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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:

Kathleen Nugent;

Anniversary:

Guido Tartaglia; May Neilson;

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**2ND SUNDAY OF YEAR A**

**19th January 2020**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Isa 49:3.5-6

Psalm 39; Response:

*Here I am, Lord;*

*I come to do your will.*

2nd reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Divine Office: Week 2

Feast Days:

Tues 21 Jan: Memorial of St Agnes

Fri 24 Jan: Memorial of St Francis de Sales

Sat 25 Jan: Feast of the Conversion of St Paul



**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.

**THANKS**

The Everlasting Foodbank has sent a letter thanking parishioners for your generous support of its work. “Your support repeatedly has played a key role in our success in helping vulnerable people.” The full letter is on the noticeboard.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £712

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

**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. 30th January: C.S. Lewis – Mrs. Joanna Bogle; 13th February: J.R.R. Tolkein – Dr Guiseppe Pezzini; 27th February: St John Henry Newman – Dr Rebekah Lamb; 12th March: Flannery O’Connor – Fr Kevin Douglas; 26th March: G.K. Chesterton – Fr Ross Campbell. All young people welcome.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

“The Ethical Dimension of Educational Provision and Research” - a talk by Professor Lindsay Paterson, which will take place at The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius’ Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th January 2020. All welcome. Non-members: donation £3 - includes refreshments.

**MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

The Annual White Mass for Healthcare Professionals and others who work in the health and care sectors will be held in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell on Sunday 9th February at 10.30 am.  Bishop Joseph Toal will be the Principal Celebrant.  Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in St Bride's Hall, across from the Cathedral.

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT**

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th February 2020.  This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else’s abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr. Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Rachel via the enquiry form on the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**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)

**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).

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT**

These will take place on 31st January, 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

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

The Lord has so much compassion, He involves Himself in our problems. Let us often repeat this simple prayer: Lord, I am a sinner, have mercy on me, have compassion for me. @Pontifex

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS**

General Audience, Wednesday 15th January 2020:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we conclude our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles with Paul’s arrival in Rome, in chains, to appeal his case to Caesar. As we have seen, Saint Luke’s account of the spread of the Gospel largely coincides with Paul’s missionary journeys. In Rome, Paul is welcomed by the Christian community and permitted to remain under house arrest. Luke ends the Book of Acts not with Paul’s martyrdom but by describing his tireless proclamation of the Gospel, showing the power of God’s word which can never be chained (cf. 2 Tim 2:9). Paul’s missionary journeys, culminating in this City, reveal the power of God’s grace to open hearts to the Gospel and its saving message. Having in these past months followed the spread of the Good News throughout the world, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew in each one of us the call to be courageous and joyful missionary disciples of Christ. In this way, we – in the footsteps of Paul – will fill our world with the Gospel and make our communities places of fraternity where all can encounter the risen Lord.

**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.

**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.*