

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART BRIDGETON GLASGOW

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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 3rd MAY 2015 ✦ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

GENERAL ELECTION 2015

You are strongly encouraged to use your vote on Thursday at the General Election. In making your decision on how to vote, please bear in mind the main points highlighted by the Bishops of Scotland in their recent pre-election statement. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten us and give us all the wisdom to make a good choice. The statement from the bishops can be found on the website of the Scottish Catholic Media Office at www.scmo.org. The issues highlighted by the Bishops were: the sanctity of human life from its beginning to its natural end; marriage and the family; justice and fairness in economic policies; freedom of conscience and religious freedom; peace and an end to nuclear weapons; upholding the values of the Gospel in public life. Please remember to vote this Thursday.

SCIAF NEPAL DISASTER APPEAL—NEXT SUNDAY

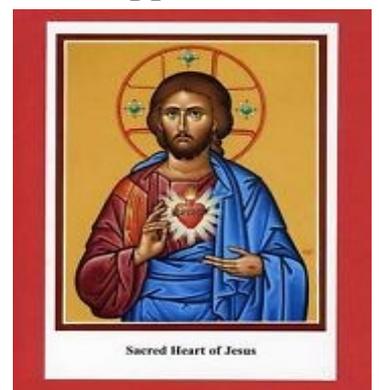
The Bishops have asked for your support for SCIAF's emergency disaster appeal. The second collection next weekend will give us an opportunity to do what we can to assist those who are in such dire need of any help we can offer. Anything you give will be forwarded to SCIAF's sister agency Caritas Nepal to provide direct help in the region. A copy of a letter from Bishop Toal inviting your support has been posted on the noticeboard. He acknowledges your generosity during the recent SCIAF Lenten campaign but asks you now to consider the plight which has so unexpectedly and so devastatingly afflicted the people of Nepal. Visit SCIAF's website.

**Confessions after the 10.00am & 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday & any time on request.
Rosary each morning beginning 20 minutes before Mass. Holy Hour or Devotions: Thursday at 7.00pm when announced. To arrange Marriages, Baptisms or for other enquiries please see Monsignor Conroy after Mass or 'phone the Parish to make an appointment.**



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:

ALL THE SICK and especially for

Lawrence Devenney, Maria Biello, Mary McCabe, Edward Devine, Maria Devine, Anna Bain, Maureen Monaghan, Ian Rankin, Mary Reilly, Ann Shields, Sr. Gabrielle, James McFadyen, Rosaleen Young, Vera Doherty, Margaret Ann Reilly, Nicoletta Stephens, Rose Ross, Rena McGlynn, Celia Spiers, Michael Duffy.

ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, especially Alice Law and for all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries are at this time.

THIS WEEK

There are no Feast Days or other celebrations of the Saints this Week

PLEASE NOTE THAT THURSDAY 14th MAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—Masses are at 10am and 7pm

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

FIRST COLLECTION £446.42

SECOND COLLECTION £313.33 (Ecclesiastical Students fund)

The Second Collection this week is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund

The second collection next week is in response to the SCIAF Nepal disaster relief fund.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

The new GiftAid envelopes for the next year will shortly be available. If you are a tax payer and haven't signed up yet, please do so. Weekly collection envelopes can be provided for anyone who wants to be in the Gift Aid scheme. You can also make your offering by Standing Order. Please ask. It's easy to GiftAid and a great benefit to the parish.

Collection envelopes for the coming year are now available for those who have signed up to the **GiftAid** scheme. Please collect your set. If you are a taxpayer and don't yet GiftAid what you give please think about doing so. It's so easy for you and a great help to the parish.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS—ART FROM THE HOLY LAND

I have been asked to pass on the gratitude of George from Bethlehem Art for the concern showed towards the Christian families still living in Bethlehem and the Holy Land and for the support shown by those who purchased items from the exhibition and in that way provided support.

NIGHT FEVER GLASGOW—ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, ROSE STREET

“NightFever” is a night of prayer and evangelisation. Mass at 5.45 followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the city centre from 7-11pm. For further information and future dates visit the website: www.glasgow.nightfever.org

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray and work to build a culture of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Could God be calling you to the Priesthood? Contact Fr Ross Campbell 0141 339 4315 or Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Please remember that May is a month of special devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Each morning the Rosary is recited before the 10am Mass, beginning at 9.40am. If you cannot come along to the church for the Rosary you might think of making a special effort during May to say the Rosary privately. Why not set up a May altar in your home in honour of our Blessed Mother?

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 17—24 JULY 2015

Bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours office, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Tel. 0141 530 5060 www.joewalstours.co.uk. Cost for travel, accommodation, full board £719—£779 (depending on hotel choice). Pilgrims wishing to travel as a registered sick pilgrim should obtain an application form from Agnes Findlay, 5 Crofthead Drive, Lennoxton, Glasgow G66 7HP Tel. 01360 312676. Closing date for sick pilgrim applications is 25th March.

