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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Easter Sunday(C)

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Weekday Cycle - Year 1



READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY (C)

First Reading - (Acts 10:34, 37-43) - This is part of an early sermon preached by St. Peter. He tells us how he was a witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The risen Jesus is the Saviour of all those who believe in him, as well as the Judge of the living and the dead.

Responsorial Psalm - This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading - (Colossians 3: 1-4) - Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel Reading - (John 20:1-9) - Early on Easter Sunday morning some of the disciples discover that the tomb in which Jesus was buried is empty. Then the truth of what the Scriptures had foretold begins to dawn on them, namely, that Jesus would rise from the dead.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL - 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Holy Week approaches each year I always experience a strong sense of anticipation, a looking forward again to the liturgical celebration of these great events so central to our faith - the Last Supper, the Passion and Death of Our Lord, and his Glorious Resurrection. These feelings of gratitude go back to my childhood in Roy Bridge, where we celebrated the Paschal Triduum in a very full and uplifting manner in our parish church of St Margaret's. The Easter Vigil really was the highlight of the Church's year, probably of the village's life as well. There were no short-cuts as the whole Catholic community gathered to proclaim Our Lord Risen from the Dead and to celebrate with great joy his living presence with us in the Easter Eucharist.

Sometimes we can feel nostalgic about what happened in the past, especially when we were young, but it is very necessary for us to be aware of the important experiences which have formed us. When we have been brought up to know and love our faith, and to have experienced it in the worship and life of our local Catholic parishes, we realise this is a precious gift which we must hold on to for the whole of our lives. Hopefully the yearly celebrations of the great feasts of Our Lord, Our Blessed Lady, and Our Saints, renew our enthusiasm and our desire to persevere in our own faith journey and to put our faith into practice in every area of our lives. At Easter we are specially aware that Jesus, who died on the cross to save us, has risen and his Spirit is alive within each one of us, and among us as members of his Body, the Church.

Because our faith in the Risen Lord brings us such interior joy and hope, despite our own crosses and difficulties, it is something we wish to pass on to the children of today, and surely there is no better gift we can give them. As was the case for me as a child, this gift is lived and shared in our own homes, and is blessed and strengthened by sharing fully in the life of the Church - in the prayers, the celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments, and in the spiritual and social activities of our parishes. Pope Francis in his recent exhortation, "*Christus vivit*" (Christ is living) encourages all in the Church to work fully with our young people and strive to enthuse them with the knowledge that Jesus is alive in their lives and that is indeed the most precious relationship we have. The Lord will never leave us, he is deep within our being, and we are called by Him to love and serve him with all that we are and in all that we do. This passing on of our Catholic faith, in a full and happy way, needs to be fostered within our families and I encourage parents especially to share and live their faith fully with their children. In a world where so many things appear at times to be breaking down it is the best and most stable thing we have to offer.

As the Church across the world celebrates with joy the Lord's resurrection, I pray for his blessing upon you, especially on all your families and homes. May his love and peace penetrate deep into our hearts and souls, and through us spread to others.

+Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell

EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR. CIRILO - I wish all parishioners and well-wishers of St. Cadoc's a very happy Easter and every joy and blessing in the Risen Christ. We have tried as a community to prepare for and to celebrate the great festival of the Christian year in the spirit of our ancestors in the faith, and according to the mind of our Holy Mother the Church. I thank you for your sharing so fully and in such encouraging numbers in our Lenten preparation and especially in the high climax of the three day Festival: the Diocesan Chrism Mass and the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Good Friday Liturgy of Christ's Passion, and the Easter Vigil.

In the period after Easter Sunday First Holy Communions will follow. These will be celebrated on Saturday 27th April (St. Charles' Primary School) and 4th May (St. Cadoc's Primary School) at 10am Mass. We all know the special place this has in everybody's life. The good work of preparation by all will be a great help in making First Holy Communion a great experience and a great memory for our young people. 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.

In the middle of June (18th) we look forward to Confirmation, and again we thank all parents, guardians, carers and teachers for their sharing in the work of preparing our young people for Confirmation. Please also pray that the grace they receive and the commitment they make in this sacrament will help them to be good Catholic teenagers.

I will be offering Easter Masses for you and for your family members and friends, especially for those of you who may have lost a loved one since last Easter, for those who are sick or away from home at this time and for those for whom we are asked to pray.

Once again, I wish you all a very happy and joyous Easter.

THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY- A special thanks to the many people who contributed to the pastoral service of our community in Lent and Holy Week and also to all those who help during the year - Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee,

Fabric Committee, our organists, those who look after the altar linens, altar servers, sacristans, flower arrangers and those who decorate the Church, the volunteers who clean the church and the presbytery, ministers of the Word and ministers of the Eucharist, SVDP members, Women's Guild, those who look after the church stall, pass keepers, offertory collection and 400 club organisers, children's liturgy helpers, safe-guarding co-ordinator, website co-ordinator, crib builders, our bookkeeper, housekeepers, those who help in the garden and maintain church grounds, those who look after the opening and closing of the church, and to the many individuals who give their time in so many ways to St Cadoc's and whose work ensures the smooth running of the parish. A sincere thanks too, to all who have sent me cards and gifts. May God bless you, and your family and friends, with peace in your hearts and in your homes this Easter. -- *Fr. Jose Cirilo Rodrigues*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave of Easter, observed by Roman Catholics as well as some Anglicans. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

THANKS - to all who participated in our Easter Confessions on Monday (15th April) and to Fr. Patrick Hennessy, Parish Priest of St. Columbkille's, for assisting me in hearing individual confessions.

EASTER COLLECTION - Please support your parish's ministry and help to maintain your Church and grounds by giving generously to this collection. Special Easter Collection envelopes are in the porch. Gift-aid members should use the Easter Sunday Offering envelope in the book of envelopes. If they use special Easter Collection envelope, they should have their number added on it.

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.

CONFIRMATIONS - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on our upper-Primary parishioners from St. Cadoc's Primary School by Bishop Joseph Toal this year on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7pm. Please pray that the grace they receive and the commitment they make will help them to be good Catholic teenagers.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - We resume the Children's Liturgy again next Sunday 28th April 2019. The Children's Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday at 10am Mass (unless rescheduled). 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 during the year and we are still looking for new people to volunteer. Thanks also to the parents who bring their children to the church to participate in our children's liturgy. Our young ones are the future of our parish. Their participation in parish activities, such as the children's liturgy, is an important step in their faith formation. We recognise that parents, guardians, carers are the first catechists of their children; they are obviously of supreme importance and influence. Parents, guardians, carers, therefore, have a great responsibility to give a good example to their children, since children will grow in faith only if they see their parents, guardians, carers practise it. It is my humble and hearty request to parents, guardians, carers that you bring your children to a Sunday Mass on a regular basis.

REPLACEMENT OF CARPETS IN THE PRESBYTERY - The much awaited the installation of new carpets in the presbytery was completed last week at a cost of £1800.00. This would not have been possible without your generosity. Thank you for your loyal and generous support of your parish. May God continue to bless our parish.

THANK YOU - Grateful thanks are extended to those who replace the flowers on the side altars and pay for them. Thanks also to those who recently helped financially to replace new plants in the church. Their kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

SCIAF BOXES - Thanks to those who have returned their SCIAF wee boxes. If you have not already returned the box, can I encourage you to please return it to the sacristy or the church house by next Sunday (28th April 2019).

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN - Please ensure all notices for the bulletin, including anniversaries & months' mind, are handed in by Wednesday evening.

APPEAL FOR MORE ALTAR SERVERS - Thank you to all our current altar servers for their commitment to serve at the Altar of the Lord. It is both an honour and a privilege to be an Altar Server and their service to St. Cadoc's Parish is very much appreciated. At the moment we are short of altar servers, especially for Sunday 10am Mass. My earnest appeal to the parents is to encourage your children to become altar servers. If anyone would like to become an altar server, please speak to Mrs. Barbara Morris/Mrs Alice Scott or me (Fr. Cirilo) after one of the weekend Masses. We welcome three young people of the parish (1 for Vigil Mass & 2 for 10am Mass) who recently have offered themselves for the service of the altar. Hopefully we will see a few more new faces on the sanctuary in time to come.

GIFTAID - Please collect your Offertory Gift-Aid envelopes for the 2019-20 tax year from the sacristy 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.

SAINT CADOC'S 400 CLUB - From the beginning of October 2018 to the 7th of April 2019 the 400 club has generated an income of £1315.00. This considerable amount of money has been allocated to the church building and maintenance fund. At the present time membership of the club has fallen to 280. This is still a significant number however, is down from a previous high of over 400 members. It would be excellent if we could make a concerted effort to increase the membership back to nearer 400. This would provide a much needed boost to Church finances. All parishioners are invited, if not already a member, to join the 400 club. If you are interested in joining please speak to Liam McGurk, the co-ordinator, or any one of the agents. Alternatively, you can leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church and an agent will phone you. A "turn" in the club costs 50p per week. There is a weekly prize of £50 and special draws at Christmas and the end of June. Join now and good luck to all. Grateful thanks to everyone who, through their membership, support our 400 club. Our thanks also go to all those who give their time and effort to raise funds for our church through their involvement in the running of the club.

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.

THANK YOU - On behalf of my daughter-in-law Angela, my sons David and Stephen, and myself I would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners of St. Cadoc's for cards and messages of condolence following the sad passing of our beloved husband, son and brother Chris. -- *Stephen Coyle*

MANY THANKS - to Paul May who, free of charge, has carried out re-plastering work to a room in the basement of the presbytery which was previously an unused toilet/bathroom. Prior to Paul's work all existing sanitary ware, associated pipework, drainage pipes, a wall mounted electric shower and low level wall tiles had been removed. Paul, at no cost to the parish, supplied all of the plaster, panels etc. required to complete the work. The room is now ready for redecoration and new floor covering.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR - On behalf of the parish, I wish to say a very sincere 'thank you' to Mrs. Barbara Morris, our parish safeguarding co-ordinator and to her assistant, Mrs Alice Scott, for giving their time to ensure that parish safeguarding procedures are in place.

