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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:

Anniversary:

Duncan Broe; Charles Mullen; Letty Newlands;

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**6th SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR C**

**26 May 2019**



**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Acts 15:1-2.22-29

Psalm 66; Response:

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*Let all the peoples praise you.*

2nd reading: Apoc 21:10-14.22-23

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Divine Office: Wk 2/6th Week of Easter

Feast Days:

Thurs 30th May: Solemnity of the Ascension

Fri 31st May: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 1st June: Memorial of St Justin

**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**

Congratulations to Katie and Leo will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION**

Thursday is a Holiday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.00pm and the usual 10.00am Mass on Thursday.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Some more volunteers are required to assist with the cleaning of the church. If you have some time to spare on a Monday morning your help will be appreciated.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

1/2 June: Communications Sunday

8/9 June: Day for Life

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £545

*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.

**BEARDMORE (PARKHEAD) FORGE**

BBC Radio Scotland is currently researching a radio series in which school children explore and present a programme about something of historical interest in their area. One of the programmes will be about the Parkhead Forge. If you worked there (or have a close connection with the Forge) and would be willing to help, please contact Lucy Anderson on 0131 248 4151.

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

It is the Spirit who is the protagonist of Christian life, the Holy Spirit, who is with us, accompanies us, transforms us, is victorious with us. @Pontifex

**ST ANNE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our School Mini Vinnie Group is organising an afternoon tea party to be held here at Saint Anne's on Thursday 13th June.  The children are hoping that some 'older' people in our local community would be able to come along and enjoy some sandwiches and cakes and some musical entertainment. For more information contact Mrs Hamilton on 0141 554 2734.

**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.**

**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 WRITES: REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

Pope Francis renewed the Lord’s call to holiness in his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*.

156. The prayerful reading of God’s word, which is “sweeter than honey” (Ps 119:103) yet a “two-edged sword” (Heb 4:12), enables us to pause and listen to the voice of the Master. It becomes a lamp for our steps and a light for our path (cf. Ps 119:105). As the bishops of India have reminded us, “devotion to the word of God is not simply one of many devotions, beautiful but somewhat optional. It goes to the very heart and identity of Christian life. The word has the power to transform lives”.

157. Meeting Jesus in the Scriptures leads us to the Eucharist, where the written word attains its greatest efficacy, for there the living Word is truly present. In the Eucharist, the one true God receives the greatest worship the world can give him, for it is Christ himself who is offered. When we receive him in Holy Communion, we renew our covenant with him and allow him to carry out ever more fully his work of transforming our lives.

**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)

**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.