

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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14th Sunday of the Year

6th July 2014

Parish Priest : Fr Owen J. Ness

Deacon: Rev John McGarry

In residence: Canon Michael Ryan (retired)

Masses

Monday - Friday 10.00am

Saturday 10.00am, 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,

6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

After Vigil Mass and on request

Thursday Evening Holy Hour

from 7pm until 8pm

Hall Bookings: Alfredo Chiappa 230357

Last weekend's collection for **Peter's Pence** raised the sum of £654.95 – thank you for your continued generosity to the Church.

Feasts this Week:

Wednesday, Our Lady of Aberdeen;

Friday, St Benedict

Liturgies this week:

Tuesday 8th – Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion led by John McGarry

Wednesday 9th – Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion led by one of our lay ministers.

Cathkin and Kingsgate Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2pm on Monday (Cathkin) and Thursday (Kingsgate) this week.

Coach travel to Sunday 11.30 Mass: after recent disruption to this service, the SVdP have made new arrangements for those who use this service. We hope that there will be no further disruption.

Fr Ness will go on retreat to Manresa in Dublin from Tuesday 29th July until Thursday 7th August. We will welcome Fr Andrew Clark to celebrate the weekend Masses on 2nd and 3rd August and for the first time Fr. John Tata, who will celebrate Mass on 5th and 6th August. John McGarry will be supported by parishioners in leading Liturgies of the Word with Distribution of Holy Communion on the other days while Fr Ness is away.

Seminarian's visit: we have been asked once again by the Vocations Director of the Diocese, now Fr. Brian Lamb, to provide an opportunity for pastoral experience to one of the young men in formation for priesthood in Rome. He will come here for three weeks next month.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Everywhere now in the Church within Europe there is a marked emphasis on the central place of families within the life of parishes. Recent articles in newspapers and periodicals have highlighted this movement in Spain, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Bishop Toal emphasised this for our Diocese in his homily during his installation as bishop. We ask families to fix 24th August at 9.30AM Mass as a special date in the calendar to bring the children to that Mass and to allow them to walk in procession with the bishop. Please make this known to other families within the parish who don't attend regularly and may therefore not know of it.

We are preparing a special Jubilee Evangelisation laminated card to distribute at all Masses on 24th August to mark the bishop's first visit to the parish in the hope that these will be taken by parishioners and handed out to family and friends as an open invitation to participate in the life of the parish especially by returning to Mass. Participation by families means more than attending with children for the Sacraments once or twice a year and we will work to find a fruitful way to real participation.

As part of this emphasis on an ever deeper level of participation in parish life, our deanery will be asked at the next meeting to consider introducing a unified practice for the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation with the emphasis on the link between families and parish. Bishop Toal will also be asked for guidance on the sacramental preparation of children through the parish structure for Children's Liturgy as this exists in all parishes of the deanery

OUR PARISH IN THE COMMUNITY

SVDP: new members are urgently needed by our Conference. The President has been authorised to make individual approaches to parishioners to join in this work as no one has come forward to do so.

Mass is celebrated in Hairmyres Hospital for patients, family & staff every Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm. **Fr Ness will celebrate this Mass** while Fr O'Connor is on holiday on 27th July and 3rd, 10th, and 17th August. Fr Ness would welcome the **support of St Bride's parishioners** to provide Readers and setting up and clearing the Sanctuary within the hospital before and after Mass on any or all of these Sundays. Helen Biggins from our parish has already been providing such help to Fr O'Connor.

Hairmyres Hospital: despite her sorrow at his death, May McLaughlan, with her three daughters, have expressed her deep gratitude for the medical and nursing care given to her son Harry within the High Dependency Unit in Ward 12. We continue as a parish to pray for all the staff of our District Hospital who serve our community.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for donations to the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work.

More than Gold

In the middle of June we had a very successful Prayer Walk with members of our parish along with our brethren from the local Churches in our area, which was replicated in various parts of the town. This gave witness to our shared Christian faith in praying for all those involved in the forthcoming Commonwealth games.

