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## Parish Bulletin

**6th/7th April 2019**

**Readings**

Isaiah 43: 16-21      Philippians 3: 8-14

John 8: 1-11

**Response**

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

**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**

**8th April - 14th April**

**Monday**

Mass in St Paul's at 10am

**Tuesday**

Mass in St Margaret's at 10am (Funeral)

**Wednesday**

Mass in St. Margaret's at 8.15am

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

**SCIAF EMERGENCY APPEAL:** SCIAF have launched an emergency appeal for the victims of the terrible cyclone in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Donations can be made online at [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk), by telephone on 0141 354 5555, by post to SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow G3 6BE, or by handing your offering in an envelope marked 'SCIAF Cyclone' to one of our priests or into the parish office. Please note that all cheques should be made payable to SCIAF. Please hand any donations in to your parish by next Sunday (April 14th) so that we can send any monies received to SCIAF before Easter. Thank you.

**Lenten Penitential Service in Prestwick:** Will take place in St. Quivox Church on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Lenten Course:** As a part of our preparation for Easter we are presenting a Cafe Course "Catholics Listening to God". It will take place on Tuesday mornings in St. Margaret's Hall after Mass and the Rosary.

**Lenten Mass:** Wednesday mornings at 8.15 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross:** These will be celebrated in St. Margaret's and St. Paul's on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Lent and in St. Francis Xavier's after the Wednesday morning Service

**Solemn Evening Prayer in Lent:** There will be Solemn Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 6 p.m. **TONIGHT**, Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a beautiful liturgy and I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along and experience this ancient form of the Church's liturgy during Lent.

**SCIAF Climate Change Cards:** SCIAF have asked that you complete the Climate Change Card contained within your Lenten Pack and return it to them as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Weekly Collections:** Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £1192.98; St. Paul's - £935.82; St. Francis Xavier's - £152.15.  
SCIAF: St. Margaret's £2082.05; St. Paul's £517.80; St. Francis Xavier's £190.30.

**Amnesty International:** Ayr Group of Amnesty International offer a public meeting on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Fullarton St., Ayr.

**Baptism Preparation Course:** The next course for parents requesting Baptism for their children will take place today, Sunday 7th April at 4pm in St Margaret's Hall. The parents of children requesting the Sacrament for their children between April and July need to attend.

**Palm Sunday:** The new Palms will be blessed and distributed next Sunday at all Masses. Please bring your Palms from last year back to your Church so that they can then be burned and the ash created used next year on Ash Wednesday. There will be a box at the back of each Church to receive your old palms.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul:** Bishop Nolan will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turkey from October 10th - 17th 2019, visiting the sites of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. Flights are direct from Glasgow and bookings are now being accepted. Further information and Booking Forms can be obtained from Fr. David Borland. This is the first time the Diocese has offered a pilgrimage to these destinations. Bookings and Deposits need to be made by Easter.

**World Youth Day – Lisbon 2022:** The 'sign-up' cards to enable you to take part in the fundraising effort to send three of our young people to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2022 are now available at the back of each Church. If you would like to take part then please take a card, complete it, and return it to the Church and a set of envelopes will be issued for you to use. Thank you.

**Charity Concert:** In aid of Crossroads (South Ayrshire) Care attendant scheme. A song, A Sip, A Pie or a Quiche on Friday 26th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church Hall. Tickets £12 available from Crossroads Office 671331, Frank Ward 267539 or online via PayPal events. [Crossroads-sa.org.uk](http://Crossroads-sa.org.uk). Bring your own bottle! See posters for more information.

**Saturday Exposition and Benediction:** The next Saturday Exposition and Benediction will take place on Saturday April 27th from after Mass until Benediction at 5 p.m. The theme of the April prayer day is "Mothers". Please sign up to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone – sheets will be available at the back of each Church from next weekend.

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

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

**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.

## Saint Margaret's

**Primo Salotti R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Primo Salotti who died on Tuesday. Primo's body will be brought to the Church on Monday April 8th at 6 p.m. and the funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday April 9th at 10a.m. Thereafter to the Crematorium. May he 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.

**Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:** The rota for Holy Week and Easter is available in the Sacristy.

## Saint Paul's

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

**Church Hall:** Please note the hall will be closed for another two weeks as we are having it painted and the floor cleaned and re-sealed. No access through the hall during this time.

**Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:** The availability sheet for Holy Week and Easter is available in the Sacristy.

## 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.

**Congratulations to the Rooney's!** Congratulations Jimmy, Mark and Francis you've only got yourself in the Scottish Catholic Observer for your gifts of your book to Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict. All physical copies of the book are now sold but a digital copy can be obtained by email. [rccdvbook@gmail.com](mailto:rccdvbook@gmail.com)

### 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.**

## Visits to the Cathedral

We have two very important visitors coming to the Cathedral this year. A Statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen and the Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux!

The Statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen, our unbroken link with Pre-Reformation Scotland, is visiting all eight Catholic Cathedrals in Scotland as part of a programme of Prayer for the conversion of our country. The image of Our Lady of Aberdeen has now become widely recognised as our Scottish National Image of Our Lady and it will be coming to Ayr on Tuesday May 7th at 11 a.m. and remain with us for the whole month. While the statue is with us we will celebrate May Devotions on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and we will say a Prayer for the Conversion of Scotland at the end of all weekday and weekend Masses in St. Margaret's.

