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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 17th FEBRUARY 2019 ✱ SIXTH ORDINARY SUNDAY YEAR C

LENT

Lent begins later than might be expected this year but now might be a good time to begin thinking how we hope to benefit from this time of grace. Ash Wednesday is on the 6th March and marks the beginning of the six weeks of preparation for the celebration of Holy Week, the Easter Triduum and Easter. We might be considering doing something for Lent but it is worth remembering the words of Scripture, when God says, “What I want is love, not sacrifice!” Of course love always demands sacrifice but if our sacrifices are to bear fruit they have to be Expressions of our love for God and our neighbour.

ONLINE LENT RETREAT: “WALKING TOGETHER WITH JESUS”

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow: Online Lent Retreat - “Walking Together With Jesus”. For more information please visit www.lentretreat.uk . Also being offered are individually guided residential retreats, which are suitable for priests, deacons, religious or lay people. Retreats are available from 3 to 30 days in Scotland, Ireland, England and Spain at times suitable for Scottish holidays. For more information visit www.iscglasgow.co.uk/retreats.html

St Aloysius’ Garnethill: RCSM Scottish Voices, part of the worldwide Royal School of Church Music, draws together some of the most accomplished and experienced church musicians across Scotland. A sung vigil Mass will take place at St Aloysius’ Church, 25 Rose Street, Garnethill, Glasgow G3 6RE, on Saturday 23rd February at 5.45pm.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEKEND

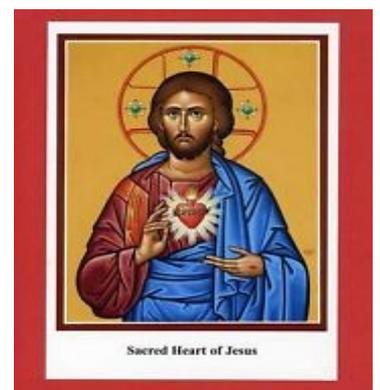
Confessions after the 10.00am & 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday & any time on request. Rosary each morning beginning 20 minutes before Mass. Holy Hour or Devotions: Thursday at 7.00pm when announced. To arrange Marriages, Baptisms or for other enquiries please see Monsignor Conroy after Mass or ‘phone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



Year C The Year of St Luke

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, Vera Hunter, Ann Shields, June Frame, Mary McMahon, William Murdoch and May Lamont.

Please see the notice in this bulletin explaining how to have the names of the sick included in the bulletin. Forms are available at the back of the church.

ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED especially William Collum, James McCabe, Marjory Rafferty, Brigid Patten and all those who have died recently and May McCabe and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

THIS WEEK

Friday 22nd February Chair of St Peter

Saturday 23rd St Polycarp

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

FIRST COLLECTION £409.23

SECOND COLLECTION £301.47 (Parish Building and Maintenance)

Thank you!

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund
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PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS AND GIFTAID

Thank you for your support if you are part of the GiftAid scheme—the government (HMRC) gives back to the parish the tax you have paid on what you give.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW YOUTH

RCAG Youth Trip: Life Teen Summer Camp, Alton Castle: In S1, S2 or S3? Join RCAG Youth on this 5-day programme of faith-filled fun: Holy Mass, prayer, games, activities, Alton Towers & SO MUCH MORE! 4 – 8th August 2019, £350, limited places, contact youth@rcag.org.uk for more info. Check out this video from last year's Summer Camp: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYEeV5OgcpE>

20-40 NETWORK

20-40 Network Drinks Night: Aged 20-40? Fancy joining us for a drink? We are meeting at 8pm on Saturday 2nd March at the Counting House pub on George Square for a few drinks and would love it if you could join us. We've got a small room booked, so no need to worry about getting a seat! Email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one. All the money raised will go towards Marys Meals.

THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS—CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDER

The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) in St Columba of Iona Parish would like to invite you to celebrate with us the Feast of Our co-founder Venerable Francis Mary Paul Libermann CSSp and Blessed Daniel Brottier CSSp on Saturday the 23rd of February 2019 at St Columba's Church, 74 Hopehill Road, G20 7HH. The programme begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm, followed by Rosary, Prayers and Talk, Benediction and the Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4.30pm. There will be the veneration of relics of Blessed Daniel Brottier after Mass.

PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR POSTERS GIVING INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

GIFT AID AND WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

We will soon be preparing and distributing the Gift Aid envelopes for the coming year.