As a continuation of this initiative there will be two weeks of celebratory Christian witness starting this coming weekend with the JAM (Jesus and Me) Club taking place at the Heritage Park in Stewartfield. This has been running now for a few years and is a celebratory week with children's activities during the day and outreach events for adults in the evening. This has previously been advertised in our bulletin, and includes daily events for children and outreach events to adults in the evenings including Praise in the Park on both Sunday 6th and 13th July at 6.30pm. The screening of the World Cup final will be at Hunter House on 13th July at 8.00pm and there will also be a quiz night (7th July), and BBQ on Saturday 12th July at 7.00pm.

The second week (details below) picks up the More than Gold theme and will be based at Calderglen Country Park. *Bishop Toal is encouraging us to be involved as far as we can particularly with the More than Gold initiative.*

Marquee JAMBoree - From Tuesday 15th July the Marquee is at Calderglen Park

DURING THE DAY: The marquee is open with lots of activities and games.

Special events: 11am-12.30pm & 2pm-3.30pm

- *Wednesday 16th July:* Children & Family Time featuring PUPPETS
- *Thursday 17th & Saturday 20th July:* Day of Champions YOUTH COMPETITION
- *Friday 18th July:* Children & Family Time featuring MAGIC SHOW

IN THE EVENING: 7pm-9pm

- *Tuesday 15th July:* GAMES NIGHT FOR GROWN UPS - Come in a team of 5 or join others on the night; represent a Commonwealth country and win medals!
- *Wednesday 16th July:* YOUTH EVENT: Man V Food - Includes sampling the town's finest takeaways!
- *Thursday 17th July:* "MAGIC, MUSIC, MESSAGE & MAYHEM" - An evening of fun with a serious slant .
- *Friday 18th July:* YOUTH EVENT: Epic Games Night
- *Saturday 19th July:* FAMILY CEILIDH

Sunday 20th July: PRAISE IN THE PARK SERVICE, 6.30PM

If you wish to find out more please speak to Deacon John McGarry or telephone 07771 753 849.

Our Parishioner in Ghana: A report from Amy Keenan

Please visit the display in the side chapel for news and photographs of Amy's voluntary work in a construction project in Ghana. Amy is in Ghana from 14th June until 7th July, and has managed to find an internet connection to send Fr Ness an email updating us on her visit. We held a PARISH FAMILY FAST DAY on Friday 7th March to support Amy on her venture, and she now explains how the funds raised by the parish and from other sources are being spent.

The Bishop's Crosier and the Papal Staff

Bishop Joseph Anthony Toal STB, KC*HS was installed as Bishop of Motherwell, in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, on Monday 23rd of June 2014. Photographs of this dignified and uplifting liturgy can be seen on the Diocesan website, www.rcdom.org.uk. But did you know about the significance of the "crosier", the pastoral staff given to the bishop at ordination? The staff is given to the new bishop with these words: "*Take this staff as a sign of your pastoral office: keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God.*" Why then is the shepherd's staff not part of the papal insignia? Various reasons are given: a bishop is given the staff by another bishop, but the pope receives his power from God alone; the staff is a sign of limited power, which the curvature of the staff signifies; the staff is a sign of temporal power, and of governance and correction. From the beginning of the fifteenth century the staff ceased to be used except on special occasions like knocking on the door to open a Holy Year.

A staff with a triple cross has been used as the Papal *ferula*, and Pope Paul VI had a special staff in the form of a cross for use in solemn liturgies. Pope Benedict used the staff surmounted by a gold cross given to Pope Pius IX in 1877, and Pope Francis uses both this *ferula* and that of Pope Paul VI.

FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

A Summer holiday greeting: best wishes to all parishioners who are about to leave on holiday.

