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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:

Mary McCabe; Gerry Deitrich; James Timoney;

Anniversary:

Cath Griffin; Sadie & Jack Ward; Alice Hamilton; Maureen Bradley; Margaret McCulloch; Patrick Doherty;

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**5th SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR C**

**19 May 2019**



**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 144; Response:

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

2nd reading: Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

Divine Office: Wk 1/5th Week of Easter

Feast Days:

**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

**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

**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**

1/2 June: Communications Sunday

8/9 June: Day for Life

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £655

£474 was donated to the collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.

*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.

**LINN CEMETERY ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

**The Annual Memorial Mass at Linn Cemetery will take place in the cemetery on Saturday 1st June 2019 starting at 3.00pm. All Welcome.**

**MASS IN SPANISH**

Unidos en la fe. Spanish- speaking Catholics in Scotland, invite you to celebrate La Santa Misa Spanish Mass on 26th May at 12.30 in Saint Mary’s Star of the Sea parish, Leith. The Mass will be followed by a pot-luck lunch where you are invited to bring a meal made from a recipe of your home town. Contact: Mobile: 075118077830. e-mail: [unidosenlafe123@gmail.com](mailto:unidosenlafe123@gmail.com) Facebook: @unidosEnLaFeEscocia. Twitter @UnidosFeEscocia

**NEW DAWN SCOTLAND**

The annual New Dane Catholic Pilgrimage Conference will take place in St Andrew’s from 8th -12th July 2019. Daily Mass, talks, workshops and other activities, with a programme for children and young people make this suitable for everyone. For more information visit: [www.newdawninscotland.com](http://www.newdawninscotland.com)

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING**

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Holy Mass for children and young people with additional support needs and their families in St Andrew’s Cathedral at 7.00pm on Thursday 20th June 2019. This is always a joyful and uplifting occasion. All welcome.

**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)

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Promoting the development of the family means supporting and caring for every human person and for all of creation.

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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*.

155. If we realize that God exists, we cannot help but worship him, at times in quiet wonder, and praise him in festive song. We thus share in the experience of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, who said: “As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him”.[[117]](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html" \l "_ftn117" \o ") In the life of God’s pilgrim people, there can be many simple gestures of pure adoration, as when “the gaze of a pilgrim rests on an image that symbolizes God’s affection and closeness. Love pauses, contemplates the mystery, and enjoys it in silence”.

**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION?**

**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.

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).

**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.