

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17,21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it, for example around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. They chose a theme based on John 15:1-17: **Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.** This theme expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family. [2021 EN INTERNET.pdf \(christianunity.va\)](#)

The Sunday of the Word of God.

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Pauline McGuckien**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque. The Current Parish Loan stands at £297,449.34.

Anniversary: Hugh Burns, Matthew Lawler, Mary Ann Lorimer, Dennis O'Neill.

Recently Dead: Betty McLaughlin, Louise Muldoon (nee Kyle).

Funeral Arrangements for R.I.P. John Moran: Requiem Mass at 10am on Thursday 28 January followed by cremation in South Lanarkshire Crematorium.

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



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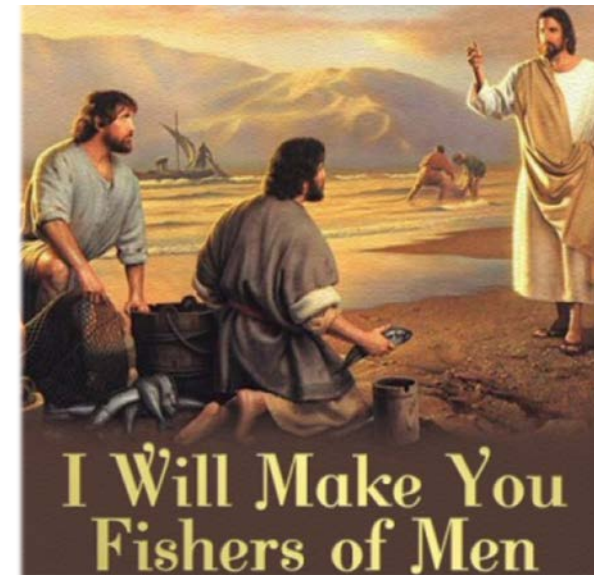
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Sunday 24 January 2021

3rd Sunday – Year B



Masses

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am

Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 6.00 pm.

Holy Hour

Thursday evenings 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Confessions

On request

Feast Days: Monday 25 January, *The Conversion of St Paul*, Tuesday 26 January, *St Timothy and St Titus*, Thursday 28 January, *St Thomas Aquinas*.

The Funeral Rites for Archbishop Tartaglia were celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 January. The main celebrant of the Requiem Mass for Archbishop Tartaglia was Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. His sermon has been made available to the media and can be used after 12 noon on Thursday January 21. The Archbishop was buried in the Cathedral Crypt immediately after the Requiem Mass.

Still photos of the ceremonies are available and can be downloaded and used by the media. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/archdioceseofglasgow/>. Please continue your prayers for the repose of the Archbishop's soul and for the comfort of his family.

As the Church is now closed due to lock down, morning Masses will be streamed live at 10.00 am Monday to Saturday and 9.30 am on Sunday. Holy Hour will continue Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm online. During this lockdown we are only allowed to have funeral Masses with up to 20 people and weddings with up to 5 people; the Food Bank/food distribution in our parish is also accepted. For any queries regarding Masses please telephone 07999 551680. All updates will be posted on the Parish Facebook page.

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow's February Newsletter can be viewed online at: <https://mailchi.mp/79d3529dc913/isc-february-news?e=cc3f324f18>.

SCIAF is asking people in Scotland to buy a water filter as a Christmas gift to help families in Ethiopia to protect their children from preventable diseases caused by dirt, unsafe water. To give the gift of clean water this Christmas please visit www.sciaf.org.uk/water. You can also support the world's poorest by texting SCIAF 3 to 70085 to donate £3 to SCIAF's Christmas Water appeal.

Right to Life: The Scottish Government is currently deciding on whether to make the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in Scotland permanent. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger. It is vital that as many people as possible contact their MSPs to ask them to write to the First Minister and other relevant ministers laying out the serious dangers with 'DIY' home abortions, and ask them to ensure that the temporary order allowing 'DIY' home abortion is revoked as soon as possible and not made permanent. Right to Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MSPs in less than one minute. This tool can be accessed by visiting the following link: www.righttolife.org.uk/notodiyabortion

Ecumenical Call to Prayer: Attached is the Call to Prayer for this Sunday evening at 7.00 pm. A link to the prayer is also given below. <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/kirk-co-signs-letter-calling-christians-to-join-in-prayer>

Centre for Carmelite Spirituality: A three day online course (via Zoom) entitled *Prayer, Virtue and Discipleship: Keys to Pastoral Ministry* is starting on Monday 25 January and the two Mondays thereafter. The cost is £75 and information on how to register can be found on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Year of St Joseph: With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.

In our Parish we will be saying the following prayer to St Joseph during the whole year of St Joseph at the end of the morning Mass on Mondays.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*