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Sunday 04 February 2018—5th Week of Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm; 9.30am; 11am
Monday –Saturday: 9.30am

How to Join the Catholic Church. Adults who would like to join our Church Community are most welcome to make this known. After the initial enquiry preparations begin and the time it takes depends on individual circumstances.

Church Opening: The church will open on Monday and Tuesday until 4 pm. The rays of the sun will warm your heart and the Sun of Justice will give you peace.
Morning Prayer of the Church is said at 9 am at the front of the church before the Blessed Sacrament on weekdays. You are welcome to join us.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday 7pm

Availability of the priest. Fr Joe is generally available after Masses and at other times by arrangement.

Confession/Reconciliation: Most mornings before Mass from 9.10 am until 9.25 am.
Saturday evenings from 5.30 pm until 6.20 pm.

Baptism: By appointment with Parish Priest. Forms are available in the porch.
Marriage: Appointment with Parish Priest (6 months notice)
Sacrament of the Sick: Please receive this Sacrament if you know you are going into hospital, or if anyone you know has a serious illness.
Funerals: Please approach the Parish Priest in the event of bereavement.

Rosary is prayed every morning. Tuesday-Saturday after morning Mass.

Blessing of Babies. At the end of our 11 am Mass this week we have the Blessing of Babies. A few days ago we celebrated the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (2nd Feb) and it is appropriate to invite all parents of babies who were baptised during the past year and others too who wish to come along to receive a blessing at this Mass.

Parish Council Meeting. The next meeting is due on Thursday 8th February. Among other items we can speak about the options for the front elevation of the church. We can also consider the proposal to join with Knights of St Columba and sell the land which gives access from Hillington Rd South.
A proposal has also been made that volunteers might serve the community by providing soup and sandwiches in the hall on several days of the week. The possibility of bringing forward the Saturday Vigil Mass to a little earlier time may be considered for 2019.

Requests have come in from Mary's Meals and from Lepra. Sisters from Belarus. Some religious Sisters are coming next Wednesday morning to display some of their handwork in the hope of selling to help their charitable work.

Finances Thanks to all who contributed to the parish upkeep in our first collection which came to £1146 (including Gift Aid contributions). The second collection for the Catholic Education Commission came to £819. The brown envelopes for parish renovation: £100. Standing order contributions have to be added to the above amounts.
We have also received a cheque for £3,162 from the estate of the late Nora Boyle who died on 20th January 2017, money which is to be used for the benefit of the congregation. We will use the money to help the fund which will pay for the new front doors and front elevation and the new windows. Mass will be offered this Sunday at 11 am for the repose of her soul.

First Reconciliation for children at non-denominational schools. Our next meeting takes place this Sunday 4th February after the 11 am Mass. The focus is to be on the parable of the Lost Sheep. We may also look at the story of Zachaeus.

A meeting for parents/carers of P3 children at St George's and Lourdes Primaries is to be held on Tuesday 27th February at 7 pm.

Fundraising Group The minutes of the meeting of 22.01.18 are available in the link corridor.

Fr Joe writes. Snow was forecast for last Wednesday, but as things turned out I was able to head to the north of the city on my usual cycle run and to look for rushes to make "An Crosog Bhride" (St Brigid's Cross). It has been several years since I last made the crosses and I had to study previous ones to get it right. St Brigid's feast was 1st February, for some people marking the beginning of spring, the half way point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Legend has it that Brigid used the cross that she made from rushes to explain the basics of the Christian faith to a man who had come to the convent at the end of his life and gave him the gift of faith for the final stages of his journey. I managed to make a reasonable cross and used it at the funeral of another Irish lady, Mary Crossan who died at the age of 104 to illustrate the Gospel declaration of Jesus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

VALENTINE'S DANCE
With
DIFFERENT KLASS
SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2018
(DOORS OPEN AT 7.30pm)

BAR BINGO RAFFLE TICKETS £5
Tickets are now available

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK
Just one donation Is all we seek
From every person If you can this week
Some sauce for pasta, Tinned meat or veg
Or UHT milk to give us the edge.
(To the tune of "Just one Cornetto")

SSVP Winter Warmer Please note entry is now closed. Tickets are being issued from today. You **MUST** bring your tickets with you. If you cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible to avoid wasted food. *Could all volunteers please come to the small hall after 11am Mass today to help with posting tickets and for allocation of tasks.*

Our Parish **SPRED** Group is looking for at least one helper to keep our service going for our friends with learning disabilities. Our Parish Meetings are on Tuesday evenings in the Hall. To find out more please call the SPRED office on 770 5055 or pop into the hall on a Tuesday evening between 6.30 and 7pm to speak to one of the group.

Sandwood Tenants Association Meeting takes place on Wednesday 07 February at 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

On Admission to Hospital or local Care Home, relatives are invited to leave a note in the Sacristy or to contact a member of the Legion of Mary with a view to the person receiving a visit.

RCAG Youth Summit for February takes place on Sunday 11 February in Blessed John Duns Scotus Church in Ballater Street. If you are P7 –S6 you can collect your consent/registration form from the Parish Priest and bring it along with you on the day. For information about times email: sean.deighan@rcag.org.uk.

White Mass at 12pm n Sunday 11 February for healthcare professionals and the work of healthcare in Scotland. A reception with Archbishop Tartaglia will take place following the Mass in the Diocesan Offices in Clyde Street.

Prayer Intentions List for the Bulletin: A weekly sheet is available in the link corridor for us to print the names of those we wish to pray for. Please **PRINT** clearly so the Bulletin Editors have the correct names in the relevant columns. Thank you.

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital:
Margaret Peoples; Betty McCreadie; Eddie Gethins; John Reilly; Catherine McKenna; Martin Carlin; Betty Hassan; Jimmy Maley; Catherine Leverage; Angela Stirling; Sadie Reid; John O'Malley; Patsy Pollok; Betty Turner; David Tarres; Marjorie McGhie; Anna Bell; George Paterson; Jane Wright; Hugh Watson; Elizabeth Clark; John Lambie; Rosemary McLachlan; Ainsley Moore; Paul Lagoudakis; Isla Murdo Morrison; G Wright; D Dickson; Robert Carroll.

For those who have died recently: John Foley; Christine Robertson; Barry Prout (Dublin)

For those whose Anniversaries occur about now: Penny McGeough (2 yrs); Marie Campopiano (1 yr); Anthony Houston (20 yrs); Willie & Madge Treacy; Tommy Allison; Anne Treacy; Eileen Macdonald; James N Crawford; Robert Laverty (20yrs); James Malseed.