: The next Saturday Exposition and Benediction will take place on Saturday February 23rd from after Mass until Benediction at 5 p.m. The theme of the February prayer day is “The Victims of Violence”. Please sign up to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone – sheets are available at the back of each Church now.

Lenten Mass: During the Season of Lent there will be an additional Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday mornings at 8.15 a.m. While this is particularly focused on the schoolchildren, their parents and all who work in the town, everyone is welcome to use this Mass as part of their Lenten preparations. These Masses will take place on March 13th, 20th and 27th, and April 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1080.02; St. Paul's - £807.66; St. Francis Xavier's - £190.10.

World Day of Prayer: This will take place in St. Margaret's Cathedral on Friday 1st March at 2pm. All welcome.

Hospital: If you, or any member of your family are going into Ayr or Crosshouse Hospitals, and would like to receive a visit, and/or Holy Communion; please contact Deacon Bill Corbett (The R.C. Chaplain), on 01292 521208.

THINKING ABOUT DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD in

2019? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact your Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Martin Chambers (martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or e-mail Priests for Scotland (office@pfs.org.uk)

SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run: 4th May 2019, Strathclyde Country Park, 10am for 11am run start:

Let's unite to end poverty. Millions of people around the world continue to struggle to support themselves and their families because of extreme poverty, war and natural disasters. Your entry fee and sponsorship will help fund our life changing work. Every step you take will bring someone living in poverty a step closer to supporting themselves and living with dignity. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with family, friends or going solo, SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run can help raise money so the poorest can survive and thrive. Sign up online at www.sciaf.org.uk to show solidarity with people in need around the world.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Nolan will confer the Sacrament on approximately 40 children in the Cathedral on Thursday February 21st at 7 p.m. This is a very special evening for the children, their families and our schools. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration and it would be wonderful to have a good turnout of parishioners to show their support and offer their encouragement.

Foodbank: The Food Bank collections are taken on the 1st Weekend each month.

World Youth Day – Lisbon 2022: Please see the flyer for more information about the Fund we hope to set up to send three of our young people to this event.

Fairtrade Conference: A special morning about Fairtrade with workshops, talks and stalls takes place on 23rd February 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon in Prestwick South Church hall. All welcome.

SSVP

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 SSVP please contact 07413 397630.

Baptism Preparation Course: The next course for parents requesting Baptism for their children will take place in April. The parents of children requesting the Sacrament for their children between April and July need to attend.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019: Booking forms are now available – see Poster for further details.

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.

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

SSVP: Meeting in the hall on Monday at 6 p.m.

Saint Paul's

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

Mother & Toddler Group: The group meet on Tuesday morning at 10.30 a.m.

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

Tuesday Club: The group meet in the hall on Tuesday at 2.00 p.m. New members welcome.

Saint Francis Xavier's

Wednesday: There will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

Friday: The Holy Rosary is recited at 10 a.m. on Friday morning.

SPRED Galloway Black Tie Ball - Saturday 9th March 2019 - Dumfries Arms Hotel, Cumnock, 6.30pm - 00.30am. Drinks Reception followed by 3 course dinner, coffee & petit fours. Live Music & Dancing from 9pm. Fabulous Charity Auction & Raffle, with prizes including, 2 night stay in the Scottish Borders, signed Scotland Rugby Shirt and so much more. Ticket Price £35.00 per person, to purchase a ticket or for further information, please contact Helena or Janette on 01292 738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk

New Email Address for the Parishes

In line with the new GDPR regulations we have had to change our email address for the parishes. Our new address is: **rcayr@gallowaydiocese.org.uk** Please ONLY use THIS email address from now on. Our old address will be monitored for a couple of weeks and then switched off and we will have no further access to any messages that come through on it.

Galloway Diocese - Diocesan Coat of Arms

The Diocese Galloway is to be presented with a Coat of Arms by the Lord Lyon on Tuesday 26th February at a Liturgy to be held in St Margaret's Cathedral at 12 noon. All are invited to attend this service and the buffet afterwards.

Galloway had been the only Diocese in Scotland without Diocesan Arms. The Arms consist of the Kirkmadrine Cross in blue on a silver background. This cross dates from the sixth century. The motto, Te Dominum Laudamus (We praise you, Lord), is from the Latinus stone which is even earlier, perhaps dating from 450 AD.

Lent Retreat in Daily Life.

A retreat for Lent is being offered online, with weekly meetings on Sundays at 4.00pm in St Quivox Church, Prestwick starting on the 3rd March. Booklets will be available for those who prefer it in printed form.

