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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:

Frank Doyle; Jean Neillis;

Anniversary:

Joseph & Margaret Cullen; Annita Tartaglia; Maurice & Isabelle Rice; Moira Gribbin; Mary O’Donnell; Frank O’Donnell; Robert Gough; Amanda Provan; birthday remembrance of Francis Gallagher;

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**6th SUNDAY OF YEAR A**

**16th February 2020**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Eccl 15:15-20

Psalm 118; Response:

*They are happy who follow God’s law!*

2nd reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Matt 5:17-37

Divine Office: Week 2

Feast Days:

Sat 22 Feb: Feast of the Chair of St Peter



**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 in the parish hall at 7.00pm. After praying Vespers together there is an input on an aspect of the Catholic Faith followed by light refreshments. This session we will be exploring the life of prayer. Next meeting is on 17th February.

**SUNDAY CAFÉ**

Tea/coffee and refreshments available in the hall after the 11.00am Mass today. All welcome.

**GAD ENVELOPES**

I am currently preparing the GAD envelopes for the next tax year. I would be grateful if parishioners using the GAD Scheme (envelopes or direct debit) whose tax status has changed could inform me. Envelopes (including the green ones available in the church) should only be used by those who pay tax. Last year the parish received £9,624 from the government through the Gift Aid Scheme. I would encourage any parishioner who pays tax but has not signed up to the scheme to consider doing so.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your financial support of the parish

**MISSION APPEAL**

This year’s Mission Appeal will be given by Comboni Missionary Sisters this weekend. A special Collection will be taken up to support their work and mission.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £491

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

**PRO-LIFE MASS**

This month’s Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 19th February 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 Dominic Quinn.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN PRAYER & FASTING VIGIL**

On Saturday 22nd of February the 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer and Fasting Vigil for an end to abortion will commence with the celebration of Holy Mass at 1pm in St Andrew’s Cathedral. Archbishop Tartaglia will be the celebrant. The 40 Days for Life Vigil will then take place as before from Ash Wednesday 26th February from 8am until 8pm each day outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the QEUH. The Vigil will close on Palm Sunday 5th April at the QEUH. Please consider what you are going to do for Lent, come and pray for a culture of life here in Scotland and around the world. If you would like more information then please contact [Ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie1615@outlook.com)

**20-40 NETWORK SUPPER CLUB**

Aged 20-40? We are hosting a supper-club networking event at The Butterfly and the Pig in on 7th March at 7pm. Tickets are £28 for a two-course meal from a fantastic menu plus coffee. Thereafter you can mingle in the bar with a live band and you have complimentary entry to the neighbouring Buff Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other young Catholics so please come along. Just email [2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com) to buy a ticket.

**GLASGOW UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION**

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword: Evangelising through Literature. A fortnightly series of talks on living out the Catholic faith, which will take place in Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG, beginning at 7.30pm. 27th February: St John Henry Newman – Dr Rebekah Lamb. All young people welcome.

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Today it would do us good to think - as an act of gratitude to God - about those who accompany us on our journey through life: family members, friends, colleagues... The Lord wants us to be together as a people. Thank you, Lord, for never leaving us alone! @Pontifex

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT**

These will take place on 28th February, 27th March, 24th April and 29th May. For further information contact Fr. Ross Campbell, [ross.campbell2@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:ross.campbell2@glasgow.ac.uk) or telephone 0141 339 4315

**ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

17-24 July 2020, by air from Glasgow. Seven nights full board: £948 for Hotel Padoue, Hotel Solitude or Hotel Eliseo. £799 for hotel Agena. £495 for seat only. Enquiries: Independent pilgrims – call Joe Walsh Tours on 0141 530 5060 or e-mail [info@joewalshtours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshtours.co.uk) Assisted pilgrims – call Elizabeth McKee 0141 558 0994 or write to 125 Cortmalaw Crescent, Robroyston G33 1TD.

**THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

The Beginning Experience is holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 13th-15th March 2020. For details contact: Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email [beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com).

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS**

A programme of seminars aimed at non-experts and beginners. Each seminar has a particular theological focus, lasts for one hour and is taught by an expert in the field. The seminars will take place from 5-6 pm in the Ogilvie Room (526), St Andrew’s Building, University of Glasgow. To book your place please email: [education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

As part of the Archdiocese safeguarding safe recruitment process, all volunteers who require a PVG for their role must attend training. Volunteers must attend Part 2 Induction.  Outlined below are the dates for February.  Dates for March to June will be announced in the next few weeks.  If you want a space on one of the training sessions please telephone the Safeguarding Team on 0141 226 5898 or email

**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. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

[SafeguardingAdministrator@rcag.org.uk](mailto:SafeguardingAdministrator@rcag.org.uk) to register.  Only volunteers who register can attend the training.Part 2 Training

Thursday 27th February 7 – 9pm Christ the King 220 Carmunock Street King’s Park.

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS**

General Audience, Wednesday 22th January 2020:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today’s catechesis occurs in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, whose theme this year – on hospitality – was prepared by the Christian communities of Malta and Gozo. The theme is based on Saint Paul’s dramatic experience of being shipwrecked at Malta, and the welcome he and his companions received there. Indeed, in contrast to the sea’s violence, the survivors received “unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2), reflecting God’s love for them. This hospitality was then repaid when Paul healed many sick people, thus revealing God’s merciful love. Hospitality is an important ecumenical virtue, which is open to listening to the experience that other Christians have of God. When we welcome Christians of a different tradition we reveal God’s love to them and receive the gifts that the Holy Spirit has sown in them. In this way, we Christians are challenged to overcome our divisions and to show Christ’s love more effectively to others, especially the many migrants who, like Paul, face danger at sea, as they flee from peril. Working together like this will make us both better disciples of the Lord and more united as the People of God..

**ST MARGARET’S ADOPTION SOCIETY**

Have you ever considered adoption? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please contact us on 0141 332 8371. E-mail: [info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](mailto:info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk) Website: [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

13th February: J.R.R. Tolkein – Dr Guiseppe Pezzini;; 12th March: Flannery O’Connor – Fr Kevin Douglas; 26th March: G.K. Chesterton – Fr Ross Campbell.

**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 DISCERNMENT**

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.

28th November – Sr Roseann Reddy – *The Challenge (II); Building a Culture of Life*; 12th December – Sr Andrea Fraille – *The Challenge (III): Male and Female He Created Them.*