CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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"No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day"

John 6:41-51

Sunday 8th August 2021

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses

Sunday Mass and weekday Masses are live streamed. Go to the website for the link : **www.olsg.org.uk**

Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm. Sunday: 9.30am and 11am.

Weekday Masses: 9.30am

Sacraments: Check the parish website for information

Baptism: The Church baptises infants as well as adults on the understanding that the parents/godparents will supply the faith that is necessary to receive the Sacrament.

Sacrament of the Sick: The Anointing of the Sick is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.

Marriage: For Catholics marriages are to be solemnised by God's blessing as approved by the Church.

Prayers for the dying. Praying the rosary can be a most comforting experience for a person preparing to move on to the new life. Other prayers and readings are available on request.

Funerals: Families are encouraged to choose from a selection of readings. These can be found on the internet: scripture readings for Catholic funeral Mass. The translation has to be one of the approved ones for the UK. One good website to check: **olasv.org.uk** (Use search box)

Baptisms this weekend. This weekend we welcome Conor Graham and Romi Roberts into the community of the faithful and congratulate parents and families as they give thanks to God for the gift of new life.

Congratulations on their Golden Wedding. Brian and Brenda Hastie gave thanks to God for their 50 years of marriage on Saturday 31st July and received a blessing at the end of the morning Mass. They had fond memories of their marriage day and the marriage ceremony conducted in St Robert's.



Next Sunday:- Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. This replaces the Mass for the 20th Sunday of the Year.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The church is open for private prayer 1pm 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.

We are asked to pray for those who have died recently: Cathie Gray (Requiem Mass Saturday 21st August at 9.30 am), Jimmy Duffy, Carol Donnachie.

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Jim Orr, Mary MacInnes, Grace Docherty, Mrs Margaret Crawford, Robert Thomas, and 6 months mind: John Welch.

Pray for those who are ill. for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes. Prayers are requested for: Betty Paul, Robert Carroll, Mary Murphy, Chrissie MacIntyre. *(Permission from the person who is ill is required before insertion in the bulletin)*

Fr Joe writes. It was a warm sunny Sunday afternoon that Joe Patrick, Brian O'Baoighill and myself arrived on Tory Island, 9 miles off the coast of Donegal.

Sitting outside one of the houses on our walk to the lighthouse was a group of musicians and some families sitting listening to the music and enjoying the sunshine. Paul the Islander, a senior figure in the community, was not playing when we came upon them, but Joe Patrick was with us and was well known to quite a few of the locals and for the next tune Paul took up his music box and announced: "We'll now have: The Hills of Donegal!"

We delayed our walk but after a while we decided to stick to our plan and moved on.

If the music brought an air of enchantment to the island there was also a great sense of the past. St Columbkille in the 6th century founded a monastic community and the buildings (probably a later development) stood until the invasion and destruction by English troops in 1595. All that remains of the monastic buildings is the very prominent bell tower.

There is a Mass rock nearby to testify to the suppression of the Mass in penal times, and of course there is an impressive stone Tau Cross at the pier as you come off the ferry, dating back it is thought to the 12th century and one of the finest examples of its kind.

Our walk over, we relaxed outside the hotel with a cool refreshment or two. A flotilla came in from Burtonport on a charity venture and there was a great buzz about the place.

The nearby club was serving bar meals, the hotel being too busy with snacks for the flotilla, so we ventured along. Again there was music and Paul sitting to the side until Joe Patrick and his companions came along. Out came the box again and the craic was good.

The last sailing of the ferry back to the mainland was at 5.30 pm. We could see the ferry coming in, but would be able to break free from the enchantment of the music? Would it be an insult to leave when the music was so good? However, the spell was broken and we found ourselves on the ferry with the music wafting over the waves.

Visiting Priests. We are grateful to the priests who were saying Mass for the community during the month of July: Fr Slavin, Fr Donnelly, Fr Murtagh and Fr Sebastian.

Finances: Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep. £1106 was taken up last weekend at the Masses, a further £90 was handed in as donation also for the parish upkeep, and £46 for the parish renovations. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the Apostleship of the Sea on 21/22 August.

Hall Management Meeting. With the easing of restrictions we must consider how we are to move ahead and how much we can reasonably take on as other places open up for business. We have arranged to meet this Monday, 9th August. With the hall being used by the AA we can meet in the well ventilated chapel house at 7.30 pm.

Fabric and Finance Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday at 7.30 pm. While our financial situation is at present safe there are always things cropping up that need to be addressed. The steps towards a new boiler are now underway.

Flourish: This month's issue (free) is now available. Take a copy home and for others who might appreciate a copy.

Memorial Plaques: Several requests have been on hold for some time now and we intend to order these plaques to be made on Monday the 9th August.



radioalba.org: *Radio Alba majors on Morning, School, Evening and Night Prayer, and now has recorded Masses on Sunday, and Prayer from Glasgow Churches Together during the week.*

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK

If you can, please remember an item to donate to the foodbank if you are in Morrison's or Sainsbury's. You can also donate by texting glasgowswfb followed by the amount you wish to give to 70085. We appreciate every donation - large or small. Thank you

