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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (C)

13th January 2019

Weekdays Cycle - Year 1



READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

First Reading - (Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11) - The prophet is urged to deliver a message of hope and consolation to the exiles in Babylon. Like a shepherd caring for his sheep, God is coming to save his people.

Responsorial Psalm - *Bless the Lord, my soul!*
Lord God, how great you are!

Second Reading - (Titus 2: 11-14, 3:4-7) - This reading talks about the kind of life the baptised should live and the kind of ambitions that should motivate them. Salvation, with its hope of eternal life, is a gift from God through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading - (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) - This reading gives us a snatch of John the Baptist's preaching and concludes with a brief account of the Baptism of Jesus.

The Christmas Season concludes today as we celebrate the event which marks the beginning of the public mission of Christ - his Baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan and the coming of the Spirit upon him. It is a day to reflect on the promises that were made on our behalf on the day of our Baptism by our parents and godparents, and an opportunity to ask ourselves how well we live out those promises.

THE ORDINARY SEASON - Tomorrow we enter upon the Ordinary Season of the Church's year. The liturgical colour is Green, representing life and growth.

CALENDAR - Monday 13th January, is the Feast of **St. Kentigern**, patron of Glasgow. Also known as Mungo; Kentigern appears to have founded a Christian centre at Glasgow in the 6th Century. Popular devotion at his tomb by the Molendinar Burn and the erection of a Glasgow bishopric led to the building, between the 12th and 15th Centuries, of the wonderful Cathedral we can still visit today. Its design was intended to allow hundreds of pilgrims at a time to visit the shrine and tomb of the saint and hear Mass at one of the altars. Why not visit and pray in the church of our city's founder and patron? On **Thursday** we remember **St Anthony, 251-356**, a hermit of the Arabian desert, famous for his self-discipline, his struggles with temptation, his founding of communities of his followers which were the first Christian monasteries, his wisdom & good sense, his opposition to heresy and his friendship with St Athanasius, who wrote his life.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION TODAY - The annual second collection to help support the work of our own Justice and Peace Commission in Scotland will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (12th/13th January 2019). I hope you will contribute with your usual generosity to this collection.

CRIB OFFERINGS - will go as always to St. Margaret's Adoption and Child Care Society. Please remember an offering for this worthy cause when visiting the crib.

400 CLUB WINNER - Gary Savage; Winning Agent: Jean Coyle.

HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTION OF ST. CADOC'S - A health and safety inspection of the property, which includes the church and presbytery, will be carried out by the representatives from the diocese of Motherwell and by a designated firm on the morning of 29th January 2019. The purpose of this inspection is to help ensure that we, in St. Cadoc's, meet our legal obligations under the law and that our place is safe for worship and other activities. They will inspect the premises of both the church and presbytery and assess their condition and suitability and make sure that necessary maintenance is carried out. They will also review our congregational health and safety procedures. I hope the health and safety inspectors find our health and safety procedures are in place.

Thanks to Liam McGurk who, besides being our 400 Club organiser, has accepted the responsibility to help the parish in health & safety matters.

GENTLE REMINDER - With the colder weather, please make sure the doors to our church are closed to keep the heat in, and the cold out.

FUND RAISING NIGHT TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CARPETS IN THE PRESBYTERY - When the rewiring work was being carried out in the presbytery between March and May 2016 carpeting from the rooms on the upper floor had to be lifted. The worn nature of these carpets (originally laid 50 years ago) meant it was impossible to properly re-lay them. Meanwhile the stair and hall carpet are also noted to be worn and in places threadbare. In relation to the stairs in particular, this constitutes a trip hazard to both myself and visitors to the house. To rectify this situation, I have received quotes for the price of replacing the carpets indicating a cost in excess of £1950.

To help meet some of the total price of this proposed undertaking a fundraising "homemade curry night" has been organised and will take place from 7pm till 9pm on Friday 22nd March 2019 in the Presbytery. Tickets for the event will cost £7 (includes entrance fee and a glass of wine or a soft drink). Donations towards the cost of the meal can, if desired, be made on the night. To ensure those attending can enjoy the meal in comfortable surroundings the number of tickets available for sale will be limited to 45. You can book your place for the night by giving your name and paying the entry fee to either Jean Coyle, Irene Savage or Father Cirilo. Alternatively, contributions can be made towards this fundraising event and these will be gratefully received. A raffle will be held on the night and donations of prizes will be most welcome. Places at this event are bound to be in high demand therefore please indicate your interest at the earliest opportunity. All monetary proceeds from the night will go towards reducing the cost of, as previously explained, the carpets in the Presbytery.

PASTORAL PLANNING MEETING - Our next pastoral planning meeting will take place this Tuesday (15th January 2019) at 7pm in the church house. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the parish council meetings.

ETIQUETTE AT MASS - The celebration of the Mass is central to the life of the People of God. It is a sacred time that requires all our devotion and our full participation. Because of its importance certain behaviour is expected and necessary for the good of everyone present. The first and foremost requirement is that, out of respect for the liturgy and those who wish to engage in private prayer before and after Mass, we maintain a reverent silence in the Church. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile phones before entering the church. If you must receive a call in the event of an emergency, kindly put your phone in silent mode. Besides, please make every effort to be on time for

Mass, but if Mass has already begun when you arrive, please do not walk down the aisles while the readings are being proclaimed. Rather, wait in the back until the reading is done and walk up during the Alleluia or as the homily is about to begin. In this way you will not distract the rest of the worshippers from focusing their thoughts on the prayers or readings of the Mass. Finally, do not leave Mass before it has ended. One should never walk out immediately after receiving Communion. The time after Communion gives us an opportunity to offer thanks for the gift we have received. The Final Blessing is an important part of the Mass. At the dismissal, our commission to go out and spread the good news of Jesus Christ is celebrated. Please remember that the celebrant should be the last person to enter and the first person to leave Mass.

MASS AT ST CADOC'S

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm; Sunday at 10am & 11.30am.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7pm & Morning Mass at 10am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday from 9am-9.45am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Anytime on request and Saturday 9.15am - 9.45am; 4.15pm - 4.45pm.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By prior arrangement with Rev. Jose Cirilo Rodrigues.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: It is a privilege of the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Holy Eucharist to the sick and housebound. Please inform us when a parishioner is in hospital or ill.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE: Couples intending to marry should contact the Priest for arrange a date. By Diocesan policy, this must be done at least six months in advance.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

SICK - Canon John B. Healey, Canon Michael Walsh, Fr. Thomas Colm Morris, Anne Havron, Ann & James Hannaway.

[I also ask your prayers at Mass today for the sick - those at home in our parish community, those in hospital, and those in local nursing and care homes in Cambuslang, Halfway & Blantyre. In addition to remembering the sick and housebound at Sunday Mass, I invite you to remember them every day of the week in your prayers. Our prayers for them not only help in their suffering and pain but also reassure them that they are not forgotten by our community of faith. Our prayers help relieve their feelings of isolation and loneliness. To be remembered before the Altar of God brings them comfort and consolation.]

RECENTLY DEAD - Fr Jim McCrudden & Bridie Duffy.

ANNIVERSARIES - Rose Quinn, Gerard Quinn & Sarah Topping.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2019

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £745.34

Church Building & Maintenance Fund = £663.89

A sincere thank you for all your contributions last weekend