ST JUDE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE OVERLAND 24—31 MAY 2015

Travel by coach to Lourdes (no overnight stops). Price of £310 includes travel, food and refreshments on coach, full board in the Hotel. Further details on the noticeboard. Contact details for full information on the poster or contact Margaret McElroy on 0141 673 9923. Limited availability.

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society are hosting a Charity Ball in Glasgow on 19th September to celebrate their 60th Anniversary and raise funds for post-adoption services. If you wish to purchase tickets or can support or assist with the raffle, the auction or sponsorship or would like further information please contact Joanne Hearl on 0141 332 8371 or email joanne@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

REQUESTING THAT THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR YOUR INTENTION

As a mark of support for 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 marking the first anniversary of Frank Lyons and requesting prayers for the intentions of Agnes McCabe. (Please note: sanctuary lamp donations are not Mass offerings.)

SHROUD OF TURIN PILGRIMAGE

A chance to see shroud of Turin next year when it will be exposed is being offered through the Archdiocese: 5pm on Friday, 5th June in Turin. To register your interest call Ronnie Convery 0141 226 5898 or email Ronnie.Convery@rcag.org.uk. Make your own travel and accommodation arrangements to suit your own needs and join up with the Archbishop at the shrine.

Visit the **PARISH WEBSITE** at <http://www.corjesu.co.uk> Link from "News" to the weekly bulletin. Follow us on Facebook. Email bulletin notices to: SacredHeart@rcag.org.uk

REMEMBER—THE CATHOLIC PAPERS ARE ON SALE

The Scottish Catholic Observer is on sale now! Read about the hopes Pope Francis has for next year's Jubilee Year of Mercy.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FROM GLASGOW

Archbishop Emeritus Conti will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 2nd—10th November 2015. See the brochure or email info@special-pilgrimages.co.uk for details. Cost £1.080.

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 contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team 0141 226 5898.

NOTICES FOR INCLUSION IN THE BULLETIN: BY THURSDAY EVENING, PLEASE

VISIT THE WEBSITE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW: www.rcag.org.uk

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND: www.bpsconfscot.com

REMEMBER—YOU CAN READ THE BULLETIN EVERY WEEK ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

PARISH WEBSITE: www.corjesu.co.uk Follow us on Facebook too!

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: SacredHeart@rcag.org.uk

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B The Year of Mark)

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 9: 26—31 *“Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.”*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 21 *“You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.”*

SECOND READING

I John 3: 18—24 *“His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.”*

GOSPEL

John 15: 1—8 *“Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.”*

SHORT REFLECTION

At this time of the year we can see nature coming alive all around us. The blossoms and buds are appearing on the trees; the grass is growing; plants and flowers are beginning to flourish; the lambs and calves are already grazing in the fields and on the mountainsides. We see a connect-edness which demonstrates a wonderful energy and speaks of new life everywhere. Jesus takes one image from this revival of nature and applies it to his relationship with us. He is the vine and we are the branches. The branches grow out from the vine, drawing life and nourishment; coming into leaf and producing fruit. Like a branch of the vine, we are given life and receive nourishment from Jesus. Risen from the dead, Jesus shares with us the everlasting life which is the fruit of his victory over sin and death. He nourishes us from his own body and with his own blood. The sign that we are alive with the life he gives to us is the word by which we live. The word he speaks to us is a word that makes us fruitful in all that we do. Our fruitfulness is seen in the ability we have to be channels to others of the life we receive from Jesus. We are like branches from which other branches can grow and come to life and through us the life which Jesus gives is passed on to others. If we separate ourselves from Jesus we cut ourselves off from the source of our life. By remaining part of him, however, we are his disciples and can enjoy the abundance of life which flows from him into us and through us into the world around us, transforming all life into the life of the Risen Christ.

SCIAF WEE BOXES

Please return any remaining SCIAF Wee Boxes so your contributions can be counted and the money returned to SCIAF. Remember this year for every pound you give the Government will match it by giving £1 in support of SCIAF's work. A cheque has been sent to SCIAF, which includes the proceeds of the second collection on the 4th Sunday of Lent and the Wee Boxes.

Please remember that next weekend the second collection will be taken up to give you an opportunity to contribute to the SCIAF Nepal disaster relief fund.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to the Altar Society for their recent donation. The Society makes regular contributions to assist with the upkeep and decoration of the sanctuary. To join, speak to Kathy Lamont.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW ECUMENICAL COMMISSION

The annual Friends of Ecumenism meeting will take place on Thursday, 21st May at 7pm in the Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street (refreshments available from 6.30pm). Alistair Dutton, Director of SCIAF will speak about SCIAF's ongoing contribution to ecumenical discussions in this its 50th anniversary year.