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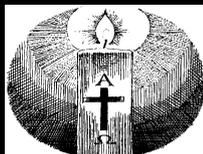
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Parish Priest:
Rev. Jose Cirilo Rodrigues

Second Sunday of Easter (C)

28th April 2019

Weekday Cycle - Proper of Seasons



READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

First Reading - (Acts 5:12-16) - This tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people, and of the cures they worked on behalf of those sick in body or in spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Second Reading - (Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19) - John is the spokesman of the risen Christ who lives on among the congregations of believers. John is bidden to write a message, a message that has meaning for the Church until the end of time.

Gospel Reading - (John 20:19-31) - By seeing and touching the wounds of their risen Lord, the apostles, and especially Thomas the doubter are cured of their unbelief.

Today is the Octave Day of Easter and the conclusion of the eight days of solemn Easter celebrations. Eastertide, however, continues for another 42 days until the great Feast of Pentecost. In the ancient Church today was known as '*Dominica in albis deponendis*', literally: 'The Sunday of which the white garments are left aside'. This title reflects the fact that the neophytes (those who had been received into the Church at the Easter Vigil) who had worn their white Baptismal garments for the whole of the Octave, laid them aside today. In the English speaking world today is sometimes known as 'Low Sunday' since it contrasts with the 'High' celebrations and festivities of Easter Sunday. More recently, it has acquired the title, 'Divine Mercy Sunday', relating to the renewal of an old devotion through the life and writings of St. Faustina Kowalska.

CALENDAR - On Monday we celebrate St. Catherine of Siena, the 14th century Dominican tertiary who through her deep personal holiness and her dictated writings and letters wielded great influence for good, and after her canonisation was made a Patron of Italy and Doctor of the Church. Tuesday is the memorial of Pope Saint Pius V, who was canonised for his personal saintliness and is known for his encouragement of early and frequent Communion. On Tuesday we honour Saint Joseph the Worker, the Mayday feast founded by Pius XII at the height of the Communist menace, to highlight the importance and dignity of human labour. Thursday is the Memorial of St Athanasius, 4th Century Bishop of Alexandria, who was exiled five times from his see because of his defence of Christ's divinity against the powerful Arian heresy. He wrote brilliantly, both in defence of doctrine and on spiritual matters. The Apostles Philip and James have their feast on Friday. Philip was born at Bethsaida; he was a disciple of John the Baptist, who followed the call of Christ. James is James 'the Less', son of Alphaeus and generally identified with the leader of the Jerusalem Christians, 'brother of the Lord', martyred by Herod.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS - Congratulations to those young people from St Charles' Primary School upon making their First Holy Communion this past Saturday (27th April 2019). The day was beautiful and the celebration was an uplifting, spiritual and memorable event. My thanks to the teachers, parents and all those who supported our children as they prepared them for their special day. We continue to pray for our First Communicants that Jesus will always have a special place in their lives.

400 CLUB WINNER - Ian Hobbs; Winning Agent: Jean Coyle.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May 2019 for pupils from 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. Parents of candidates for First Communion are reminded of the importance of attending the Sunday Mass faithfully each week.

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 this Sunday (28th April 2019). The children 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 April-June.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND - Next Sunday (5th May 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. Gift-Aid members should put the date on the building fund envelope as the printer has not done this.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2018 - Attached you will find a financial statement in today's bulletin issued by Fr. Cirilo. Thank you to all for supporting the parish last year. Thank you also for your enthusiasm and generous spirit to become involved in the life of our parish community and I look forward to your ongoing assistance in the future. May God bless our efforts and help us create a community of faith that is alive in Christ and full of hope for the future.

MANY THANKS - Our gratitude to Marion Rooney, Ben Rooney, Deborah Watson, Margaret McGurk, Liam McGurk, Brigid May and Paul May for giving their time during the Easter week to count our Easter offertory collections in spite of their family commitments. I also wish to express my thanks to them for giving so much of their time every weekend as they have accepted the responsibility of ensuring all monies received from weekly collections, 400 Club, the stall and votive candles, has been accurately counted, recorded and deposited in the bank.

REPLACEMENT OF CARPETS IN THE PRESBYTERY - The much awaited 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. As was mentioned before in previous bulletins, the Fundraising Curry Night to raise money to reduce the cost of this essential venture was very successful and £1172.34 was realised on the night. This amount was further enhanced by a further donation of £200.00 donated by Joseph Nelson (Funeral Director). Belated thanks to Joseph and everyone who, in any way, helped us reach a grand total of £1372.34. This amount has greatly helped reduce the overall cost of replacing the carpeting in the Presbytery. Thank you for your loyal and generous support of your parish. May God continue to bless our parish.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES - amounted to £435.94. Thank you for your generosity.

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/house by this Sunday (28th April 2019).

THANKS - to Mr. Joe Nelson from Nelson Funeral Directors for donating Easter eggs to children.

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, Billy McNeill & Christopher Coyle.

ANNIVERSARIES - Catherine (Kitty) Innes, Joseph McLaughlin, Margaret McElhinney, Marjorie Callaghan & Daniel Coyle.

EASTER REMEMBRANCES - David & Esther O'Hare, John, James & Manus Coyle, John, Bella & John Connor, Neil & Christina Kelly, John Hourigan, Grace & John Reynolds.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

Easter Sunday Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £1997.99

A sincere thank you for all your contributions