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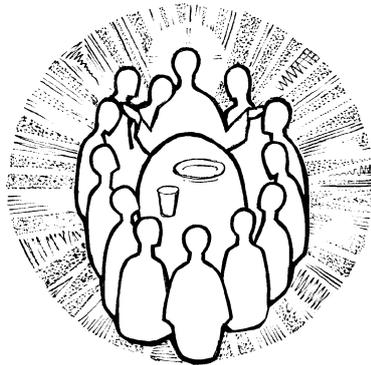
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

3rd March 2019

Weekday Cycle - Year 1



READINGS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

First Reading - (Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7) - Through three picturesque comparisons, the reading makes one point: that a person reveals in his speech the kind of person he or she is.

Responsorial Psalm - *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

Second Reading - (1 Corinthians 15:54-58) - St. Paul says that if we persevere in doing the Lord's work, we need not fear death. When we die we will share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

Gospel Reading - (Luke 6:39-45) - In this reading Jesus insists that one's inner being is made manifest in one's speech and behaviour.

LENT: A TIME FOR CONVERSION - The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season of fasting, prayer and penance. During the six-week period, we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. I encourage you all to prepare your hearts and minds during this season of grace and blessing by joining in prayer and participating in the liturgical and communal prayer experiences offered by the parish.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday of this week, 6th March 2019, is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will take place in St. Cadoc's at 10am.

SOME THOUGHTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY BY BISHOP TOAL - Please find in today's bulletin a copy of the letter from Bishop Joseph Toal who has prepared some thoughts on Ash Wednesday which he wishes to share with us as we prepare for worthy celebration of the season of Lent.

CALENDAR - On Monday we honour Saint Casimir, the prince of Krakow, renowned for holiness and resisting honours, who become patron saint of Poland. Thursday is the memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity (+203), martyred in North Africa, who appear in the 1st Eucharistic Prayer. The Portuguese priest, St. John of God (+1550) is honoured on Thursday. After many years in military service and a great deal of prayer and spiritual direction from his good friend St. John of Avila, he built a hospital and devoted his life to the sick. Friday is the memorial of St. Frances of Rome (+1440). Widowed at an early age, she founded a congregation of sisters who followed St. Benedict's rule, combining prayer and work among the poor.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND TODAY - This Sunday (3rd March 2019), being the first Sunday of the month, the normal second collection will be taken up at all Masses to help support our Church Building and Maintenance Fund. Please be generous towards our second collection as this greatly helps maintain our church and grounds.

MANY THANKS - Thanks to Fr. Vivian Hayes for his help for the last three weeks. Thank you also to all who have worked in any way to keep our Parish going while I was away to India.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - This day, requested by Pope Francis, has been designated by the Bishops Conference of Scotland for Friday after Ash Wednesday, 8th March 2019. Please remember this important intention in your prayers.

FIRST CONFESSIONS - Please pray for the young people of our parish whose parents are offering them for First Reconciliation on Tuesday 12th of March 2019 from St. Charles's Primary School and Thursday 14th of March 2019 from St. Cadoc's Primary School at 7pm. Confession will also be available for family members and others.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - These will be celebrated on Saturday 27th April 2019 (St. Charles' Primary School) and Saturday 4th May 2019 (St. Cadoc's Primary School) at 10am Mass. The prayers of parishioners are requested for these young people and for their families that their first meeting with Jesus in the Eucharist may lead on to a life in his loyal service.

REPLACEMENT OF RADIATORS IN THE PRESBYTERY - The two radiators which were badly leaking in the presbytery have been replaced with new ones at the cost of £722.12. [The work included supplying and fitting two new radiators, stripping out old units and altering pipes to suit.] Previous to this work the heating system had been drained and a valve replaced at a cost of £236.40. Thank you once again for your enduring generosity and support.

COLLECTION FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE - The annual collection to help support the Sick and Retired Priests of the diocese, which was taken up on the weekend of 16th/17th February 2019, realised £535.80. Very many thanks for your generosity. These priests have served us for many years; let us now support them in their retirement. Please continue to pray for all our priests - active, retired and ill.

SCIAF "WEE BOXES" APPEAL 2019 - SCIAF Lenten packs are now available at the back of the Church. The 2019 SCIAF wee box tells the story of Lydia and her family who struggled to provide her five children with enough to eat. Working with its local partner, Caritas Lugazi, SCIAF provided Lydia with seeds, banana plants and lots of training. The support Lydia received changed her life. The family can now have enough to eat and have seen many changes in their lives. But Lydia's story doesn't end there. With the money she saved, Lydia was able to set up her own business as a hairdresser and provide security for her family's future.

This Lent, SCIAF is focusing their attention on the country of Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people, who, with your support, are being helped to work their way out of poverty. Uganda has one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in the world. It is a beautiful country with astonishing wildlife, which attracts around one million tourists every year. However, the legacy of war and a high rate of HIV and AIDS have left many orphans and a generation of young people without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Please make sure that you collect a 'WEE BOX' for your SCIAF Lenten donations for your family on your way out after Mass. The boxes should be handed in at the end of Lent.

FUND RAISING NIGHT TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CARPETS IN THE PRESBYTERY - All places for the curry night fund raiser, which is to take place on Friday 22nd March 2019 in the Presbytery between 7pm and 9pm, have been sold. 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.

400 CLUB WINNERS - P. Doran; Winning Agent: Liam McGurk (10.02.19); John McKenna; Winning Agent: Liam Neary (17.02.19); D. McNulty; Winning Agent: Maureen McNulty (24.02.19).

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, Betty Jones, 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 - Canon Andy Reen, Canon Nicholas Rowan, Erika Clark, Barry O'Laughlin & Robert Arkinson.

ANNIVERSARIES - Agnes McCormick & Harry Vander.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 10th February 2019 -- £791.22

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 17th February 2019 -- £712.13

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 24th February 2019 -- £846.03

A sincere thank you for all your contributions