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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5.00pm;

Sunday: 9.45am (Usus Antiquior 1962 Missal); 11.00am

Confessions: after Masses on Saturday and any time on request

Weekday Masses (Monday–Saturday) at 10am

A parish in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Glasgow Registered Charity Number SC018140

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2020 ✠ 29th ORDINARY SUNDAY YEAR A

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November we remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We join with the whole Church, aware that we have all been touched by grief and loss and continue to miss our loved ones who have died. However, as disciples of Jesus, we believe that those who have died believing in Christ will be welcomed into the company of the saints and come to share in the glory of the resurrection. Although we are afflicted by the pain that comes from no longer having the companionship here on earth of our deceased relatives and friends, we are consoled by the belief that one day we will be reunited in God's presence. Death brings a sense of helplessness and the power of death is overwhelming but our faith assures us that we are not helpless, for the power of prayer and the love that inspires us to pray for the dead is stronger than death. We have been given the ability to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory so that far from being helpless, our petitions are welcomed by God who is aware of our love and releases those for whom we pray from Purgatory and leads them to the place which has been prepared for them in heaven. We are united during November by a shared sense of loss but also by our shared hope in the resurrection. The Mass, which is the greatest prayer of all, offered along with our own prayers for the dead, commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus the share that all the baptised have in his resurrection through the sacrifice of Calvary, which is renewed every time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered. The November Lists, which are now available, allow us to unite our prayers in Mass for the eternal rest of all the faithful departed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS COMPLIANCE WITH THE COVID-19 CONTAINMENT MEASURES

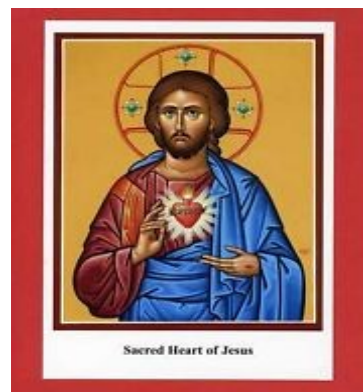
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NORMAL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ADVICE.



2020-Year of Laudato Si-2021
Care of our Common Home

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in thee!

THE HEART
OF BRIDGETON AND DALMARNOCK



THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS IS REQUESTED FOR:

THE SICK, especially Mary Reilly, John Reilly, Mary McMahan, May Lamont, Maria MacDonald, Margaret Sommerville, Sheila McGee, John Crossan, Charlie Crossan, Elizabeth Ward, Kathy Lamont, Patrick McMullen.

ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED especially William Ward, Liz Harvey and all those who have died recently, and for James McCabe and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

THIS WEEK

Thursday 22nd October St Pope John Paul II

COLLECTIONS, PARISH BANK DETAILS AND “MYGIVING” PLATFORM

If you are bringing your weekly offering with you to the church this weekend please leave it in the baskets provided—one is for the first collection and the other is for the second collection. No collections will be taken up during Mass to ensure social distancing is observed and unnecessary contact is avoided.

Thank you to all those who have found ways of continuing to provide financial support to the parish during this time when our regular source of income through the collections at Sunday Mass has not been possible. If you are not already doing so, you can transfer your offering directly into the parish bank account. Clydesdale Bank, 30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2HL, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Glasgow— Sacred Heart Bridgeton Sort Code 82-48-08 Account 70487142. If you wish to GiftAid your offering, please keep a note of what you give and let the parish know when that becomes possible. Thank you to all those who took advantage of the church being opened last Sunday to hand in collection money or make donations. If you wish to make an additional contribution to the parish at this time please do so using the bank details above. Alternatively, you can use a new online facility which has been set up through the Archdiocese at **MyGiving**. You can make a donation to Sacred Heart, Bridgeton by following the link at the webpage of the Archdiocese of Glasgow (www.rcag.org.uk) and using the dropdown menu to find Sacred Heart Bridgeton. Fill out your details and indicate the amount you want to give, either as a one-off payment or more regularly. You can also GiftAid your offering. You may prefer simply to bring your offering with you when you visit the church.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support, especially during this time when many people are struggling simply to make ends meet.

THE YEAR OF LAUDATO SI—MAY 24th 2020—MAY 24th 2021

Pope Francis has appealed to the whole Church and all people of goodwill to mark the fifth anniversary of the publication of the encyclical letter *Laudato Si* to take part in this special year long programme to redouble our efforts *to take care of our common home and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters*. (For the Pope’s prayer and more information see www.vatican.va)

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TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

At the heart of the life of the Church is the mission entrusted to her by Jesus himself to bring the Good News to all nations, baptising them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In his message for this year's Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says, "*The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures.*" This year the Catholics of Scotland are being asked to offer their support to our brothers and sisters in Peru who are facing the ravages of Covid-19 in a very acute way because of the poverty they already face. The second collection today is the annual Mission Sunday collection, so please be generous or if you wish to donate directly you can do so online at www.missioscotland.com or by calling 01236 449774 or donate £3 by texting MISSIOSCOT to 70085. If you wish to find out more about the work of Missio Scotland and the Pontifical Mission Societies or would like to support this work by taking out life, or ordinary membership, please visit the website: www.missioscotland.com.

