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Parish Bulletin

2nd & 3rd February 2019

Readings

Jeremiah 1: 4-5.17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13
Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 21-30

Response

My lips will tell of your help.

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
4th February - 10th 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
Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am (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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Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents: These meetings take place in the Cathedral Hall at 6.30 p.m. First Eucharist - Wednesday March 13th.

SPRED Speakers: At Masses THIS weekend in St. Margaret's and St. Paul's people will speak of the urgent need for more volunteers to help the SPRED groups in Ayr. Please consider seriously whether you could give a couple of hours each week.

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: Please read the 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.

Weekly Collections: Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1113.70; St. Paul's - £587.07; St. Francis Xavier's - £154.50.

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

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.

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)

The Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass will be held NEXT SUNDAY, February 10th, at 4pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. **The Hospitalité looks forward to welcoming you, if you wish to be anointed please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalité team on the day. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the hall and the Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité AGM.** Preceding Mass will be the pilgrimage volunteers sign-up and PVG session from 2pm - 3.30pm in the cathedral hall, if you wish to come to Lourdes as an adult helper please come along to find out more and complete applications.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th – 20th June 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Edinburgh, transfers in Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613. See Poster for further details.

"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

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.

Fr. David's Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Robert Miller; *Tuesday* – Hugh Haniney; *Wednesday* – Special intention; *Thursday* – Eileen Murray; *Friday* – Brian Halliday; *Saturday* – Special intention; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

Fr Stan's Mass intentions for this week:

Monday – Special intention; *Tuesday* – Special intention; *Wednesday* – Special intention; *Thursday* – Special intention; *Friday* – Special intention; *Saturday* – Special intention; *Sunday* – Special intention.

Saint Margaret's

Brian Halliday R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Halliday of Juniper Green who died recently. Brian's Funeral Mass will be on Friday February 8th at 10 a.m. and thereafter to Ayr Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

Edward 'Ned' O'Neil R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ned O'Neil of Westwood Crescent who died recently. Ned's Funeral Service will be in the Co-op Funeral Parlour at 1.15 p.m. on Tuesday February 12th and thereafter to Ayr Crematorium at 2 p.m. May he rest in peace.

Maureen Austin R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Austin of Springbank Road who died recently. Maureen's Funeral Service will take place at Ayr Crematorium on Wednesday February 13th at 2 p.m. May she rest in peace.

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

Annie Burnett R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Burnett of Snowdrop Square who died recently. Annie's Funeral Service will take place at Ayr Crematorium on Thursday February 14th at 2 p.m. May she rest in peace.

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.

Galloway YOUTH FOR LOURDES is 50!!!

This is the 50th anniversary year of our diocesan pilgrimage youth group. We are very proud of the many, many young people who have been part of this youth tradition in our Diocese. We are grateful too for the many wonderful leaders and chaplains who have and do serve the group to this day.

At the Mass for the Sick in the Cathedral on 10th February the youth will commemorate this anniversary by participating in all the ministries. If you are able to attend we look forward to seeing you then.

We have visited each of our 4 diocesan secondary schools to recruit for Youth for Lourdes 2019 and now we are hoping you will help us recruit in your parishes. We are looking for young people from s.4 in secondary school up to and including age 23 to come and join us as part of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. We depart on Sunday 30th June and return on Wednesday 10th July. The full cost is £685. Our next meeting is in St John's Church Hall, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock. KA18 1JU on Sunday 10th March from 3pm till 6pm. Come and join us then or contact us on teamyfl@yahoo.co.uk or call Fr Jim Hayes on 01387 252603 for more information or look us up on Facebook: Youth for Lourdes (Galloway).

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

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.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year 'C'

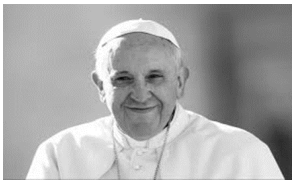
Jeremiah 1: 4-5.17-19 *1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13* *Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 21-30*

We continue this week at the point where we ended last Sunday – the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy in Christ's mission to the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, the downtrodden. But the initial amazement at his gracious words soon gave way to anger when Jesus told them that no prophet was received in his own country and they tried to throw him over the cliff.

There is often a violent reaction when we hear what we sometimes call home truths. It is not easy to receive, accept and acknowledge truth, especially about ourselves. I know I find it difficult not to refuse to go along with someone who tells me I don't like help, or that I always like to be right, or that I am over-critical of people. People do say these things and they are right, but it is hurtful just the same.

However, the well-known second reading taken mostly from St. Paul to the Corinthians (Chapter 13) leaves us in no doubt to the relative importance of faith, hope and love and spells out some of the things which love is and is not. Love is patient, love is kind, delights in the truth – is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. And it is not jealous, conceited, rude. selfish, and so on. And other things, such as prophecy, understanding of mysteries or giving away all we possess, are going to pass away and will be nothing if we do not possess love. We must, in fact, build on love and live on love and prophesy in love.

Words of Pope Francis



On Wednesday at the General Audience in the Vatican the Holy Father reflected upon his recent attendance to the World Youth Day celebration in Panama:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today I ask you to join me in thanking God for the graces he bestowed on the Church and on the people of Panama during my recent visit for World Youth Day. I thank the President and other authorities and particularly the volunteers for their warm welcome. The groups of people gathered there formed a great symphony of faces and languages typical of this event and the sight of the waving of so many flags was a prophetic sign that young Christians are a leaven of peace for the world. One of the elements of World Youth Day is always the *Way of the Cross*. In Panama, the youth carried with Jesus and Mary the suffering of many brothers and sisters in Central America and beyond, especially those affected by forms of slavery and poverty, and by HIV/Aids. At the Mass on Sunday the Risen Christ spoke afresh to young people, calling them to live the Gospel *today*, because they are the "today" of the Church and the world. Finally, the oil of Chrism used to consecrate the altar in the restored Cathedral in Panama, and which also anoints those being baptized, confirmed or ordained, enables families to draw life from the Holy Spirit so as to continue their pilgrimage throughout the world as young missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Get out of bed and out of your comfort zone!

SeAscape is teaming up with **Ayr United Football Club** to help raise awareness of poverty and homelessness in Ayrshire. Many fans dream of playing at Somerset Park's hallowed turf and now you have the chance to SLEEP on the famous pitch as part of SeAscape's fundraiser to highlight homelessness and poverty in South Ayrshire. For more information and to sign up go to: **www.somersetsleepout.org/**