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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Weekday Cycle - Year 1



### READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

**First Reading - (Joshua 5:9-12)** - The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise. Possession of the land becomes a reality when they eat of the produce of Canaan.

**Responsorial Psalm - Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Second Reading - (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)** - The whole aim of Christ's mission was to bring about a reconciliation between God and humanity. It is the task of the Church to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

**Gospel Reading - (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)** - This contains Christ's immortal parable - the prodigal son.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** - Lent prepares us for Easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and catechumens to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. We all should think about imposing some penitential practice on ourselves during Lent, making use of the Sacrament of Penance, possibly attending Mass more often, and giving more time to prayer and charitable activities.

**CALENDAR** - On **Monday** we have the optional memorial of the Scottish 13<sup>th</sup>C Bishop **St Gilbert of Caithness**, an exemplary and civilising bishop in violent times. On **Tuesday** we recall the memory of **St Francis de Paolo**, 15<sup>th</sup> century founder of a branch of the Franciscan family called the Minims, later an adviser of kings and promoter of international peace. **Thursday** we honour **Saint Isidore**, who became bishop of Seville in the year 600 and died there in 636. His writings created a veritable encyclopaedia of knowledge. He completed the Mozarabic liturgy which is still celebrated today. **Friday** is the memorial of **Saint Vincent Ferrer** (1350-1419), Dominican priest, who preached missions throughout his native Spain, France and Italy. He helped bring unity to the Church during the Great Schism between the Avignon and Roman claimants to the papacy.

### LITURGIES FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

- 9.40am - Angelus and Rosary, each day Monday to Saturday.
- 10am - Mass each morning, Monday to Saturday.
- Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Service - Wednesday at 7pm.

**LITURGY ROTA** - for Readers (April - June 2019) for 5pm, 10am & 11.30am Masses is available in the sacristy. Please collect a copy before or after any of the Sunday Masses. Thanks to Mrs Anne Moran for giving her time to prepare the readers rota. New readers are required for weekend Masses.

**MANY THANKS** - Many thanks to those who replace the flowers on the side altars and pay for them. Their kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**SCIAF SUNDAY (31<sup>st</sup> March 2019)** - This Sunday has been designated as 'SCIAF' Sunday' in the Catholic Church in Scotland, a day when we remember the poor and the needy of the world and show our solidarity with them by praying for them and also by helping them financially. The annual collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund will be taken up at all masses this weekend (30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March, which will go to help the thousands of vulnerable young people of Uganda, who, with your support, are being helped to work their way out of poverty. Please make sure that you collect a SCIAF box for your family on your way out after Mass. The boxes should be handed in at the end of Lent.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND** - Next Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**FUND RAISING CURRY NIGHT TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CARPETS IN THE PRESBYTERY** - The recent fundraising night was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. 45 parishioners and well-wishers of St. Cadoc's Parish attended the evening, raising £1,172.34 (including donations from individual generous donors) towards much needed funds. What a marvellous result. Thank you to all who came along and to those who supported it by sponsoring raffle prizes, lending us chairs, and even donating money and other items towards this worthwhile venture. The £1,172.34 raised will help reduce the overall cost (£1800.00) of the essential replacement of carpeting in the presbytery.

Thank you also to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and others for supporting my idea and initiative to organise the curry night and for all the assistance they gave me in promoting the event. Finally, a word of appreciation and gratitude to all who worked so hard before hand in arranging and setting up the place and to those who helped on the night with setting up and tidying away. Thank you everyone once again. I was so pleased with the overall success of the evening. -- Fr. Jose Cirilo Rodrigues

**GIFTAID** - For those using offertory gift-aid envelopes, the new envelopes for the 2019-20 tax year, which commences next weekend (6<sup>th</sup> April/7<sup>th</sup> April 2019), are now available for collection in the porch. Please collect your gift-aid envelopes from the porch, if you have not done so.

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. We are also very grateful to Mr. Jim Cunningham for giving his time every week to deal with Gift-Aid envelopes.

**CHURCH GROUNDS AND GARDEN MAINTENANCE** - A belated thanks to South Lanarkshire Council Social Work Department for providing, through the community placement programme, the workforce who carried out general tidying and lifting of the litter from the church grounds last week under the direction of Mr. Tom Reilly. This work has enhanced the outside appearance of the church and is very much appreciated by the parish as a whole. Thanks and gratitude also to William Mullen for weeding and tidying up around the church grounds. And as always my thanks to all other parishioners who help in the garden and maintain church grounds during the year.

**THANKS** - to Charles Clements for fixing a leak on the roof connecting to the church (sacristy) and the presbytery last week. We are grateful for his continued service to the parish.

**PASTORAL PLANNING MEETING** – will take place on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7pm in the church house. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the parish council meetings.

**400 CLUB WINNER** - Helen Clarke; Winning Agent: Jean Coyle.

#### **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, Kevin James McPhilomy, John Farrell, 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** - Monsignor Jack Sheridan, Fr Michal Sadowski & Theresa McLaughlin.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Hugh Keenan, William Curley, Margaret McLaughlin, Brian McDade & Maureen Kearney.

#### **ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US**

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £759.32

**A sincere thank you for all your contributions**