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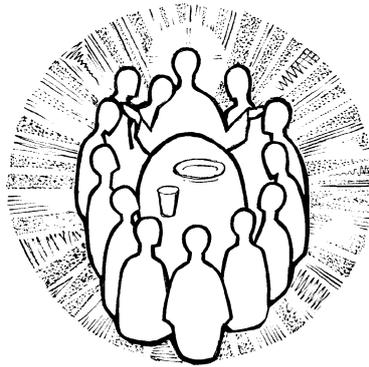
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

27th January 2019

Weekday Cycle - Year 1



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

First Reading - (Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10) - After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon the nation had to be rebuilt. To Ezra fell the task of re-establishing the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.

Responsorial Psalm - *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

Second Reading - (1 Corinthians 12: 12-30) - St. Paul compares the Church to a human body. As the body is one but has many members each with its own function to perform, so it is with Christ's body, the Church.

Gospel Reading - (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21) - Returning to his hometown, Nazareth, Jesus goes to the synagogue, reads a passage from Isaiah, and claims that the prophecy is fulfilled this day in their midst.

CALENDAR - On **Monday** we remember **St Thomas Aquinas**, the Dominican priest of the 12th century who was perhaps the greatest medieval philosopher and theologian of the middle ages. He developed the philosophical system of Aristotle to underpin the Christian view of God, the universe, and ourselves, as well as illuminating in his writings all areas of Christian theology. With this he combined great personal saintliness and humility. **Thursday** is the memorial of **St. John Bosco** (+1888), friend of the street-children of Turin, and founder of the Order of St. Francis de Sales, commonly known as the Salesians. On **Friday** we honour **St. Brigid of Ireland**, also spelled Brigit or Bridget, (+525). She founded her monastery at Kildare which became a great centre of mission and evangelisation. After her death she was widely venerated in Europe as well as Ireland, where she is honoured as one of the three national patrons. **Saturday** is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, in which we commemorate the presentation of Jesus in the temple forty days after his birth, 'in conformity with the law of Moses'. The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows us the obedience of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to the law of God given to Israel. The feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, sometimes known as **Candlemas** - since the 10th century candles for use in the Church and the homes of the faithful throughout the year are traditionally blessed on this day. Why? When Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, forty days after his birth, he was met by Simeon, an elderly and devout man, who acclaimed him as the "The Light to enlighten the Gentiles". Apart from their practical use, essential in the days before electricity, candles have always had a strong symbolic value: they are used in the liturgy to represent Christ, the Light of the world, "the Light no darkness can overpower". In addition to this they are also a sign of festivity and celebration, and a mark of reverence for God's presence.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND - Next Sunday (3rd February 2019), being the first Sunday of the month, the usual monthly second collection for the Church Building and Maintenance fund will be taken up. Please be generous towards our second collection as this greatly helps maintain our church and grounds.

SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES - Parents of candidates for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are reminded of the importance of attending the Mass faithfully each week. The children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass forms a vital part of your child's instruction for the sacrament.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - is celebrated every Sunday at 10am Mass (except school holidays). Children join our adult catechists to pray and hear the Word of God and share their faith in a way that is easy for them to understand. We thank the volunteers who organise the Liturgy for our children and we are still looking for new people to volunteer. Thanks also to the parents/guardians/carers who bring their children to the church to participate in our children's liturgy. And thanks to Andrea Burns for giving her time to prepare the Children's liturgy rota for the months of January-March.

ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE TESTING - Recently we had to carry out a series of works (including testing of portable electrical appliances and replacement of smoke detectors) both in the church and the presbytery required by law to ensure that all electrical equipment is in a safe condition and meets the standards of the health and safety policy. The total cost of this work came to £551.85.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS - St. Augustine's Parish in Coatbridge hosts a monthly Pro-Life Mass every last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The next Mass will be on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7.30pm. Father Hugh Kelly, Chaplain to the Innocents Society, will be the principal celebrant. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre immediately after the Mass.

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.

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 this Tuesday afternoon (29th January 2019).

BULLETIN ENTRIES (MASS FOR THE SICK) - New legislation (General Data Protection Regulation which came into effect from 25th May 2018) this year means that we need to have a direct permission (in writing) from anyone who is sick, or if they are unable due to their health, then from the next of kin to announce their names at Mass on Sundays/or publish their names on our newsletter and also on the parish website. If this is not received, Mass will still be offered but no entry will be made in the bulletin.

FUND RAISING NIGHT TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CARPETS IN THE PRESBYTERY - There are just another 5 places left for the curry night fund raiser, which is to take place on Friday 22nd March 2019 in the Presbytery between 7pm and 9pm. Thanks to those who have already booked their places for the night and thank you for your support of the parish. I (Fr. Cirilo) look forward to seeing you on Friday 22nd March 2019 in the chapel house. Any donations towards this fundraising event will be gratefully received. Also donations for the raffle prizes are most welcome. All monetary proceeds from the night will go towards reducing the cost of replacing the carpets in the Presbytery.

GIFTAID - Many thanks to those who have answered our appeal. We are still looking for new members. If you pay tax on income/pension the church can claim back the tax through the Gift-Aid Scheme. Forms are available at the back of the church if anyone wishes to join the scheme. If you have any queries about the Gift Aid system, please contact the parish Gift Aid organiser, Mr. Jim Cunningham or Fr. Cirilo. Alternatively, you can contribute to the Sunday Mass collections via a direct debit or standing order arrangement with your bank. Thank you once again for your enduring generosity and support.

400 CLUB WINNER - John Watson; Winning Agent: Marion Rooney.

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 - James MacMahon & James Evans.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE - John Hourigan.

ANNIVERSARIES - Michael McLaughlin, Alex Mitchell, Catherine Cavin, Alice & John Madden, Patrick Coyle, Lena Mochan & Betty Mancino.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2019

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £799.34

A sincere thank you for all your contributions last weekend