REMINDER TO HELP EVERYONE CONTINUE TO KEEP SAFE AND HEALTHY

1. The infection control protocols we have been following diligently have worked to keep people safe when they come to church for Mass.
2. Volunteers stewards and church cleaners have been exemplary in their efforts to ensure that we are providing a safe environment in our church building. Without them it would not have been possible to re-open the church at all. So we owe them a deep debt or gratitude.
3. As the COVID-19 rate of infection begins to speed up again, EVERYONE needs to take the highest level of precautions to keep themselves and others safe - hand sanitising, wearing face coverings, keeping 2 metres apart from others at all times in church, **staying away from church if displaying symptoms.**
4. Even with all these measures, it is possible that, if infection rates continue to rise at current speeds, the Scottish Government might ask places of worship to close down again.
- 5 Let us all work and pray that this will be avoided. During the month of October, we should ask Our Lady to intercede for us, joining her prayers to ours for everyone's continuing safety and good health.

It is imperative that we do not become careless or complacent and drop our guard

OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



Although it has not been possible to have public October Devotions, we are still encouraged to pray the Rosary at home, on our own or with our family. The Mysteries of the Rosary help us to contemplate and learn to follow Mary's obedience to the will of God and to deepen our appreciation of her closeness to her Divine Son as he won salvation for the world through his life, passion, death and resurrection.

REQUESTING THAT THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR YOUR INTENTION

To support the parish, for an offering of £10, you may request that the name of a loved one or some other person or intention be associated with the sanctuary lamp as it burns before the Blessed Sacrament. Donations have been received asking prayers for the intentions of Agnes McCabe.

(Please Note: sanctuary lamp donations are not Mass offerings.)

SAFEGUARDING: KEEPING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK SAFE

If you have any concerns speak to or contact Mgr Conroy, Gerry Whiteside or Irene McIntosh (0141 554 0806 or 07735037905) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Office (0141 226 5898).

*18th October
Mission Sunday 2020*

29th ORDINARY SUNDAY 2020 YEAR A
(Year A The Year of Matthew)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1; 4-6 *“I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.”*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95 *“Give the Lord glory and power.”*

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 1:1—5 *“We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.”*

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15—21 *“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.”*

SHORT REFLECTION

The Mystery of the Cross, which lies at the very heart of our Catholic faith, has made it possible for Christians across the centuries to persevere, even in the face of persecution, putting their trust in God as Lord of History. Since the earliest times civil authorities have often been hostile to the faith and sought to destroy it. Yet even in the midst of this hostility and the effort to destroy the Church, the disciples of Jesus were able to find hope—that just as he turned the horror of the Cross into the means of our salvation, so in the many trials and sufferings endured across the centuries, God transforms human wickedness and sinfulness into a channel of grace. The first reading describes how in the Old Testament, while the People of Israel were facing exile and suffering, God chose to work through a pagan king to bring about the liberation of his people. Someone who might have been expected to be an enemy of the people became a friend and an instrument of God’s saving love. In a similar vein, Jesus in the Gospel refuses to be drawn into the political squabbles of the time and warns his questioners not to set up an opposition between God and the government to try to trap him. We know from other places in the gospels that Jesus did not remain silent when he came across injustice and wrongdoing so he is not teaching that we should be unconcerned and just stand by without saying anything when we see something wrong happening. But in deciding how to conduct ourselves we have to give God first place. When we are faced with a choice between doing what the state demands and doing what God commands we are always obliged to follow the commands of God. This week we will celebrate the feast of Saint Pope John Paul II, who stood firm against the power of the Soviet Union when it challenged the authority of God and by peacefully resisting those ideas and actions which refused to give back to God what belongs to God, eventually inspired a movement which brought freedom from oppression. History, however, teaches us that unless we give God what belongs to him, when we are set free from one form of oppression we can easily slip into new and different forms of slavery. We might well escape oppression by the state but find ourselves enslaved by money or selfish ambition or greed. Only God has the power to set us truly free and we will only be truly free if we submit to God’s will for us, which is that we be liberated from sin and death. In the second reading, writing to the early Christians at Thessalonica, St Paul refers to the transformation that has been achieved in them through their acceptance of the Good News and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This transformation has come about because they have been set free from the limitations of this world and led into the infinite freedom of the kingdom of heaven. This is possible for us too when we give to God what belongs to God and live above and beyond the law by the power of the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you to the members of the Altar Society for their recent kind and welcome donation. The society helps to ensure that the sanctuary is able to be maintained in a fitting and dignified way through their regular financial support. New members are always welcome and if you want to know more please speak to Monsignor Conroy.

NEXT PLANNED OPENING OF THE CHURCH:
SUNDAY 25th October, 10am—12 noon—MASS AT 11am