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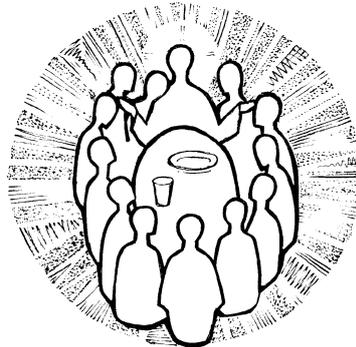
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Lent (A)

15th March 2020

Weekday Cycle - Proper of Seasons



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

First Reading - (Exodus 17:3-7) - This reading tells us that God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert, despite the fact that they are most ungrateful.

Responsorial Psalm - O that today you would listen to his voice;
"Harden not your hearts."

Second Reading - (Romans 5:1-12, 5-8) - In this reading St. Paul reminds us that God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Reading - (John 4: 5-42) - This contains the account of one of the most touching encounters of the Gospel - Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob.

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. Preceded by the penitential rites of Ash Wednesday and the preparatory days following, Lent opens formally on the First Sunday and continues for 40 days until Holy Thursday. Purple is the colour of the season. 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 Tuesday we remember St Patrick, the 5th century British bishop whose missionary work in the north of Ireland began a cult which made him the major patron of that country. On Wednesday we have the 4th Century Bishop of Jerusalem, St Cyril, as renowned for his pastoral writings as for the liturgical initiatives which gave the Church its celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Thursday is the Solemnity of St Joseph, foster-father of Our Lord, who plays such a large part in the Infancy gospels.

LITURGIES FOR THE THIRD 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - Congratulations to all our young people from St. Cadoc's Primary School and St. Charles' Primary School who made their First Reconciliation during the week. It has been great welcoming the 24 children (13 from St. Cadoc's Primary School and 11 from St. Charles' Primary School) to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Very many thanks to the young people for all the preparation they made, as well as to their teachers and parents, guardians & carers. We hope and pray that all our young people will experience the love and kindness of God when they come to confessions and continue to grow in their appreciation of this Sacrament.

400 CLUB WINNER - P & G Phillips; Winning Agent: Jean Coyle.

CORONAVIRUS: AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR PARISH COLLECTIONS - Bishop Toal has decided that, in addition to the precautions we have in place to protect against the possible spread of the Coronavirus, we follow an alternative method of collecting the offertory and other special collections.

From this weekend, as there will not have been the opportunity to advise the majority of our parishioners, the offertory collection will be taken up as a retiral collection. Parishioners are requested to place their offertory collections in the collection baskets at the rear of the church.

From the following weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Lent when there is a SCIAF (second) collection, parishioners will be asked to deposit the offertory collection (the one for the parish) on entering the church, with the SCIAF collection being deposited at the end of Mass. As with the other precautions which have been introduced, this precaution will remain in place as long as the threat remains.

SCIAF - Next Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) is SCIAF Sunday, a day when we will 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 next weekend (21st/22nd March 2020), which will go to help the poorest provinces of rural Cambodia, who rely on fishing to survive. Those who have not so far done so are asked to take a wee SCIAF box pack from the back of the church. SCIAF is our own Catholic aid development agency working to relieve poverty, to reduce hunger, to ensure human dignity and to help vulnerable communities protect their way of life for themselves and future generations. Please make sure that you collect a box for 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. The boxes should be handed in at the end of Lent.

GIFTAID - For those using offertory gift-aid envelopes, the new envelopes for the 2020-2021 tax year, which commences on the weekend of 4th/5th April 2020, are now available for collection in the porch. Please collect your gift-aid envelopes from the porch, if you have not done so. Gift-Aid members should put the date on the building fund envelope as the printer has not done this. 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.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER - Please find time to make a good Confession in preparation for the great feast of Easter. Priests will be available to hear confessions on Monday 6th April 2020 from 4.30pm-6.30pm. [Fr. Patrick Hennessy will be available from 4.30-5.30pm & Fr Rodrigues from 5.30-6.30pm]. There will also be confessions available in Sr. Brides, Eastkilbride, on Saturday 21st March 2020 and in St. Columbkille's, Rutherglen, on Saturday 4th April 2020 from 10.30am - 5.30pm.

FUND RAISING NIGHT TO SUPPORT ESSENTIAL REFURBISHMENT WORKS IN THE CHURCH -- There are just another 5 places left for the curry night fund raiser, which is to take place on Friday 27th March 2020 in the Presbytery from 7pm till 9pm. 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 13th September 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 both the sanctuary and side altars carpeting and painting the sanctuary area. My grateful thanks, as always, for all the financial support given to the parish in the past and I look forward to your continued generosity in this undertaking.

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, Fr. Aidan D'Arcy, Fr. Thomas Toal, Irene Farrelly, Anne Haveron, Ann & James Hannaway, Ria Haggart, Mary McGowan & Maureen Dolan.

[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 - Elizabeth Doyle, Margaret Forsyth, Marie Kelly, Robert (Bobby) Housley, Nicola McInally, Anna Murdoch & Margaret Delaney.

ANNIVERSARIES - Moira McLaughlin, Charlie Coyle, Christopher Coyle (First Anniversary), Patrick Quinn & James Donnelly.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £698.07

A sincere thank you for all your contributions last weekend