The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be coming to Scotland in September and will be in our Diocese from Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> until Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> – they will be welcomed to St. Margaret's Cathedral on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and remain with us until the 3<sup>rd</sup> when they will be transferred to Dumfries. A spiritual programme is being put together now and we hope that many people from across the Diocese will come and pray before the relics. This will be a very special time of grace for our Diocese.

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

*Monday* – Breige Mulholland; *Tuesday* – Primo Salotti; *Wednesday* – Mike Molony; *Thursday* – Silvana Zani;  
*Friday* – Hugh and Betty McHugh; *Saturday* – Special intention; *Sunday* – for the parishes.

### **Fr Stan's Mass intentions for this week:**

*Monday* – Special intention; *Tuesday* – Special intention; *Wednesday* – Primo Salotti; *Thursday* – Stephen O'Boyle;  
*Friday* – Special intention; *Saturday* – Special intention; *Sunday* – Special intention.

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Year ‘C’

*Isaiah 43: 16-21*

*Philippians 3: 8-14*

*John 8: 1-11*

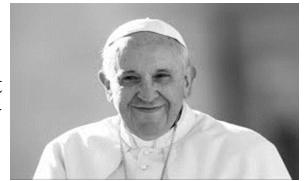
Our continuing theme of ‘Repent and Believe the Good News’ shows us today the attitude of Jesus Christ when he is faced with sin and a sinner! His question to the lady taken in adultery is simple: ‘Is there anyone who condemns you?’ And those who were condemning had disappeared. Perhaps one reason for this was that Jesus had previously suggested to those who were condemning the lady to stoning to death: ‘He who is without sin, let him throw the first stone.’ And, of course, none of them were without sin!

Well, there is none of us without sin, is there? (Note – there is a catch here! If I say I am without sin, I am most probably guilty on the sin of pride!) But what we are communally at fault is in condemning other people in our minds, in our conversation – our gossiping. As we come close to Holy Week and Jesus being unjustly condemned, can we try to be a little less sure in our condemnation – a little more sure that there will be those who have put condemnation to one side? These may also have opened their minds and pledged not to think and talk against our neighbours. That may be another thing we need to confess when we go along before Easter!

Anyhow, plod on in your Lenten work. We are almost at Holy Week now, and the more we can be clear about God’s mercy, love and forgiveness – the more we are likely to accept forgiveness, forgive others and lead them back to the one who says – ‘I do not condemn you’!

## Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audience on Wednesday in St Peter’s Square Pope Francis reflected upon his recent Apostolic Journey to Morocco. After the reading of Matthew 13:33 in various languages the Holy Father continued:



Dear Brothers and Sisters: Last Saturday and Sunday I completed an Apostolic Journey to Morocco, and I thank His Majesty King Mohammed VI and the other authorities, for their warm welcome. Above all I thank the Lord for allowing me to take yet another step along the road of dialogue and encounter with our Muslim brothers and sisters, as a “Servant of hope” in today’s world. To serve hope in our day is to build bridges between cultures, and it was a joy and honour for me to be able to do this in the noble Kingdom of Morocco, meeting both its people and its political leaders. King Mohammed and I reiterated the essential role religions have in defending human dignity, promoting peace and justice, and in caring for creation, our common home. The question of migration was of particular importance and I was able to thank the Church in Morocco for its commitment towards migrants, and to encourage those who give generous service in realizing the words of Christ: “When I was a stranger you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35). After greeting priests, religious, consecrated men and women and the Ecumenical Council of Churches, thousands gathered for the Sunday Mass, where the parable of the prodigal son spoke to us of the beauty of God’s plan of forgiveness and reconciliation. Indeed, knowing our need of God’s mercy is vital, for only those who have been reborn and live in the Father’s embrace, can be servants of hope for our world.

## Next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday began with Jesus and His disciples travelling over the Mount of Olives. The Lord sent two disciples ahead into the village of Bethphage to find an animal to ride. They found the unbroken colt of a donkey, just as Jesus had said they would (Lk 19:29-30). When they untied the colt, the owners began to question them. The disciples responded with the answer Jesus had provided: “The Lord needs it” (Lk 19:31-34). Amazingly, the owners were satisfied with that answer and let the disciples go. “They brought [the donkey to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it” (Lk 19:35).

As Jesus ascended toward Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered round Him. This crowd understood that Jesus was the Messiah; what they did not understand was that it wasn’t time to set up the kingdom yet - although Jesus had tried to tell them so (Lk 19:11-12). The crowd’s actions along the road give rise to the name “Palm Sunday”: “A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road” (Mt 21:8). In strewing their cloaks on the road, the people were giving Jesus the royal treatment - King Jehu was given similar honour at his coronation (2 Kings 9:13). John records the detail that the branches they cut were from palm trees (Jn 12:13).

On that first Palm Sunday, the people also honoured Jesus verbally: “The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’/‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’/‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’” (Mt 21:9). In their praise of Jesus, the Jewish crowds were quoting Psalm 118:25-26, an acknowledged prophecy of the Christ. The allusion to a Messianic psalm drew resentment from the religious leaders present: “Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples!’” (Lk 19:39). However, Jesus saw no need to rebuke those who told the truth. He replied, “I tell you . . . if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out” (Lk 19:40).

**Christus vivit:** Pope Francis has issued his Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People and the Entire People of God, “Christus vivit”, his document resulting from the Synod for Young People held at the Vatican last year. The document can be read at the following address, and the link is available on our Facebook page. [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2019/4/2/christus-vivit.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2019/4/2/christus-vivit.html)