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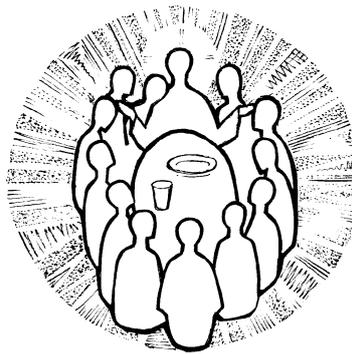
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

23rd February 2020

Weekday Cycle - Year 2



READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First Reading - (Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18) - This reading tells us that Moses is ordered by God to tell the people they must be holy. What does this imply? It is a command that can only be fulfilled by love. People are called not to hate anyone or bear a grudge against anyone.

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading - (1 Corinthians 3:16-23) - St. Paul tells us that we are temples of God, and therefore, we are to live up to our dignity.

Gospel Reading - (Matthew 5: 17-37) - This reading contains one of the most revolutionary things ever said. We hear of Jesus' version of the Leviticus command: love of neighbour must even include love for enemies.

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, 26th February 2020, 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.

A STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING - Each year the Diocese is required to produce and have read in each parish a statement on Safeguarding. Our Bishop Toal has sent us a statement for this year and he has asked that it be read and reproduced for parishioners in each parish this weekend 22nd/23rd February 2020, the weekend before Lent begins. Please find a copy of the statements provided with today's bulletin.

Bishop Toal has also expressed his thanks to the Parish Priests, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, and those with Safeguarding responsibilities in Diocesan Groups, for the work done in completing and submitting the Annual Audit.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - The Catholic Church in Scotland will again keep the Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 28th 2020, as our Day of Prayer for those who have suffered, or are suffering, from abuse of all forms. **On that evening, the Bishop will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral at 7pm.** We continue to pray especially for victims of abuse within the Church, for healing and consolation for those who have been so gravely wronged.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND - Next Sunday (1st March 2020), 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.

CONFIRMATIONS - Some of the children from St. Cadoc's Parish who attend St. Charles' Primary, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, with the young people from St. Bride's Primary, in St. Bride's Church, Cambuslang, on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred on them by Bishop Toal. Please pray that the grace they receive and the commitment they make will help them to be good Catholic teenagers.

FIRST CONFESSIONS - Please pray for the young people of our parish whose parents are offering them for First Reconciliation on Tuesday 10th of March 2020 from St. Charles's Primary School and Thursday 12th of March 2020 from St. Cadoc's Primary School at 7pm. Confession will also be available for family members and others.

Parents of candidates for First Reconciliation & First Communion 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.

SCIAF "WEE BOXES" LENTEN APPEAL 2020 - SCIAF Lenten packs are now available at the back of the Church. During this year's Lenten appeal SCIAF is highlighting the heart-breaking stories of women living in the South Kivu province of DR Congo. These women feature in the wee Box pack. SCIAF supports women in a range of ways including medical care, trauma counselling and legal assistance so they can prosecute their attackers. SCIAF also provide support for children born of rape by helping them to get birth certificate so they can become registered citizens and get access to healthcare and education. Please make sure that you collect a 'WEE BOX' for SCIAF Lenten donations for you and your family on your way out after Mass. **Once again, every £1 SCIAF receives before the 20th May 2020 will be doubled by the UK government.** The boxes should be handed in at the end of Lent.

PASTORAL PLANNING MEETING - Thank you to all those parishioners who joined me on Tuesday (18th February 2020) evening for our parish meeting and for all their feedback.

FUND RAISING NIGHT TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL REFURBISHMENT WORKS IN THE CHURCH -- Given that the refurbishment required in the presbytery has now been completed, attention will now be focused on the internal fabric of the Church.

My first priority at the moment is to replace the sanctuary and side altar carpets and to paint the sanctuary area. Whilst quotes to establish the cost of the painting are currently being sought; a quote of £1800 to replace the sanctuary and side altars carpeting has been obtained and this undertaking will be carried out in the near future.

To help meet some of the total price of this proposed undertaking a fundraising "homemade curry night" has been organised and will take place from 7pm till 9pm on Friday 27th March 2020 in the Presbytery. Tickets for the event will cost £10 (includes entrance fee and a glass of wine or a soft drink). Donations towards the expenses involved, including food, if desired, can be made on the night. To ensure those attending can enjoy the meal in comfortable surroundings the number of tickets available for sale will be limited to 45. You can book your place for the night by giving your name and paying the entry fee to either Jean Coyle, Irene Savage or Father Cirilo.

Alternatively, contributions can be made towards this fundraising event and these will be gratefully received. A raffle will be held on the night and donations of prizes will be most welcome. Places at this event are bound to be in high demand therefore please indicate your interest at the earliest opportunity. Your support for this venture intended to enhance the overall appearance of our church will be much appreciated.

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 last weekend, realised £631.46. 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.

400 CLUB WINNER - Joanne Rafferty; 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 Con O'Leary, Canon Michael Walsh, Irene Farrelly, Anne Haveron, Ann & James Hannaway, Ria Haggart & Mary McGowan.

[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 and elsewhere. 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 - Bridie Irvine, Kathleen Keenan, John McAuley, Danny Rodgers & Eamon Melly.

MONTHS MIND - Margaret Ann Gibbons.

ANNIVERSARIES - Patrick O'Donnell (First Anniversary), Thomas Houston, Ellen Leonard, Samuel & Dr. James Clements, James & Evelyn Bryceland, Henry & Annie Bryceland.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £862.92

A sincere thank you for all your contributions last weekend