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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:

Jean Neillis; Pat McAleer;

Anniversary:

Maureen Holmes; Patrick & Elizabeth Holmes; James McKinlay;

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

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

**1st March 2020**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Gen 2:7-9;3.1-7

Psalm 50; Response:

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

2nd reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Matt 4:1-11

Divine Office: Week 1, of the season.

Feast Days:



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ashes will be distributed at Holy Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, meaning that we should reduce our food intake (1 meal and two smaller collations) and avoid meat and alcohol.

**LENTEN CATECHESIS**

**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

During Lent there will be a series of talks on Monday evenings followed by a short time of adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The talks will be based on a wonderful document written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called *The Sacrament of Charity* (*Sacramentum Caritatis*). Pope Benedict reflects on the Church’s belief in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Holy Mass, exploring how we celebrate and participate in Mass and how it impacts on our lives. If you want to take a look at the document in advance, it can be found at:

<http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_ben-xvi_exh_20070222_sacramentum-caritatis.html>

**LENT**

Are you stuck for something to do for Lent? Chris Stefanick will be leading a programme called “I am” that explores how we perceive ourselves compared to how God sees us, encouraging us to find our identity in God’s love for us. More details at: <https://reallifecatholic.com/coaching/>

Short Term Pledges from the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are available at the back of the church.

Here in the parish, there will be an extra Mass at 7.30am, Monday – Friday.

Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday & Friday evenings at 7.00pm

**SAFEGUARDING**

Friday 28th February is being marked in the Archdiocese as a day of prayer for victims of abuse. The Stations of the Cross that day will be offered for all who have suffered abuse of any kind.

**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

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £556

£671 was donated to the appeal by Sr Patricia of the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

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

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Faith grows when we invoke the Lord with confidence, bringing to Jesus who we are, with open hearts, without hiding our sufferings. @Pontifex

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

The 40 Days for Life Vigil will then take place 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

**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 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.

**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 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 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.

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS**

**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.

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

**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 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 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.*