For further information please log in to <http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent2019.html> or contact Eileen on 01292 267045

Welcome Leaflet

If you are new to the parish, leaflets are available at the back of the churches which give a brief history of the parishes, Mass times and other information which you may find helpful.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year ‘C’

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 1 Corinthians 15: 12.16-20

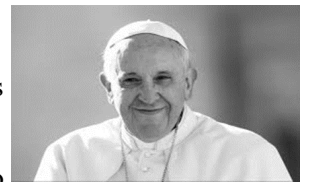
Luke 6: 17.20-26

Throughout our lives we must learn to trust in God. The very roots of our being should be deep into God; from which we draw our nourishment. As a result we can face whatever comes, no matter how terrible. It must be obvious that this kind of trust has to be built up over time. When we say in the Rite of Baptism that parents are the first teachers of their children, that is nothing more than a plain fact. Children, quite naturally, do look to their parents and take their lead from them. It is because they do this that parents have a responsibility not to let their children down. But parents cannot be alone in this. They are human and from time to time they will get things wrong. A Church is a great company of people who are committed to helping each other on their journey towards God, and we, all of us have a role to play in each others' education.

Just as children will learn wherever they spend time – not just with their parents, but at school, clubs, and so on, we learn to value where we spend our time and energy. If we do turn to the Lord, listen to him and act, we are learning the way of a disciple and happiness is ours. Indeed we have a duty to help those around us to look towards God. We have a duty to show them how to hunger for the Lord, how to realise that even though they feel inadequate and poor in spirit the kingdom will be theirs.

Words of Pope Francis

On Wednesday at the General Audience in the Vatican the Holy Father returned to his serious of catechesis on the Lord's Prayer. After the reading of Luke 10: 21-22 the Holy Father said:



Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our ongoing catechesis on the “Our Father”, let us continue to learn from Jesus how to pray as he taught. True prayer is made in the intimate depths of a heart visible only to God. It is a silent dialogue, like the glance between two people in love. Yet in this way the Christian does not forget the world, but rather brings its people and its needs into prayer. We notice the absence of the word “I” in the “Our Father”. Jesus teaches us instead to pray: “*your* kingdom come, *your* will be done”. The second half of the prayer then moves from “your” to “our”: “give us *our* daily bread; forgive us *our* trespasses”. This use of the plural shows that Christian prayer never asks bread for just one person, but always on behalf of others. In our prayer, then, do we open our hearts to the cry of others? We are all children of God, and at the end of our lives we will be judged on how we have loved. Not a sentimental love but one that is concrete and compassionate, as seen in God's word: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40).

Mass Intentions

I was asked recently, “*Why, when both you and Fr. Stan concelebrate Mass together, are there two different Mass intentions named on the bulletin?*” When you ask either of us to celebrate a Mass for an intention then each of us say our Mass for that intention - if there were 10 priests concelebrating then there could be ten different people being prayed for – one by each priest. Similarly when people come to Mass they are not all offering ‘their’ Mass for the ‘named’ intention, each will have their own intention at that Mass. That’s why we don’t name the person aloud at the Mass because they will not be the only person being prayed for that day.

When you ask us to say a Mass we undertake to do so, but we cannot guarantee that it will be said on the day you wish for a number of reasons. Perhaps there is a funeral that day, perhaps someone already asked for a Mass that particular day before you did, perhaps you didn’t give us enough notice and our Mass intentions are already published on the Newsletter or perhaps you wish the Mass to be said in a particular Church and there is no Mass in that Church on that day. Very occasionally, when we have been asked to say a lot of Masses, for example when someone dies, then Mass intentions may be given to priests in other parishes or a retired priest so that the Mass can be said reasonably soon after you request it – on these rare occasions the name will not appear on our Newsletter as neither myself nor Fr. Stan will be celebrating the Mass.

I hope this is understandable! Fr. D

Fr. David’s Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Marian Delaney; *Tuesday* – Lynn Burgess; *Wednesday* – Mary Hand; *Thursday* – Patrick Connelly;
Friday – Ned O’Neil; *Saturday* – Eddie Toher; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

Fr Stan’s Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Jenny O’Neil; *Tuesday* – Alex and Kristan Jamies; *Wednesday* – Alex Ratnam; *Thursday* – Sandra Wallace;
Friday – Peter Wood; *Saturday* – Kulandai Amma; *Sunday* – Marion Wood.