

## 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.  
On Request

**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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :

**SICK :** David Carruthers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Jim McEntee, Margaret Kelly, Paddy Joe Brogan,  
Charles Hendry Fyfe.

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Nan McKernan, Donnie Fleming.

## ST VINCENT'S, THORNLIEBANK

### PARISH BULLETIN

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Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them. (Matt 18:20)

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the Archdiocese of Glasgow,  
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## LIVE AND LET LIVE?

We're treading on ice with today's scripture readings. God tells Ezekiel that he's appointing him as sentry to Israel. Ezekiel's job is to warn people when he sees that they are behaving badly. And Jesus hands on that task to us. "If your brother does something wrong then go and have it out with him", he says.

For many of us this goes against the grain. We've been brought up to mind our own business, to leave others to get in and out of their own mess and to keep our noses out. One of the refrains in our modern society is "Live and let live", and this seems at odds with what the bible asks us to do.



Of course, it all depends on our motives. When we see something that is clearly wrong we can get on our high horse, as if we are perfect, and we can enjoy launching into the person who is responsible for it. Usually we get a good deal of pleasure out of this, partly because we see something of ourselves in the person we are condemning, and having a go at them is a way of exorcising the ghost from our own hearts.

On the other hand, condoning wrongful behaviour, from wherever it comes, is not an option. We have to be sensitive to the person involved; we have to understand the circumstances they find themselves in and seek for the reasons behind their actions. But we cannot remain silent and pretend what they are doing is right.

The gospel values which we hold are public and communal, and we have to ensure that we never cease to find fresh ways of letting the world know what they are and why they are important to us. If we were on the verge of destroying ourselves by some unhelpful course of action, then we would probably be grateful in the long term for someone who didn't just go along with what we were doing but pointed out the dangers to us. In the same way we owe it to others to warn them when we can see they are harming themselves.

The problem with live and let live is that it usually ends up as live and let die.

**SPRED** - today's Second Collection is for Special Religious Development.

## This Week's Feasts

Wednesday 13th September  
St John Chrysostom

Thursday 14th September  
The Triumph of the Cross

Friday 15th September  
Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday 16th September  
St Ninian of Galloway



**Teachers & Support Staff** - of our schools are invited to Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral at 5.15pm on Thursday 14th September.

**Hall Volunteers** - are invited to a short meeting on Monday, 11th Sep at 7.30pm in the Hall (tea & coffee supplied).

**Children's Liturgy Leaders & Eucharistic Ministers** (for the sick and housebound) - are required to have a PVG certificate and to attend one training meeting. If you are in either category, please check with Fr Hill that everything is up to date. If you are interested in being involved in either ministry, please give your contact details to Fr Hill who will pass them on to our Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

**Age Concern Eastwood** - are looking for fresh volunteers. Please read the notice in the porch (there's not enough room to put it in the bulletin this week).

**Bingo Night** - Friday 6th October (7-11pm). Raffle prizes will be welcomed.

## FORTY HOURS ADORATION

This Week : Holy Cross, Crosshill  
Our Lady & St Helen's, Condorrat  
St Joseph's, Tollcross

Next Week : St Ninian's, Knightswood  
Holy Family & St Ninian's,  
Kirkintilloch  
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill  
Immaculate Heart, Balornock  
St Robert's, Househillwood

