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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.

*Our Lady of Good Counsel is a parish of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, a Designated Religious Charity, No. SCO18140*

**INTIMATIONS**

In charity we are asked to pray for:

Sick: All commended to our prayers.

Recently deceased:

Jean Valance; Fr Nicholas Rowan;

Anniversary:

 Margaret Lyden;

**The parish bulletin is sponsored by parishioner John Watters, painter & decorator. Free estimates 0141 554 7454**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**7th SUNDAY OF YEAR C**

**24 February 2019**



**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: 1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Psalm 102; Response:

*The Lord is compassion and love*

2nd reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

Divine Office: week 3

Feast Days:

**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 25th 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. The children will make their First Confession during a parish Reconciliation Service on Saturday 23rd March, during the annual 40 Hours and receive First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th May.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £631

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

**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.

**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](mailto:info@joewalshtours.co.uk) Sick/Assisted pilgrims should contact Mrs Agnes Findlay, 5 Crofthead Drive, Lennoxtown G66 7HP, tel. 01360 312676.

**RCAG YOUTH TRIP: LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP, ALTON CASTLE**

In S1, S2 or S3?  Join RCAG Youth on this 5-day programme of faith-filled fun: Holy Mass, prayer, games, activities, Alton Towers & SO MUCH MORE!  4 – 8th August 2019, £350, limited places, contact [youth@rcag.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcag.org.uk) for more info.  Check out this video from last year’s Summer Camp: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYEeV5OgcpE>

**20-40 NETWORK DRINKS NIGHT**

Aged 20-40? Fancy joining us for a drink? We are meeting at 8pm on Saturday 2nd March at the Counting House pub on George Square for a few drinks and would love it if you could join us. We've got a small room booked, so no need to worry about getting a seat! Email [2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com) to buy a ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can’t make this one. All the money raised will go towards Marys Meals.

**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.

**FAITH FORUM: EXPLORING CATHOLIC DOCTRINE**

Keen to learn more about the Church’s magisterial teachings? Come along to the Glasgow Faith Forum’s fortnightly series of talks in 2019: 7 March – *The Life of Grace* (Fr David Barrett). Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.  All young people welcome.

**LENTEN REFLECTION FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF**

a Lenten Reflection for Teachers and School Staff will take place on Wednesday 13th March in Saint Andrew’s Cathedral at 6.30pm. There will be a Reflection, Evening Prayer, Adoration and the opportunity for Confession. Refreshments will be provided.

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Life has value when we give it, when we give it in love, in truth; when we give it to others, in everyday life, in the family. @Pontifex

**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)

**SIGNS OF HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD**

113. Saint Paul bade the Romans not to repay evil for evil (cf. *Rom* 12:17), not to seek revenge (v. 19), and not to be overcome by evil, but instead to “overcome evil with good” (v. 21). This attitude is not a sign of weakness but of true strength, because God himself “is slow to anger but great in power” (*Nah* 1:3). The word of God exhorts us to “put away all bitterness and wrath and wrangling and slander, together with all malice” (*Eph* 4:31).

114. We need to recognize and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root. “Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger” (*Eph* 4:26). When we feel overwhelmed, we can always cling to the anchor of prayer, which puts us back in God’s hands and the source of our peace. “Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts...” (*Phil* 4:6-7).

**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 March 2019 in Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?**

Will you come and pray one hour with us each week this Lent to pray for a culture of life in Scotland? 40 Days for Life is a growing grassroots prolife lay movement which seeks to replace the culture of death with a culture of life. To join the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil email Ogilvie2019@outlook.com. 40 Days for Life stands in prayerful solidarity with all of the women, men and children whose lives have been damaged/taken by abortion.

**SPRED**

SPRED is a ministry within the Archdiocese that supports the faith formation of Catholics who have a learning disability. We are always in need of new volunteers. All we ask is that you have a warm heart and an ability to be a friend to someone. To find out more, come to our open evening on 25th Fevruary 2019, at 7pm in Lourdes Hall, Lourdes Avenue, G52 3QU. Call 0141 770 5055 or email [lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com) for more information.

**FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND**

We are opening a new clinic in the Diocesan offices, Paisley on alternative Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm. 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](mailto: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)

**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](mailto:gripfast2019@gmail.com) or phone Anne on 07762 575803 or Silvanna on 07793 545 025 by 1st March.