

## TIMES OF SERVICES

**EUCCHARIST :** Sunday : Vigil Mass : 6.00 pm Saturday  
9.30 am and 11.30 am

Weekdays : 10.00 am

**PENANCE :** Saturday morning after 10.00 am Mass.  
Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass.

**BAPTISM :** Normally after 11.30 am Mass on Sundays, by prior arrangement.

**MATRIMONY :** By appointment, with at least 6 months' prior notice to allow for administration and any necessary preparatory instruction.

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :

**SICK :** Ursula McDonald, Brian Churcher.

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Margaret Rodgers, Margaret Gribben, Eric Reid,  
Eileen Brady, Monica Keating.

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Hugh Bogan.

## ST VINCENT'S, THORNLIEBANK PARISH BULLETIN

22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday of the Year (A)



Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. (Matt 4:19)

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the Archdiocese of Glasgow,  
a designated Religious Body, Charity No SC018140*

## FAITH IN FOCUS: A LIGHT HAS DAWNED

Lots of people are afraid of the dark. It seems universal for people to want to light up darkness. They feel more secure and it lets them see where they are going. It even makes people whistle!



For the writers of the bible, darkness represented chaos. It was where the unknown, with all its threats, dwelt. Darkness was also where evil lurked. That's why God's first creative act was to cast darkness away by making light. God had control over the worst that darkness could muster. The disorder of darkness was replaced by the regular appearance of sun and moon. The shadows of defeat and captivity, death and disorder were powerless before God.

That same darkness appears in the way people behave. To walk in the dark is to move along blindly with no thought of the consequences, to stumble aimlessly, to make decisions without the guidance of those whose vision is clear.

And today's gospel tells us that, for Christians, these days of darkness are over. Those who are called, like the first apostles, to follow Jesus are promised a light to dispel darkness. In fact the gospel writers talk about Christmas as the time when a light came into the world, a light which darkness could not overpower.

Light, of course, is the opposite of darkness. To walk in the light is have vision, a vision of how things could be. Light means hope, and those who walk in light are no longer prey to desperation; they have the promise of Jesus that they will inherit everlasting light.

When we speak of people finally seeing the light, we mean that they have at last come to understand the truth and importance of something.

We do our best today to make choices that are right, which live up to the ideals of the gospel. And if sometimes we feel a little in the dark, then the good news is that a light has dawned. It is Jesus Christ, the Lord.

### PRAYER for UNITY OCTAVE (18 - 25 January)

*Holy God, the source of unity, as we gather together, we thank you for the waters of baptism through which you brought us into communion. Let our churches and communities grow and flourish in one faith and one baptism.*

*Encourage us to witness to Christ in daily encounters and to show more deeply the unity of the church. Keep us faithful in this calling as long as we live. Amen.*



## This Week's Feasts



Tuesday 24th January  
St Francis de Sales

Wednesday 25th January  
Conversion of St Paul

Thursday 26th January  
Sts Timothy & Titus

Saturday 28th January  
St Thomas Aquinas



**Online Youth Ministry Training Evenings** - the Youth Office are hosting three online Zoom training evenings in the coming months, exploring the topics : "How to put a youth night together", "How to speak with young people" and "How to pray with young people". These are open to any adult who would like to explore these topics, whether they are involved in youth ministry or not. Check out [www.rcagyouth.co.uk](http://www.rcagyouth.co.uk) for more info or email [youth@rcag.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcag.org.uk).

**Young Adult "Rise Up" Event (16 -35)** - is a monthly gathering (this month on Monday 6th February) of young adults to explore the theme for World Youth Day 2023. It includes teaching, activity, discussion, pizza and prayer. It takes place in the Youth Office. For the address and more details see the website [www.rcagyouth.co.uk](http://www.rcagyouth.co.uk).

**FORMED** - is a monthly youth group for those in S1 to S6 that takes place in the Archdiocesan Youth Office. Each month it gives young people the opportunity to meet and to explore their faith in relationship with Jesus, the Church and one another through engaging activities, inspiring teachings and small groups with their peers. To find out more and to register go to [www.rcagyouth.co.uk](http://www.rcagyouth.co.uk). The next meeting is on Friday 3rd February from 1730 -1930.

## FORTY HOURS ADORATION



This Week : vacant

Next Week : St Aloysius', Garnethill

