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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:

Norma Tate; Bill Black;

Anniversary:

John & Mary Monaghan; Susan Gallagher; John & Mary Tees; Ella Rankin; Mary & Pat Connor;

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

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**4th SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR C**

**12 May 2019**



**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Acts 13:14.43-52

Psalm 99; Response:

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

2nd reading: Apoc 7:9.14-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

Divine Office: Wk 4/4th Week of Easter

Feast Days:

Tues 14th: Feast of St Matthias

**MONDAY GROUP**

The next meeting is on Monday 13th May at 7.00pm in the parish hall. In this session we will be exploring Catholic Social Teaching. All welcome

**Q&A SESSION**

**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

Do you have any questions about your faith? about the Church? about the parish? Fr Joe and Deacon Tommy will host an open evening to give us the chance to raise our concerns, queries, hopes, etc. Parish Hall, 7.00pm, Fri 17 May 2019.

**MAY DEVOTIONS**

Marian Devotions will take place in the parish on Sunday afternoons at 4.30 and Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Two children in the parish, Grace and Leo, will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th May. Please keep them in your prayers.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

There will be a second collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund this weekend.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £608

£368 was donated to the collection for the Assisted Parishes Scheme.

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

**SCIAF WEE BOXES**

Any parishioner who has a SCIAF WEE Box is asked to return it to the parish by Sunday 26th May to allow donations to be forwarded to the charity. After this date donations should be sent directly to SCIAF.

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

This popular TV programme will be filming an episode in Glasgow Cathedral on Tues 14 May 2019, 6.30-9.30pm. An invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to participate in the congregation. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the following: [SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv](mailto:SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv) or 0161 873 7073

**PRO-LIFE MASS**

This month’s Pro-Life Mass will take place on Wednesday, 15th May 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 Fr Jim Lawlor.

**THE CATHOLIC NURSES GUILD OF SCOTLAND**

The international Nurses Day Mass will take place in The Glass Chapel, Carfin, on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm. All health care workers and friends are welcome. Contact: 01475 725252, e-mail [janecharkin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janecharkin@yahoo.co.uk) or 0131 665 3639

**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.

**PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE**

A pro-life conference will be held on Saturday 22nd June at St Augustine's Coatbridge to explore the skills needed in presenting the pro-life response at home, school, church and society.

Speakers Austin Ruse of C-Fam, Prof Janet Smith, a renowned defender of *Humanae Vitae*, and Cathy Ruse of the Family Research Council and Gordon Macdonald of Care not Killing will discuss life issues, bio-ethical questions and issues affecting life, love, sex, marriage and the family. Book before 5th May 2019 to receive the £10.00 early bird discount. Lunch is included in your ticket price. [**https://lifeissues.eventbrite.co.uk**](https://lifeissues.eventbrite.co.uk)

**STRONGHOLD FESTIVAL, CRAIG LODGE DALMALLY**

“Calling all 16 to 35 year olds… Stronghold Festival is for YOU!  Join hundreds of young people on this 4-day Catholic Festival in the Highlands of Scotland for a powerful weekend of Adoration, Sacraments, music, talks, discussions, mountain walks, fellowship and loads more!  24 – 27th May 2019, Craig Lodge, Dalmally.  Check out the amazing line up of speakers and book your place through our page: [www.facebook.com/StrongholdFestival](http://www.facebook.com/StrongholdFestival) - we hope to see you there!”

**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION?**

Have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please visit [**www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk**](http://WWW.STMARGARETSADOPTION.ORG.UK) or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail [**info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk**](mailto:INFO@STMARGARETSADOPTION.ORG.UK).

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

In many countries May is the month of Mary. May the Mother of God accompany us and protect Christians in fighting against the force of evil. Let us entrust ourselves to her and pray for the Church and for peace on earth. @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*.

154. Prayer of supplication is an expression of a heart that trusts in God and realizes that of itself it can do nothing. The life of God’s faithful people is marked by constant supplication born of faith-filled love and great confidence. Let us not downplay prayer of petition, which so often calms our hearts and helps us persevere in hope. Prayer of intercession has particular value, for it is an act of trust in God and, at the same time, an expression of love for our neighbour. There are those who think, based on a one-sided spirituality, that prayer should be unalloyed contemplation of God, free of all distraction, as if the names and faces of others were somehow an intrusion to be avoided. Yet in reality, our prayer will be all the more pleasing to God and more effective for our growth in holiness if, through intercession, we attempt to practise the twofold commandment that Jesus left us. Intercessory prayer is an expression of our fraternal concern for others, since we are able to embrace their lives, their deepest troubles and their loftiest dreams. Of those who commit themselves generously to intercessory prayer we can apply the words of Scripture: “This is a man who loves the brethren and prays much for the people” (*2 Mac* 15:14).

**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

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**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 10th May 2019 in Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.