ST ANDREWS DAY TRIP: FAIR MONDAY – 21st JULY (Note – this is the correct date) leaving at 10 o'clock after Mass at 9am. Total cost £17 per person (except children on children's menu - £11). Sea sprint challenge at 2pm whatever the weather and return journey through the Neuk of Fife stopping for High Tea at Kingswood hotel, Burntisland. **Home by 8.30pm**

"Wicked": tickets have been purchased for this popular, witty re-imagining of the "Wizard of Oz" story in the Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh on Saturday 27th December at 2.30pm. A list is available for names at the back of church, and the Circle ticket price is £55. The £7 cost of the coach will be payable later in the year.

"Top Hat": by popular acclaim by parishioners and enthusiastic demand we have obtained 53 Circle seats for this show at the Theatre Royal Glasgow on **Thursday 4th December**. The discounted price for this mid week evening performance with cost of travel will be publicised after the summer holiday

Parish Holiday group: Marion would like to express her sincere thanks to all our travellers for their great kindness and support on the recent holiday in Llandudno. Our next parish trip is re-visiting Pitlochry – 17th -19th October. Please read the notice with details of the weekend holiday. A list for names is in the red folder. Marion Tel 223088.

The Viridor application: we await news from the Rigmuir Steering Group about our application for a Grant to assist the extension of the Parish Hall and we await the planned site visit next month by the Viridor Legacy Fund Trustees to learn of the progress of the Diocesan Grant Application for the major repairs to the church.

My Day by Day Scripture texts for July (**90p**) are now available at the back of the Church. These are a very good way to appreciate how the Scriptures are formed and connect and why the Church selects passages from certain parts of the Bible for the mid week Masses.

This week's Catholic Observer: The SCO together with the Tablet, the Catholic Herald and the Flourish, is available each week to allow us to deepen our understanding of our faith and to help us develop our spiritual life. Please continue to support these ever more important resources which continue to improve in content and form.

Please pray for our sick and our housebound who are unable to share the liturgy with us, their families and those who care for them:

Canon Ryan, Willie Johnston, Lorraine Tamburrini, Pat Lynch, Jimmy Fox, John Magill, Jo Reilly, Joan Howie, Richard Tamburrini, Marjorie Kidd, Graham White, Paul Crilly, Bernadette Coogans, Jack McLaughlin, Jean Bannon, Baby Nolan Dyet, Margaret Donachy, Helen Paynter, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Thompson, May Mulheron, Phyllis Ralph, Ellen Welsh, Rosemary McKenzie, Robert Moffat, Mary McCafferty, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halloran, Anne Robb, Annette Bredin, Dan Hughes, Marjory Hughes, Jim Thornbury, Frank Coyle, Dennis O'Neill, Thomas Drumgold (Canada), Adam Ferguson, Margaret Brennan (Greenock), Elizabeth McCluskey, James Hendry, Eddie Meighan, Richard O'Donnell, Brendan McGhee, Sadie Sutherland, Marie Carberry, Maureen McPhillie, Margaret Wood, Adam (ITU Yorkhill), Jacqueline Newlands, Kathy Marzella, Jenny Giles, Mary Boyle, Layla O'Neill (4 yrs), Ivy Jordan, Carol Kerr, Susan Hone, Pat and Marie Fullerton, Alana Strong, Anne Renfrew, Lisa Hewkins, Peter and Norah Rankin, Christina Boyle, Tess Murray, Lorraine O'Donnell, Anne Marie Banks, Christina Farren, Patrick McMonagle, James Moloney, Kathleen Connelly, Agnes Dowling, Sharon Julia Marshall, Margo McLuskey, Nan Martin, Chris Cusack, Lorraine Cameron, Fr Michael O'Leary, Liz Bonner, Mary Agnes & James McCabe, Cathie MacDonald, Cathie McSorley, Caitlin Hennigan (age 18), Douglas Wilson, Liz Davis, Lee Jamieson (12 years), Malky Hannah, Mary Mallia (USA).

For those who have died recently: Carol Tennant, Frank Kelly, Joseph Dwyer and Anne Renfrew.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sam Lynas, Pearl Lyons, Thomas Deehan, Mike Sanaghan, the deceased members of the McGinley and Waddell families.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.