

Please remember in your prayers

Those who died recently: Canon Giles Goward (Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott), Thomas Carroll of Quebec Drive (Requiem Mass on Tuesday 2nd February at 10.00am), Kathleen McIntyre of Murdoch Road (Requiem Mass on Friday 12th February at 10.00am), Sandie Ainsworth (Cheshire, The Wirral), Frances Cunningham, Michael Campbell (St John the Baptist, Uddingston), Julianne Cruikshank (St Columbkille's, Rutherglen).

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Tommy, Annie & Thomas Flaherty, Margaret Millar, Fr Joseph Brannigan (Birthday Remembrance), Tony Conroy, Alec Coyle.

*O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen* Saint John Henry Newman

Please remember the sick and housebound in your prayers. Thank you.

SISTER MARGARET CONROY FMM

We will celebrate a Mass on Wednesday at 7.00pm for the repose of the soul of Sister Margaret Conroy, aunt of Celie McLaughlin.

Sister Margaret belonged to the Conroy family of Rutherglen, many of whom entered Religious Life. Her brother was Tony Conroy (Celie's father) of our parish and another brother, Mgr John Conroy, served as Administrator of Motherwell Cathedral and was also Vicar General of our diocese, serving under two bishops - James Donald Scanlan and Francis Thomson. Sister Margaret was just a month short of celebrating her 100th birthday. May she rest in peace after a life dedicated to Christ and his people.

LOCAL FOODBANK

Our next collection for our local Foodbank is due on the weekend of 6th/7th February. Currently we continue to be unable to accept any food bags due to the COVID-19 situation. However, and similar to most of last year, any financial donations would be gratefully appreciated and put to excellent use within the charity. Throughout 2020, your generosity was exceptional, as acknowledged recently by the Foodbank Coordinators within Calderwood Baptist Church. If you are able to contribute, please consider placing your offering in an envelope marked 'Foodbank' and posting through the Parish house. Many thanks.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

For those who would like to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day) on Tuesday, the Mass for the Feast will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Tuesday. It's a very beautiful feast to celebrate, recalling, as it does, the Lord's Presentation in the Temple, the welcome of Simeon and Anna to the Child Jesus and the prophecy of Simeon that Mary, the Mother of the Lord, would suffer with him in the salvation he would bring for all humanity. It's also a feast of light for Christ is the Light for all Nations, something we remember every day at Night Prayer when we pray the Prayer of Simeon - 'Now, Lord, you can let your servant go in peace (The Nunc Dimittis).

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who has made a donation to the Society. Normally, all the offerings given at the Crib are for this Society. However, this year, our Christmas celebrations were cut short just after Christmas Day, and so the offerings for the Society were quite depleted over the Christmas Season.

If you are able to give a donation - no matter how small or large - it would be of considerable help to the Society in continuing its important work for the Catholic community and for the wider community in West and South West Scotland.

Donations can be handed in to the Parish House. Please mark the envelope **ST MARGARET**.

We plan to forward all donations to the Society on Monday 8th February.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

Likewise, the annual collection for Justice and Peace suffered greatly this year because we didn't have a congregation at Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Sunday 3rd January. Some donations have come in for this annual collection and we are very grateful for that.

If you would be able to make a donation to Justice & Peace, please hand in your donation to the Parish House in an envelope marked **JUSTICE AND PEACE**.

Donations for this collection are due to be forwarded to the diocese in the week of the 7th February.

COLLECTION & DONATIONS

Sunday Offertory 24th January	£620.00
+GiftAid/Standing Orders	£900.00
Votive Candles	£30.00
Stall	£250.00
Flowers for the altar	£5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL GIVING IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

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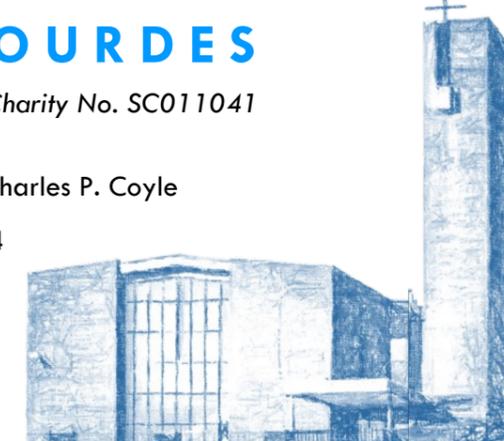
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The 4th Sunday of the Year / B 31st January 2021

 **THE WORD of GOD**

We continue our series which began on the Sunday of the Word of God:
Hearing the Word at Mass

'The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honour to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honour: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; the Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honour in the entrance procession and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture and Eucharist, of the table of the Word and the table of the Christ's body and blood; just before the Gospel is read, the Gospel book is carried in procession to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honour paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.'

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

The Holy Father has declared that this year is dedicated to St Joseph. If you would like to participate in the consecration to St Joseph this year, please email frcoyle@rcdom.org.uk.

The consecration will begin on 15th February and we will complete the consecration on the Solemnity of St Joseph on 19th March.

