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Sunday 10th May 2020 - 5th Sunday of Easter



Prayers Requested. We are asked to keep in mind all who are ill at this time, and family, relatives and friends unable to be present with them as a result of the coronavirus. We remember all who have died, especially those who have died recently, including Mary Mackintosh, Cathy Roy, Betty McFadden, Eileen Fitzimmons, Sadie Coulter, Margaret Arioli. On the day of the funeral for parishioners a private Mass will be said in the morning for the deceased. We remember also those whose anniversaries occur including, Janette MacInnes

May is Mary's Month. To mark the month of May we have brought the statue of Our Lady to be in front of the baptismal font where people passing the front door may see the statue and honour her. Thanks to Theresa for the suggestion and for the flowers.

Finances Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep, whether it is by putting it through the letter box of the presbytery while taking the permitted exercise, or by standing order. £735 was contributed last week. It is understood that many are not able to keep up contributions as in the past, and we hope that the situation improves in the not too distant future.

We were reluctant to give out the Gift Aid envelopes at first but it would seem that if we take adequate precautions there should be minimal or no risk. They can be collected at the chapel house, or delivered or posted on.

The statue of Our Blessed Lady has been temporarily moved to the area immediately in front of the Baptismal Font where it can be viewed from outside the glass entrance doors to the church.

This is to encourage you to recite the Rosary during this month of May and to be drawn by Mary towards Jesus, present in the Tabernacle.



You should only call past as part of your daily exercise to say a brief prayer, keeping in mind social distancing if anyone else happens to be there when you are.



A plenary indulgence is granted For Sufferers Unable to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Viaticum on the point of death.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. Enchiridion indulgentiarum, no.12).

Mary Mackintosh RIP.

Mary Elizabeth Mackintosh was born on 21st April 1935 and was baptised in St Mary's, Inverness. Of the four children born of the marriage two died in infancy. Work in Glasgow meant that the family, her parents and older sister Celia, moved here when Mary was an infant. After her schooling Mary worked in the car trade in administration, but it was for her work in the community that Mary is so fondly remembered and loved. Her father died in 1963 and in 1969 Mary moved with her mother to Tinwald Path and our parish of Our Lady and St George. She stayed here for the rest of her life until her final illness.



Mary's devotion to Mary, the Mother of the Lord, was evident in the course of her life. She was the prime mover in the establishment of the Legion of Mary in this parish, she organised buses to their annual ceremony of consecration to Mary, the Achies ceremony, she organised buses for parishioners to be part of the National Pilgrimage at Carfin.

Mary was a member of the Parish Council, the Fundraising Group, the annual Fete committee (ran the very popular Bottle Stall) and the Liturgy Group. During Parish Renewal, working together, the Legion of Mary and the UCM formed the team of Social Events Ladies who dutifully, and with a sense of hospitality and good humour, made sandwiches and home baked for many important Parish events in both the old and new hall, where Cardinal Winning, Archbishop Conte and Archbishop Tartaglia joined us in celebration.

In 1976 the Sandwood Tenants Association was established which Mary joined and was Chairperson right up to her death. She worked tirelessly for the community helping many negotiate round problems such as repairs, benefits and anti-social behaviour issues. She organised summer day trips for members and friends which were greatly anticipated and enjoyed each year.

During the last months of her life Mary was cared for by the staff of Chester Park Care Home. Mary proved herself a very popular resident with the staff, where her genuine interest in people and her smiling personality shone through despite her illness. The loving care and respect shown by the staff was exceptional, especially during isolation. On her birthday she was delighted that people cared so much for her and knowing her devotion to Mary and to the rosary gathered in her room to recite the rosary. This was a great comfort to Mary's family and friends.



Mary is survived by her Nieces, Mary and Helen who live in Inverness and Skye and her beloved grand nephews and great grand nephew. They have expressed their intention that once the restrictions of this pandemic are over we can celebrate Mary's life with a Memorial Mass and celebration in the Hall.

Mary had a great many friends and was a great friend to many.

Day of Prayer for Humanity- Thursday 14th May 2020

Dear fellow believers and brothers and sisters in humanity, Our world is facing at the moment a great danger that threatens the lives of millions of people around the world due to the growing spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

While we reaffirm the role of medicine and scientific research in fighting this pandemic, we should not forget to seek refuge in God, as we face this severe crisis. Therefore, we call upon all peoples around the world to pray according to each one's, respective religious convictions, to observe fast and to do good deeds to end this pandemic. May each of us, wherever we are, and according to the teachings of our own respective faith traditions and philosophies, seek divine help to rescue ourselves and the entire world from this adversity, to inspire scientists to find a cure for the virus and to save the whole world from the health, economic, and human repercussions of this serious pandemic. As part of its efforts to realize the objectives of the Document on Human Fraternity, the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity proposes Thursday, 14 May 2020 as a Day of prayers, fasting and works of charity for the good of all humanity. In this regard, the Committee invites all religious leaders and peoples around the world to respond to this call together; to beseech God, the Almighty to safeguard the entire world, to help us overcome this pandemic, to restore security, stability, health, and prosperity, so that, once this pandemic-crisis is over, our world may become a better place for humanity and for human fraternity than ever before.

(Adapted from the Communiqué of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity)

Pope Francis at the Regina Caeli, last Sunday announced: "I have accepted the proposal of the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity that on this coming Thursday, 14th May, believers of all religions should unite spiritually for a day of prayer, fasting, and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic."

As a response to Pope Francis' call for "works of charity", on Thursday, there will be a SCIAF Fund Raiser on Thursday, 14th May at 7pm. Local Artist David McKendrick will be "playing favourites" from across the decades. This concert will be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook Page of Holy Cross Croy and be accessible via the Website of Holy Cross, Croy. All proceeds to SCIAF. (SCIAF is a Third World Charity which assists without discrimination.)



Invitation

Mass @ St Andrew's Cathedral

His Grace Archbishop Tartaglia will offer Mass for our Catholic School Communities on

**Sunday 10th May 2020 at 12 o'clock
5th Sunday of Easter**

All involved in our Catholic Education Communities please use this live-streaming link:
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-adrews-cathedral



SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK

Please remember an item of food or hygiene for the Foodbank if you can. There are collection points in our local supermarkets. If you would prefer to give money then all the information for doing so is in the April 26th bulletin.

Thank you