Sunday 29th March 2020 Find us on facebook: ourladyandstgeorge 5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. GEORGE

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SINCE ALL MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK PLEASE SHARE CHURCH NEWS WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS BY TELEPHONE IF THEY CANNOT ACCESS THE ONLINE BULLETIN

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK NEWS
Please put any donations for the Foodbank in the collection points in super-markets for the time being. Although they would prefer food donations at the moment another way of helping is to donate to their account which is:

GLASGOW SW FOODBANK
BANK OF SCOTLAND
Sort code 80-22-60
Account number 13575862

THEY ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS
as many of their regular volunteers are over 70 and need to step back for the sake of their own health. If you think you can help contact: claire@glasgowsw.foodbank.org.uk



He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

The Archbishop calls for prayer at this time and his message can be found on the Archdiocesan webpage. Here is an extract from his message this week.

"I do not want to do anything that encourages people to come out of their homes, or that causes people to gather in a group of more than two, or that might contribute in some way to the spread of the virus through some hidden contagion. Churches therefore have to close - even for private visits.
The full package of restrictions is therefore as follows:
· Suspension of public Masses and Acts of Worship
· Closure of churches
· No marriages in church
· No baptisms in church
· No home visits to the sick
· Funerals limited to the Act of Committal at the graveside or Crematorium

Mass is celebrated online from the Cathedral every weekday ay 8.15am, 1pm and 5.15pm, and on Sundays at 10am and 12 noon.
You can follow these Masses at ***www.cathedralg1.org***
It is important to be aware that, if you need any personal pastoral or sacramental care, please call or email your parish priest, and he will discuss with you how best to help you in the circumstances
My dear friends, stay at home, keep safe, and may God bless us all."

Also included from the Archdiocesan Offices is a document from Rome granting Plenary Indulgences to those unable to access the Sacraments, to those who care for the sick and for
Sufferers Unable to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Viaticum:

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).

Anniversary: Elizabeth Brown

Fr Joe writes. A week last Sunday while the church was open for visits but not for Mass, a senior gentleman remarked as he was finishing his visit:
"The evil one has got to have a hand in this somewhere. Definitely."

This made me think, What is evil? I thought of one definition which says that evil is a deprivation of some good that should belong to us. We are certainly deprived of many good things at present.
"Deliver us from all evil," we pray in the Our Father.
Evil is being overcome and will be overcome finally. This is the message of the Lord who suffered, died and is risen again.

A greater unity for the human family is our hope for the future. What do we gain by wars and selfishness when there is such a threat to the human family?
The work of Christ and his Church is to bring the human family together and finally hand over the kingdom to his heavenly Father (See I Corinthians 15:20-28)

Another one who sees this crisis as the work of the devil is a 90 year old acquaintance of mine from my days in the Cathedral and parishioner of Our Lady and St George.
"Auld Nick is the cause of all this," he said. "I feel like a prisoner of war again."
Yet Joe remains positive and grateful for all the blessings of his life.
Which brings me to a definition of prayer given by a John of Kronstadt:
"A state of continual gratitude."

FINANCES

Thanks to all who contributed to the parish upkeep last week.

Thanks to all who contribute each month by standing order and gift aid.

It is worth repeating, that many will now be experiencing financial difficulties and some may have to cancel their standing order. If so we are grateful for the support given in the past and hope that the situation will improve in the not too distant future.

The option of envelopes being put through the letter box of the main double door in the chapel house is still possible if you count it as part of your daily exercise allowance, or if you wish you could just set aside your offering until such times as the situation improves.

A FULL COPY OF ARCHBISOP TARTAGLIA'S LETTER TO ALL PARISHIONERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW WEBSITE: *www.rcag.org.uk*

A FULL COPY OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCES CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW WEBSITE: *www.rcag.org.uk*

SSVP Coronavirus announcement - Food deliveries.

SSVP is putting in place arrangements for those who are housebound or self-isolating with nobody to help them to obtain groceries, prescriptions etc,. where possible. As they are most likely not "online", please advise anyone you know, or who you think may need help in this way or advise us of anyone you know. We have a dedicated mobile number **07947 194252**. It is not continually manned but is checked at least a couple of times a day. Please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. The number is also available for more general queries and any other assistance we can give.