Father, almighty and eternal God, whose praise is sung throughout all creation and whose glory is proclaimed by all peoples. You create us in love and call us to our eternal destiny of loving communion with You. May the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel be a place where Your Name is hallowed and Your chosen ones are united in Holy Mass with Your Son in praise and thanksgiving.

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God, Incarnate of the Virgin Mary, You manifest the Father’s love and reveal His will for us. May we always be aware of our Baptismal dignity as the Children of God by our sharing through the Holy Spirit in Your Sonship, and so respond to Your call in service of each other, our parish, Holy Mother Church and the world.

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Spirit of Truth, You breathed your life into the Apostles at Pentecost, inspiring them to be preachers of the Word. May we always be open to Your promptings that our parish may be renewed in praise of God and in living the truth in charity.

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Baptisms**

Usually take place after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday. Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Clergy in good time.

**Marriages**

Couples are requested to speak to the Parish Clergy at least six months before a wedding and before any other arrangements are confirmed.

**Funerals**

Families are asked to contact the Parish before making any arrangements with a Funeral Director.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Meets every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass. Its members keep regular contact with the sick and elderly and support parishioners in time of need.

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**INTIMATIONS**

In charity we are asked to pray for:

Sick: All commended to our prayers.

Recently deceased:

 Lisa Grant; Chris Hamilton; Sheila Mulholland;

Anniversary:

 Duncan Cameron Snr; Francis Wood Snr; Francis Wood Jnr; Ellen Wood; Dick Rigley;

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**5th SUNDAY OF YEAR C**

**10 February 2019**



**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Isa 6:1-8

Psalm 137; Response:

*Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.*

2nd reading: 1 Cor 15-1:11

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

Feast Days:

Mon11th Feb Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Thurs 14th Feb Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius

**MONDAY GROUP**

**Sunday Masses**

Vigil 5.30pm

11.00am; 5.30pm

**Children’s Liturgy**

is available during school term at the 11.00am Mass for children

primary 1 to 4.

**Daily Mass**: 10.00am

(Thursday: Liturgy of the Word)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**:

Friday after 10.00am Mass – 11.00am

**Confessions:**

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

4.30pm - 5.15pm

Meetings take place at 7.00pm in the parish hall. We begin by praying Vespers (Evening Prayer) together after which there is an input on an aspect of the Catholic Faith. Light refreshments give us time to continue discussion and to socialise. In the coming weeks we will be exploring the seven Sacraments. Next meeting 11th February.

**CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Preparation meetings for children preparing for both First Confession and Holy Communion will begin on Sunday 24th February. Meetings will take place in the parish hall after the 11.00am Mass.

**ITALIAN NIGHT**

An evening of good food and company not to be missed. Parish Hall, 7pm, Sat 2 March 2019. Places limited. Children’s table available. Tickets £10 covers 3 course dinner. (children £5) Bring your own vino.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Assisted Parishes Scheme.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £602

*Many thanks for your ongoing support of the parish.*

**ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, which is led by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, will take place from 12th - 19th July 2019. Travel is by air from Glasgow. For enquiries please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0141 530 5060 or e-mail info@joewalshtours.co.uk Sick/Assisted pilgrims should contact Mrs Agnes Findlay, 5 Crofthead Drive, Lennoxtown G66 7HP, tel. 01360 312676.

**AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY**

At St. Joseph’s Home, Robroyston on Saturday, 23rd February at 2.30pm. Rosary, Benediction, blessing of Roses and film, “Fatima, the Ultimate Mystery”. Tea/coffee.

**CRAIGLOCKHART**

To celebrate the centenary of the founding of Craiglockhart College of Education, a reunion rally has been planned for Saturday 11th May 2019 in Napier University Craiglockhart Campus. 10.30 Registration, 11.30 Mass, 1.15 lunch. Various events to follow. The cost is £40 per person, which includes a welcome drink, three course lunch and afternoon tea/coffee. For further information and application form please email gripfast2019@gmail.com or phone Anne on 07762 575803 or Silvanna on 07793 545 025 by 1st March.

**FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND**

We are opening a new clinic in the Diocesan offices, Paisley on Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm. The first clinic will be on Monday 11th February and will run every alternate Monday thereafter. We run clinics in Edinburgh, Hamilton, Aberdeen and Paisley. At Fertility Care Scotland we teach The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation, which helps couples achieve or postpone pregnancy in a natural way. We can help couples optimize their chances of conceiving. Our service is free and confidential and no appointment is necessary. We invite you to come and visit us at one of our clinics. Phone: 0141 221 0858; E-Mail: info@fertilitycare.org.uk;www.fertilitycare.org.uk Join us on facebook [www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland](http://www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland) Follow us on Twitter:  [www.twitter.com/billingsscot](http://www.twitter.com/billingsscot)

**FAITH FORUM: EXPLORING CATHOLIC DOCTRINE**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).  Keen to learn more about the Church’s magisterial teachings? Come along to the Glasgow Faith Forum’s fortnightly series of talks in 2019: 21 February – *Ecclesiology: Models of the Church* (Fr Nick Welsh). Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.  All young people welcome.

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Prayer purifies the heart from turning in on itself. Prayer of the heart restores fraternity.

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**POPE FRANCIS WRITES:**

**REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

Pope Francis renewed the Lord’s call to holiness in his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*. The full document can be purchased in the Pauline Multimedia store in St Enoch’s square or downloaded from the Holy See’s website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

104. We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God’s gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

105. Similarly, the best way to discern if our prayer is authentic is to judge to what extent our life is being transformed in the light of mercy. For “mercy is not only an action of the Father; it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are”. Mercy “is the very foundation of the Church’s life”. In this regard, I would like to reiterate that mercy does not exclude justice and truth; indeed, “we have to say that mercy is the fullness of justice and the most radiant manifestation of God’s truth”. It is “the key to heaven”.

107. Those who really wish to give glory to God by their lives, who truly long to grow in holiness, are called to be single-minded and tenacious in their practice of the works of mercy. Saint Teresa of Calcutta clearly realized this: “Yes, I have many human faults and failures… But God bends down and uses us, you and me, to be his love and his compassion in the world; he bears our sins, our troubles and our faults. He depends on us to love the world and to show how much he loves it. If we are too concerned with ourselves, we will have no time left for others”.

**THE EVERLASTING FOODBANK**

Donations are collected on the first Sunday of the month. This is a local, faith-motivated initiative to help those in need in our area and is worthy of our support.

**VOCATION DISCERMENT**

A series of evening of catechesis, prayer and support has been organised for next year. Anyone considering their future and what God is calling them to do is welcome. The first event is at 7.00pm pm on Fri 8th February 2019 in Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.