Any issue of concern relating to altar servers, young people or vulnerable adults should be brought to the attention of the parish safeguarding co-ordinator or the priest. We thank Barbara and Alice for taking up this voluntary role in the parish and for their service to the parish.

'THANK YOU' TO OUR CURRENT SACRISTANS - We thank our sacristans for their commitment and dedication to serve our parish community. Currently, the following people are involved in our sacristy: Charles Clements (*Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday morning*), Cornelius Duffy (*Wednesday*), Stewart Gallagher (*Thursday*), & Jim McGeachie (*Saturday Evening*). Once again thank you to them for their interest in our worship ministries. We are still looking for people who would help us at weekdays Mass. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out on the altar even once or twice a week.

The Sacristan plays an important liturgical role preparing both the sacristy and the sanctuary areas for the celebration of the daily and weekend liturgies. The primary responsibility of the sacristan is to prepare the worship space before each Mass in preparation for the Eucharist by unlocking the sacristy safe, preparing the sacred vessels for the liturgy and turning on the lights and sound system. Then, after Mass cleaning up the altar, turning off the lights and sound system, and locking the safe.

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.

VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND FROM THE PRIEST - One of the ministries we as priests are privileged to provide is visitation of the sick, at home or in hospital. Fr. Cirilo normally makes a monthly visit to the sick and housebound at home and in the nursing and care homes. If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion from Fr. Cirilo, please provide him with the relevant name, address and phone number. This practice keeps our parishioners who cannot come to mass closely united with the parish community as we worship together.

PARISH WEBSITE - Thanks to Pat Moran for accepting the responsibility to renew, restore and update our parish website every week. Our website gets updated at every weekend and, normally, includes a copy of the weekly Parish Bulletin. It may be viewed at www.stcadocschurch.org.

CHURCH CLEANING - Many thanks to all those who gave their time to clean the Church last week. It makes all the difference! Your continued help is much appreciated. We could do with more people willing to give of their time every fortnight to help with church cleaning. If you think you can help, please contact Jean Coyle, May Harkin or Fr Cirilo.

PASTORAL PLANNING MEETING - will take place on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 7pm in the church house. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the parish council meetings.

THANKS - to the members of SVDP Conference of St. Bride's and St. Cadoc's for donating Easter eggs to our altar servers.

READERS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES - Please help your parish. New readers are required for weekend Masses. If you are able to be part of this important ministry, then please contact Mrs. Anne Moran or Fr. Cirilo.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - This year the Order of the Knights of St Columba are celebrating their Centenary Year. Just following the First World War a group of 24 Catholic gentlemen met and decided to form an organisation which would strive to serve the Church through its tenets of Charity Unity and Fraternity. Currently the Knights have around 4000 members in 300 locations throughout the UK. This year the Order has (in conjunction with SPUC) distributed over 500,000 Rosary Cards in Parishes all over the Country. They would invite parishioners to join with them and SPUC in praying the Rosary throughout the year.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN - On 13th February, Pope Francis approved the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman, a Roman Catholic cardinal, scholar, and founder of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England. Before a blessed can be canonised, two miracles are required. The first miracle attributed to Blessed John Henry Newman's intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition. His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman. The woman prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover. Newman is expected to be canonized by the Pope, possibly this year.

NEW PARISHIONERS - I would ask those who are new to the parish, or who are moving house within the parish, to record their name, address and telephone number on the card provided in the porch of the church. It is also very helpful if those moving from the parish let us know, so that our statistics can be kept up to date.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHAIN - Please join SPUC (Scotland) and the Archdiocese on Saturday 27th April, from 11am, for the Annual Pro-Life Chain on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. This year we commemorate the 51st Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Since the Act was passed more than nine million unborn children who have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. For those interested, we will also be praying the Rosary, led by Archbishop Cushley from 10am in Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh. For more information contact: charlie@spucscotland.org or 0141 221 2094.

STALL - A variety of Easter, First Communion & Confirmation Cards and Gifts are available at the stall. Please support your parish.

400 CLUB WINNER - Anne Hannaway; Winning Agent: Liam McGurk.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2019

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £862.13

A sincere thank you for all your contributions

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 - Canon John McElroy & Christopher Coyle.

ANNIVERSARIES - Joseph McLaughlin, Margaret McElhinney, Marjorie Callaghan & Daniel Coyle.

EASTER REMEMBRANCES - John, James & Manus Coyle, John, Bella & John Connor, Neil & Christina Kelly, John Hourigan, Grace & John Reynolds.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US