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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:

Jim Thomson

Anniversary:

Peter Watters; Elizabeth Rice; William & Alice Hackett;

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

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C**

**17 March 2019**



**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Gen 15:5-12.17-18

Psalm 26; Response:

*The Lord is my light and my help.*

2nd reading: Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

Divine Office: week 2, of the season.

Feast Days:

19 March: Solemnity of St Joseph

**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

The next couple of meetings will be devoted to the sacrament of Marriage. This is an important topic in today’s society, even for those who are not married. 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. Next meeting 18th March.

**LENT**

To offer people the opportunity to attend **Holy Mass** during Lent, there will be an extra Mass in the parish: Monday – Friday at 7.30am (excluding 25-27th March).

**Stations of the Cross** (Via Crucis) is a wonderful devotion that has been prayed by the saints for centuries. Come and join us reflecting on Christ’s saving love for us on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.00pm.

**LENTFEST** leaflets and **SCIAF** Wee Boxes are available at the back of the Church.

**ITALIAN NIGHT**

Many thanks to Silvana & Nadia who organised for organising the Italian Night and to Carmen of Café Napoli for catering. A great night was had by all and £170 contributed to parish funds.

**40 HOURS: FRI 22 – SUN 24 MARCH 2019**

This annual time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a time of grace for the parish and for us as individual disciples. You are encouraged to pay a private visit and to join our times of communal prayer:

**Fri 7.00pm: Holy Hour**

**Sat10.30am: Penitential Service with First Confession**

A Sign Up sheet is available to ensure that the church is not left empty. Votive candles will also be available for burning in the presence of the Lord during 40 Hours.

**CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Preparation meetings for children preparing for both First Confession and Holy Communion 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.

Please pray for the children in this time of preparation.

**GIFT AID DONATIONS**

The Gift Aid scheme is a great financial benefit to the parish. GA Envelopes for the upcoming new tax year will be issued in the coming weeks. Please only use envelopes if you pay tax. I would kindly ask any parishioner who pays tax but has not signed up to the scheme to consider doing so. Forms are available at the back of the church.

**LENT COLLECTIONS**

During Lent there will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. The annual SCIAF collection will be taken up on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £661

£401 was donated to the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

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

**PRO-LIFE MASS**

This month’s Pro-Life Mass will take place on Wednesday, 20th March in Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Canon Joseph McAuley.

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Only those who leave behind their earthly attachments in order to set out will find the mystery of God. @Pontifex

**LET'S MEET**

Would you like to meet someone special? ‘Let’s Meet’ is sort of like speed dating and is a very friendly, relaxed way to meet fellow single Catholics (Aged 21-40). Browns Brasserie & Bar, Glasgow. 7pm, Saturday 6th April. To find out more and buy a £10 ticket email letsmeetscotland@gmail.com

**LOOKING FOR A LENTEN CHALLENGE?**

How about praying for the Homeless Club users and volunteers working from the Wayside Club Centre, 32 Midland St, Glasgow? We are looking for your prayers during Lent and we also need help with practical tasks and food preparation in the evenings between 7.30pm and 10pm, Saturday from 1pm until 3pm, or before opening times. You could bring a family member or friend. Please contact Wayside Club president Charlie Hegarty by Facebook or 0141 221 0169 (after 7pm), or email: waysideglasgow@gmail.com .

**CONCERT**

‘Seven Last Words from the Cross’ by James MacMillan, performed by Glasgow Chamber Choir and accompanied by string orchestra, in St Andrew’s Cathedral on Sunday 31st March 2019 from 3 – 4.30pm. The cantata sets the seven last sentences uttered by Christ on the cross, meditating on each to form a dramatic and emotional sequence. The MacMillan is paired with JS Bach’s Easter cantata ‘Christ lag in Todesbanden.’

Tickets are £14 for adults and £7 for students available at the door or online at <https://glasgowchamberchoir.ticketlight.co.uk/>

**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: 21 March – *The Four Last Things* (Fr Michael John Galbraith). Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.  All young people welcome.

**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 for more info.  Check out this video from last year’s Summer Camp: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYEeV5OgcpE>

**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.

**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.

**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**

115. Christians too can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication. Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned. The result is a dangerous dichotomy, since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, and people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others. It is striking that at times, in claiming to uphold the other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying, and ruthlessly vilify others. Here we see how the unguarded tongue, set on fire by hell, sets all things ablaze (cf. *Jas* 3:6).

116. Inner strength, as the work of grace, prevents us from becoming carried away by the violence that is so much a part of life today, because grace defuses vanity and makes possible meekness of heart. The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters, and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others. Saints hesitate to treat others harshly; they consider others better than themselves (cf. *Phil* 2:3).

**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 next meeting is at 7.00pm pm on Fri 8th March 2019 in Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.

**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 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 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 or phone Anne on 07762 575803 or Silvanna on 07793 545 025 by 1st March.