If you are a tax payer, including tax paid on retirement or state pensions, and haven't signed up for the GiftAid scheme yet, please consider doing so. Weekly collection envelopes can be provided for anyone who wants to be in the GiftAid scheme. You can also make your offering by Standing Order. Please ask. Through the GiftAid scheme the government allows the parish to reclaim the tax you have paid on what you give to the parish in your offerings.

It's easy to GiftAid, it costs you nothing extra and is a great benefit to the parish. Why not ask for more information and sign up today?

As you will be aware from your own domestic expenses how the cost of many essentials has increased during the past year. The parish needs to meet these costs to heat and light the church and house. If at all possible, you are respectfully asked to consider whether you might be able to increase what you give—a £1 increase in both the first and second collections is the price of a weekly lottery ticket but would be a great boost if all those who are able to do so were to increase their level of giving. It would be even more helpful if you are a taxpayer and can GiftAid your offerings.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We have two candidates who are preparing for Baptism at Easter here in Sacred Heart. There has been a break in our preparation meetings over Christmas and during my absence but these are beginning again this week and leading up to the start of Lent will be an important time for all those involved. When we refer to all those involved in reality we mean everyone in the parish because we are all asked to support with our prayers and quiet encouragement those who are preparing to take this important step in their life.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Will you come and pray one hour with us each week this Lent to pray for a culture of life in Scotland? 40 Days for Life is a growing grassroots prolife lay movement which seeks to replace the culture of death with a culture of life. 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the implementation of abortion in the UK. During this time the UK has aborted 9 million babies. Half a million of these babies have been Scottish children (Source: ISD Online) Abortion is the leading individual cause of death around the world. In his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (Gospel of Life) Pope St John Paul II wrote 'To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every man' EV para 42 'What is urgently called for is a general mobilisation of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life: EV para 95. To join the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil email Ogilvie2019@outlook.com . 40 Days for Life stands in prayerful solidarity with all of the women, men and children whose lives have been damaged/taken by abortion.

POPE FRANCIS—A MAN OF HIS WORD AND BAKHITA—FROM SLAVE TO SAINT

Hope is the Universal message. Follow Pope Francis as he travels the world speaking to those in need and delivering a message of hope. St Helen's Church, 32 Langside Avenue, G41 2QS on 26th February at 7.15pm for prayers, followed by the film. Tickets cost £5 and are available from St Helen's. Alternatively, you can view the film on 25th February at 7.30pm at The Vue Cinema, Provan Road, G34 9DL. Tickets £10 from www.eventbrite.co.uk or from Pauline Books and Media, Glasgow.

Bakhita from Slave to Saint: A great opportunity to learn more about the life of St. Bakhita— a most inspiring saint's story! It's also an opportunity to help young people preparing for Mission experience in Uganda. The Sisters of St Peter Claver and the Spiritans along with Missio Scotland are offering young people a truly transformative and faith filled experience to help them grow in love of God and the missions. Come along to The Vue Cinema, Provan Road, G34 9DL, on 21st February 2019 if you can. Tickets from www.eventbrite.co.uk, Pauline books and Media, Glasgow, Missio Scotland, Coatbridge, Holy Ghost Fathers, Carfin or Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, Bellshill. Donation £10.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C (The Year of Luke)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17: 5—8 “*A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1 “Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.”

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 15: 12; 16—20 “*If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins.*”

GOSPEL

Luke 6: 17; 20—26 “*Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep.*”

SHORT REFLECTION

The happiness of which Jesus speaks is not something we can achieve through our own efforts. This happiness is a gift from God, given to those who are aware of their own helplessness and poverty and realise that without the help of God we cannot be raised out of hopelessness and despair. It is undoubtedly true that a great deal of human energy and ingenuity goes into the pursuit of happiness but when we look into our own soul with honesty, we know that all that energy and ingenuity is in vain if that's all we are looking for from life. Christian discipleship instructs us in what really matters; the way of faith strengthens us, even in the midst of terrible tribulations, and we find we are sustained by the trust we have in God, who stands by us in our trials and allows us to find happiness in his loving kindness, no matter what we may have to face because we know that we are blessed. Those who rely on themselves may well achieve some sense of satisfaction and comfort just now but Jesus warns us that it will not last.

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, for the eternal repose of Willie Collum and for the anniversary of Ellen Sannachan. (Please note: sanctuary lamp donations are not Mass offerings.)

SUNDAY MORNING TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and Coffee are available in the dining room in the parish house after the 9.45am and 11am Masses on Sunday mornings, for anyone who wishes to stay on for refreshments and a chat. A small donation of 50p is requested. Thanks to those who help to set up and clear up and to those who from time to time bring along biscuits and cakes.

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 Office (0141 226 5898).

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