To participate, you will need the book *Consecration to St Joseph* by Fr Donald H. Calloway. You can buy a copy on Amazon, or email Fr Charles.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, St Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

ALL MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED

ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY (Readings: Dt 18:15-20; Psalm 94; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28)

- 10.00am **Morning Prayer** of the Church for the 4th Sunday of the year
- 11.00am **Holy Mass** of 4th Sunday of the year
- 6.00pm **Angelus, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and **Evening Prayer II** of the Church for the 4th Sunday of the year concluding with **Benediction**
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY (Readings: Hebrews 11: 32-40; Psalm 30; Mark 5: 1-20)

- 9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church
- 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Monday of the 4th Week of the Year
- 6.00pm **Angelus** and **Rosary**
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY (Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 23; Luke 2: 22-40)

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day

Malachi promised: The Lord would surely come to his Temple. Luke's story fulfils this: the Jesus who comes to the Temple is 'The Lord'. Moreover, when he is formally consecrated, the child becomes one with the People of Israel. But Simeon sees further: Jesus is Light for us Gentiles too.

- 9.15am **Morning Prayer** of the Church
- 10.00am **Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of Thomas Carroll of Quebec Drive. R.I.P.
- 7.00pm **Holy Mass** for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY (Readings: Hebrews 12: 4-7.11-15; Psalm 102; Mark 6: 1-6)

Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Died in 316. He was a doctor before becoming a bishop in Armenia. He was martyred in the year 316. St Blaise is associated with the Blessing of Throats.

- 9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church
- 10.00am **Holy Mass** for the Memorial of St Blaise
- 6.00pm **Angelus, Rosary, Litany of Supplication**
- 7.00pm **Holy Mass** for the repose of the soul of St Margaret Conroy FMM
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY (Readings: Hebrews 12: 18-19.21-24 Psalm 47; Mark 6: 7-13)

- 9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church
- 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Thursday of the 4th Week of the Year
- 6.00pm **Angelus, Exposition** and **Evening Prayer** of the Church concluding with **Benediction**
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY (Readings: Hebrews 13: 1-8; Psalm 26; Mark 6: 14-29)

Memorial of St Agatha

St Agatha lived in Sicily between the years 231 and 251. Aged 15, she resisted the amorous advances of a public official because she had consecrated herself to Christ. When the Roman Emperor Decius initiated a persecution against Christians, the public official had her brought before him - he had become a judge - and he committed her to prison. Here she died after going through unspeakable tortures. She has a permanent mention in the Roman Canon of the Mass (Eucharistic Prayer 1).

- 9.30am **Morning Prayer** of the Church for the Memorial of St Agatha
- 10.00am **Holy Mass** for the Memorial of St Agatha
- 6.00pm **Angelus, Litany of the Sacred Heart** and **Evening Prayer** of the Church
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY (Readings: Hebrews 13: 15-17.20-21; Psalm 22; Mark 6: 30-34)

Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions

St Paul Miki (1565-1597) and his twenty six fellow martyrs were crucified at Nagasaki in an outburst of anti-foreign sentiment, both of people and influences. The group comprised religious as well as members of Christ's faithful, including children. When missionaries were allowed to return in the 1860s, they discovered thousands of Catholics in the Nagasaki area to whom the Faith had been secretly handed down over a period of 250 years.

- 9.30am **Rosary**
- 10.00am **Holy Mass** for the Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- 6.00pm **Evening Prayer I** of the Church for the 5th Sunday of the year
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY (Readings: Job 7: 1-4.6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19.22-23; Mark 1:29-39)

- 10.00am **Morning Prayer** of the Church for 5th Sunday of the year
- 11.00am **Holy Mass** of 5th Sunday of the year
- 6.00pm **Angelus, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and **Evening Prayer II** of the Church for the 5th Sunday of the year concluding with **Benediction**
- 9.30pm **Night Prayer** of the Church

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY THIS YEAR ON LIVE-STREAM!

This year, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in the most unusual of circumstances! As you may know, the feast is celebrated on 11th February, and this year (it's on a Thursday) we wonder how we can fittingly celebrate and honour Our Blessed Lady with restrictions still in place! Our Lady of Lourdes feast day is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Here is our proposal for your consideration and hopefully, participation:

We would celebrate our normal Offices and Mass but with an emphasis on the sick, especially our own parishioners, many of whom are housebound or having to live in isolation from family and neighbours.

So, we would have our Morning Prayer at 9.30am and Mass at 10.00am and, during the Mass, we would pray very particularly for our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them.

In the evening, we would continue to pray for our sick parishioners, but with a special emphasis on prayer for the patients and staff at Hairmyres Hospital, Kilbryde Hospice and also at Abbey Lodge and Westwood House Care Homes.

Evening Prayer would be at 6.30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for around 15 minutes, with short prayers and some moments of silence. And then, around 7.00pm, we would pray the Rosary, using some short reflections for each Mystery and conclude with the Litany of Our Lady of Lourdes and a Prayer from the liturgies of Lourdes. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament would round off our time of prayer for that special day.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

At the moment, many of our community are prevented from receiving the Lord sacramentally in Holy Communion, but we can unite ourselves spiritually with the Lord by saying the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Diocese of Motherwell currently has five young men in formation for the priesthood in Major Seminaries: Colum Martin, Chris Furmage, Christopher Morris, Ronan McQuade & Kieran Burt, and we continue to remember them in our prayers each day. A number of men have come forward with the hope of beginning the preparation period in Salamanca, Spain in 2022 before beginning seminary in 2023. This is very encouraging news and a fruit of our fervent prayers for more priests. If any young men in the parish feel called to the priesthood, please speak to Mgr Millar or Fr Charles by phoning the Parish House or sending an email to the parish email address. You can also contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, the Diocesan Vocations Director, Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Anne's, Hamilton, if you would like to explore this more. Fr O'Farrell's email is: frfarrell@rcdom.org.uk