Sunday 6th Feb 2022

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday Masses

Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.

Weekday Masses: 9.30 am

The Church welcomes and wishes all nations to gather to give thanks to God in celebrating the Eucharist as the Lord commanded us, but for those not able to be present physically Sunday Mass and weekday Masses are live streamed.

Go to the website for the link :
www.olsg.org.uk

Restoration of the Sunday Mass obligation: see our website for the letter from the Bishops' Conference.

The novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Mondays at 7 pm.

Friday afternoon rosary: 1.30 pm

The church is open for private prayer 1.30 to 2.30 pm, and 6pm to 7 pm Monday to Friday, with individual Confessions being available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday around 6.15 pm. Silence in the church is observed since loud talking disturbs those who have come along for private prayer.

Supporting an asylum application. Any letters written to help Tia and her family can be given to the passkeepers/Stewards at Mass. They will be handed over to her lawyers next week. Thank you so much.

Baptism unites us with the victory of Jesus Christ over the power of death and joins us to the community of those who believe in Him sharing the Eucharist on the Lord's Day as he commanded us to do.

Baptism in our Catholic Church brings us to the work of proclaiming the Gospel and the love of Christ. We are to be salt of the earth, light of the world. Catholic marriages are to be solemnised with God's blessing. Receiving the Eucharist nourishes our lives with the love of God which is eternal life.

May they rest in peace We are asked to pray for those who have died recently: Len Parsons, Helen Whyte (funeral Mass Thursday 10th at 9.30), Patrick O'Dowd (funeral Mass Saturday 9.30 am), Agnes Callan: for those whose anniversaries occur about now:
Penny McGeogh, James N. Crawford,
Jimmy Boyle (17th), Jim Marshall, Derek Keenan, Joseph Estibeiro (India)

Pray for those who are ill: for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes. Prayers are requested for: Liz McGoldrick, Robert Carroll, Margaret Dillon, Michael Dillon, John Keown, Marjorie Mulrooney, Lesley-Anne Boyd, Mary Blair. *(Permission from the person who is ill is required before insertion in the bulletin. Add the name to the list in the link corridor each week.)*

SUNDAY CAFE Open this Sunday 6th February after both 9.30a.m. and 11a.m. Masses. Due to the lack of volunteers the Cafe will only be running every second Sunday. Anyone interested in joining the team of volunteers contact Catherine McLaughlin. (Phone no. 0141 321 0000). You will be made most welcome.

Refunds for cancelled Knock Pilgrimage can be picked up after Mass this weekend, 5/6th February.

***St Vincent de Paul Society**. If you know of anyone who could do with a bit of assistance you drop a note into the box on exiting the church giving contact details if you have permission of the recipients, or telephone: 07947 194252*

radioalba.org *Services from Glasgow Churches Together during the week.*

Fr Joe writes. The taking of contact details for persons attending church services has now been made optional. Hall activities, however, still require details to be taken for track and trace. We decided to discontinue the practice then for the church noting that not once were we called upon to submit any details. The details have now to be destroyed and cannot be used for any other purpose.

One advantage, of course, has been that the stewards have come to know people a bit better. It may have been a nuisance for some but only very occasionally did anyone refuse to give their details. We are grateful to the stewards who have given so much of their time to serve the community in this way and we hope they will continue the ministry of welcome.

The sanitisation of the benches has also been made optional but will be maintained once or twice a week.

Social distancing in the church is something we will try to maintain though it is no longer obligatory. The offertory procession, it would seem, can be resumed. Face coverings are still obligatory for those not exempt.

Again, we are grateful to those who helped with the cleaning, sanitization, and social distancing. There has not been any known case of the Covid spreading within the church setting and this may be due to the diligence of our volunteers. Indeed one of the Carmelite priests who came from Ireland for the funeral Mass for Len Parsons commented that our acting head steward was the equivalent of a Mother Prioress. I think he meant that she was to be feared and obeyed!

DIOCESAN SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE FORM

Inspired by Pope Francis call to begin to be a more synodal church, we are trying to reach out as much as possible to ALL PEOPLE , whoever you are, religious or not, to Journey Together as a wider-family to live in the best communities and families and have the best friendships we can possibly have. Pope Francis is inviting all of us to listen to each other with our hearts open, and with a generous attitude, to work out what God is saying to us so that we can create a fresh way of living and 'walking' together, and being Church in the world. He calls this the 'synodal process' and it is very much about listening, discerning, praying and acting! He especially wants people who are baptised to be involved. What you want to say really matters!

Our diocesan questionnaire form will be available after Masses this weekend in preparation for our parish council meeting on February 17th at 7 pm in the small hall (entry by the side door), which is to be an open meeting. Please hand in names and contact details to the stewards if you intend coming along. If numbers are too great another meeting will be arranged to offer people the opportunity to have their say as a member of the parish.

SOUTHSIDE PANTRIES

If you or anyone you know could do with some support the following 3 places sell food very cheaply

Pollok Pantry, 25-27 Brockburn Rd, Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat 10am-3pm

Govan Pantry, Pearce Institute, Wed and Thurs 10am-3pm

Threehills Supermarket, 409 Nitshill Rd

Details: threehillsglasgow.org

Diocesan Priesthood: For more information about our Discernment Evenings please contact Fr. Ross Campbell (Email: **ross.campbell@rcag.org.uk**)

Finances Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep. £1406 was taken up last Sunday (29/30th January) at the Masses. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received. Gift Aid envelopes for the parish renovation £15 and donations £50. £540 was taken up also for Assisted Parishes.

Thanks to those who take up the collection these days, men and women and people of different nationalities to reflect the universality (catholicity) of the Church.

Website of the Week: Rediscovering Scripture through the Visual Arts

The 'Christian Art' website is the brainchild of a former director of Sotheby's, London, now studying for the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster. Patrick van der Vorst's offering is simple: "one newsletter a day where we simply send you the Gospel reading of the day, alongside a work of art that we believe is poignant, reflective and appropriate to that reading."

Simple it may be, but the results can be astonishing as he draws on his encyclopaedic knowledge of the visual arts. The often surprising art choices – ancient and modern, paintings, sculptures, installations, furnishings – together with his imaginative commentary achieve at times the almost impossible: bringing the shock of newness to scripture passages long blunted by familiarity. To learn more, and read a sample email, visit: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.