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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:

Thomas Fitzsimmons; Ellen & Gerry Walsh;

Anniversary:

Rachel Baird; Margaret Cunningham; Birthday remembrance of John Murray;

Christmas remembrance: Maria & Nicky Gizzi

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

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**

**YEAR A**

**5th January 2020**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Isa 60:1-6

Psalm 71; Response:

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord*

2nd reading: Eph 3:2-3.5-6

Gospel: Matt 2:1-12

Divine Office: of the season.

Feast Days:



**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 will recommence on Monday 13 January.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

We are still seeking the winner with blue ticket 211-215.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend to support the work of Justice and Peace Scotland.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £651

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

**WEE BOXES**

Anyone who has taken a Wee Box for the St Nicholas Care Fund is kindly asked to return it to the parish by Sunday 15 January 2019. After this date donations should be sent directly to the charity.

**GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY**

Sunday Mass within Glasgow Royal Infirmary will be celebrated at a new time of 3.30 pm from Sunday 5th January 2020. Mass is celebrated by Hospital Chaplains Fr Stuart and Fr Augustine every Sunday.

If you are in hospital it is necessary to request Chaplaincy services. Inform a member of your care team that you wish to see a Catholic priest. If you know in advance that you will be going into hospital, I will be happy to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with you beforehand.

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Let’s ask the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them. @Pontifex

**GLASGOW CHURCHES TOGETHER**

The annual St Mungo Ecumenical Service will take place in Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Castle Street, G4 0QZ, on Sunday 12th Jan 2020 at 4pm. All welcome.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT EVENINGS: CATECHESIS – ADORATION - FELLOWSHIP**

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 or telephone 0141 339 4315

**POPE FRANCIS WRITES:**

Excerpts from *Admirabile Signum*, Pope Francis’ reflection on the crib.

As the feast of Epiphany approaches, we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus’ kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love.

The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, athirst for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:1-12). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Kneeling before him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly. Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS**

General Audience, Wednesday 25th September 2019:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we continue to follow the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In the early Christian community some complained that their widows were being neglected in the distribution of bread. The Apostles, aware of their principal calling to preach the Word of God, discerned a solution to maintain the harmony between the service of the Word and service to the poor. They instituted seven men, on whom they imposed hands, to carry out works of charity. One of these seven deacons, Stephen, proclaimed Christ’s Paschal Mystery as the key to the whole history of the covenant, but his words met with resistance. Yet, even when condemned to death, Stephen entrusted his life into the Lord’s hands and forgave his adversaries. The actions of this first martyr teach us that our identity as God’s children consists in abandoning ourselves to the Father and forgiving those who offend us. Let us ask the Lord that, by contemplating the martyrs of the past and present, we may live a full life, accepting the martyrdom of daily fidelity to the Gospel and conformity to Christ.

**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.*