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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 12th MAY 2019 ✠ 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are invited to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We ask, in a particular way, that God will inspire many young people to respond with generosity to his call and have the courage to embrace a life of service in the Church for the sake of the Kingdom of God. In his message this year, Pope Francis reflects on how the Lord's call entails promise and risk: the Lord's call makes us bearers of a promise and, at the same time, asks of us the courage to take a risk with him and for him. Speaking about the call to consecrated life and priesthood the Pope says it can excite as well as frighten us, as he urges young people not to be deaf to the Lord's call. See the full text at www.vatican.va. The second collection this weekend goes towards the cost of training priests for service here in the Archdiocese, as we follow the command of Jesus and ask the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his harvest. Please take a copy of the newsletter from the back of the church if you wish to find out more about Vocations.

VICAR GENERAL—A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR CONROY

As most parishioners know, since coming to Sacred Heart, I have also fulfilled the office of Vicar General in the Archdiocese. This has meant that a great deal of my time has been taken up with matters concerning the life of the wider Church. In view of my recent ill health I have asked Archbishop Tartaglia to allow me to step down from this office and from most of the wider responsibilities associated with it—a request to which he has generously agreed.

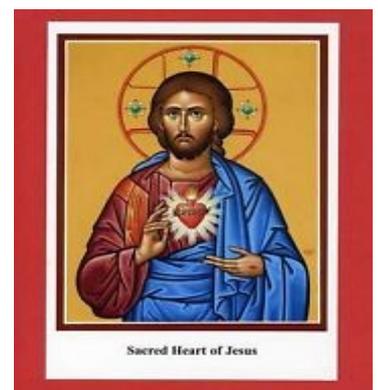
Confessions after the 10.00am & 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday & any time on request. Rosary each morning beginning 20 minutes before Mass. Holy Hour or Devotions: Thursday at 7.00pm when announced. To arrange Marriages, Baptisms or for other enquiries please see Monsignor Conroy after Mass or 'phone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

ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED especially June Frame, Sarah Wright, Willie Todd and all those who have died recently and Nessie Kane and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

THIS WEEK

Monday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle

Saturday 18th May First Holy Communions

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

FIRST COLLECTION £374.83

SECOND COLLECTION £272.65 (Parish Building and Maintenance)

Thank you!

The Second Collection this weekend is the annual Good Shepherd Sunday (Ecclesiastical Students) collection, which is used to support the training of priests for the Archdiocese. The Second Collection next weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS AND GIFTAID

If you make your contribution to the parish through the GiftAid scheme and have not already done so, please collect your new set of envelopes.

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.

If you are a taxpayer and are not yet part of the Gift Aid scheme, please consider joining. If you are unsure or have any questions about GiftAid, please speak to Monsignor Conroy or Sharon Macys.

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>

PRO-LIFE MASS 15th MAY

This month's Pro-Life Mass will take place in Blessed John Duns Scotus, Ballater Street, on Wednesday 15th May. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. The celebrant will be Fr Jim Lawlor.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA—RECRUITMENT DRIVE

If you are 16+ and a practising Catholic man and would like to find out more about serving God by serving others, please contact John O'Donnell on 07854 886425 or Paul Laird 07875 499608. "Tell our story; share our dream.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Children from Sacred Heart Primary School will be making their First Holy Communion next Saturday (18th May) at 11am. (There will be no 10am Mass next Saturday.) Please pray for the children as they prepare to meet our Blessed Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. We also remember their families and their teachers during this final week of Preparation, that what the children are taught and the example they are given will bring them to a deeper appreciation of God's love and the wonderful gift they are about to receive.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

During the month of May we honour our Blessed Lady in a particular way. There will be May devotions—Rosary, Litany of our Lady and Benediction—this coming Thursday at 7pm.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA—13th MAY

For many of our parishioners there continues to be a strong attachment to the former parish of our Lady of Fatima, which played such an important part in their journey of faith, as the place where they received the Sacraments and where their families grew in the knowledge and love of God and in the service of their neighbours. It was also the place where they encountered God in times of joy and of sorrow. The Lady Altar here in Sacred Heart is dedicated to our Lady of Fatima, and the statue, which was brought from the parish church (now demolished) continues to have a place of honour here. The feast commemorates the visions, seen near Fatima in Portugal, in 1917, by three shepherd children—Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

EASTER WATER

Please feel free to help yourself to Easter water from the container in front of the altar. You may wish to take some and use it in your home in a holy water font or to bless yourself when going to bed and rising in the morning and when you go out or return home. It is also a reminder of our Baptism and our membership of God's family.

SALESIAN SISTERS JUBILEE

To celebrate 50 years since the arrival of the Salesian Sisters in Scotland, Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Mass in St Fergus' Church, Ferguslie Park, Paisley at 3.00pm on Saturday 24th August. All friends and associates are invited to attend the Mass and to enjoy the buffet in the school hall afterwards. For catering purposes please email your intention to attend and numbers attending to fmajubilee50@gmail.com.

SERRA CLUB 31 CLUB MONTHLY MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The Serra Club of Glasgow is relaunching the 31 Club, inviting parishioners to attend and offer a Mass one day a month to pray for vocations to the Consecrated Life and the Priesthood and to remember in their prayers the religious men and women, priests and deacons who serve in the parishes of the Archdiocese.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Talk about a recent study tour of Israel on Wednesday 22nd May at 2pm in Giffnock Synagogue, 22 Fenwick Road, G46 6UE. How experiencing the situation on the ground can influence the way we think about major issues facing Israel today. All welcome.

MONTHLY MASS TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MARGARET SINCLAIR

Mass is offered at 7pm on the first Monday of every month at the National Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1TQ. Followed by Refreshments. Petitions can be sent to the shrine by post or email. Visit the website. www.margaretsinclair.scot

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
(The Year of Luke)

FIRST READING

Acts 13: 14; 43—52 *“We must turn to the pagans.”*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 99 *“We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”*

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7: 9; 14—17 *“The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.”*

GOSPEL

John 10: 27—30 *“I know my sheep and they follow me.”*

SHORT REFLECTION

The Old Testament compares the devotion shown by a shepherd to his flock with the care and concern God has for his people. Shepherding was not a glamorous way of life and shepherds were generally poor, often facing hardship and danger, as they tried to make a living in a harsh environment. In some ways, comparing God to a shepherd was bordering on the scandalous, because the image it conjures up is not one of wealth and grandeur but of earthiness and effort. Jesus, however, is not reluctant to apply the image and the comparison to himself. He encourages us to be aware of the extent to which the shepherd's life is completely bound up with his sheep to the point where, as Pope Francis has said, he smells of the sheep. Jesus is not embarrassed to smell of the sheep—to smell like us—drawing close to us, even in our sinfulness, to lead us to safety and salvation. He also sets before us his own closeness to the flock entrusted to him by his heavenly Father, as an example of what he expects from those whom he calls to serve as shepherds of the flock: a readiness to lay down their lives for the flock, like the Good Shepherd himself.

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 and for healing and health for Maria MacDonald. (Please note: sanctuary lamp donations are not Mass offerings.)

ALTAR SOCIETY

Many thanks to the Altar Society for their recent welcome donation, which helps to ensure the celebrations that take place in the church are conducted in a worthy environment. If you wish to know more about the Altar Society or would like to become a member, please speak to Kathy Lamont at the 11am Mass on Sundays or at any weekday Mass.

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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