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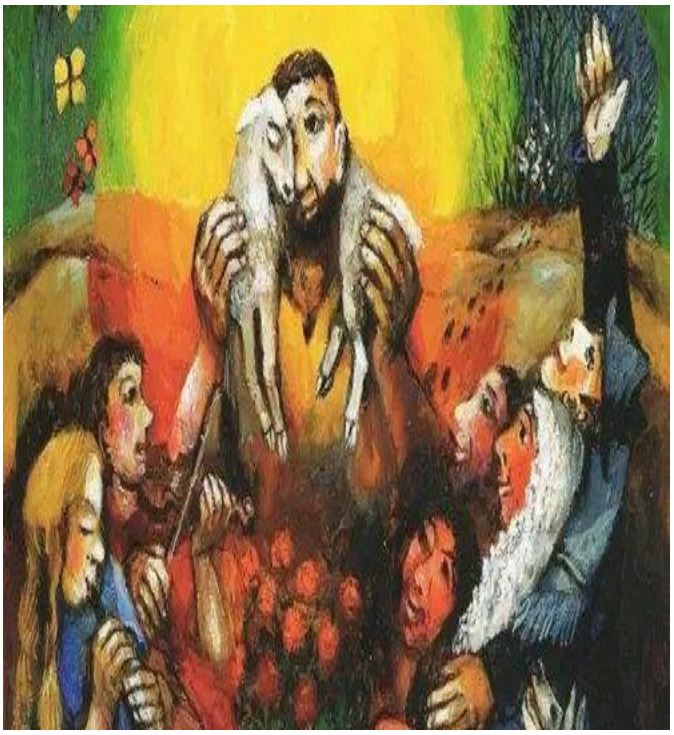
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY"

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

30TH APRIL, 2023



READINGS AT MASS

Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41

Psalm 22

1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

John 10: 1 - 10

HOLY MASS

Sun. 30th	10.00am. 12 noon. 5.15pm
Mon 1st MAY	**10am St. Joseph**
Tues 2ND	10am St. Athanasius
Thurs 4TH	10am
Fri. 5TH	10am REQUIEM
Sat. 6TH	10.00am ; 6pm
Sun 7TH	10.00am ; 12.00 ; 5.15pm

Eucharistic adoration & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal ; Night Prayer and Benediction . Thursday 4TH MAY at 7.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.30pm -6.00pm. If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation outwith this time, please contact Fr. Dominic on 01355247471.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Recently Deceased*: Michael Feeney ; Catherine Donnelly ; John Donnelly; Raymond Murphy; Frances Brownlee;**

***Anniversary:* Gabrielle McIntyre ; James Traynor; Chris Esler; Pat McGinley**

SSVP HELPLINE 0784 2085284.

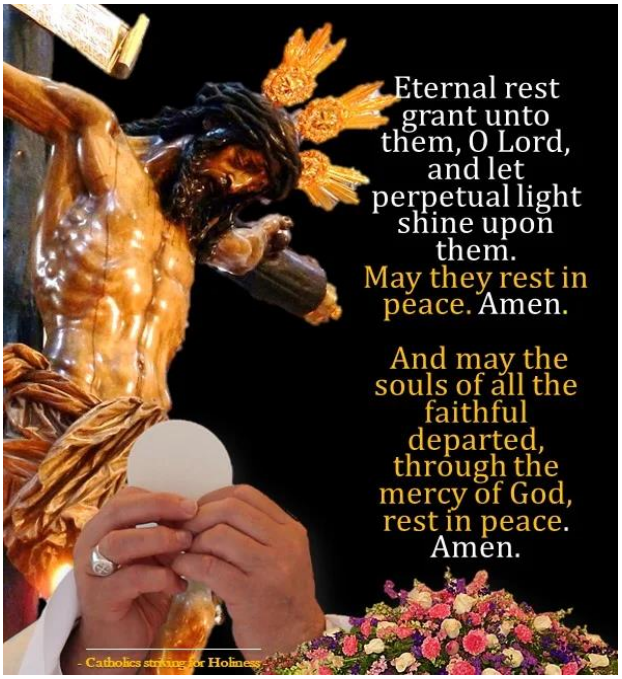
AA MEETING – ST. LEONARD'S HALL
Alcoholics Anonymous hold a meeting on Thursday mornings from 11.00am –12.30pm

PARISH HOSPITALITY GROUP

As the parish moves towards the reintroduction of the Sunday Coffee morning, volunteers are invited to become part of a "Parish Hospitality Group" which would provide this service to the parish community. This invitation is extended to all parishioners, and anyone interested should contact Fr. Dominic.

1st Communion: 13th & 20th May, 2023

Newman Association: COP 27 – Catholic Action on Climate Change. A talk by Dr Ben Wilson, The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th May 2023 . All welcome. Refreshments provided. **Please note – Remember our new venue*



FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

MICHAEL FEENEY , RIP

Reception and Requiem Mass
Friday 5th May at 10.00am

CATHERINE DONNELLY, RIP
JOHN DONNELLY, RIP

Reception : Tuesday 9th May at 6.00pm
Requiem : Wednesday 10th May at 10.00am

RAYMOND MURPHY, RIP

Reception and Requiem Mass
Friday 12th May at 10.00am

Fair World Group (formerly Third World Group)

As Fr. Dominic has outlined, we will host the parish coffee mornings once per month. Our first coffee morning will be on Sunday 7th May and our second one on Sunday 4th June.

As Father has said we will be serving tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and home baking only after the 10am Mass. However, if you cannot stay for drinks we hope you might be tempted to come down to the hall to purchase some of our delicious home baking which will be on sale until the beginning of the 12noon Mass.

We look forward to welcoming you all down in the hall on Sunday 7th May.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Vocation: Grace and Mission

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!

This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements.

This year I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". This Day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others. We are called to a faith that bears witness, one that closely connects the life of grace, as experienced in the sacraments and ecclesial communion, to our apostolate in the world. Led by the Spirit, Christians are challenged to respond to existential peripheries and human dramas, ever conscious that the mission is God's work; it is not carried out by us alone, but always in ecclesial communion, together with our brothers and sisters, and under the guidance of the Church's pastors. For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love.

Dear brothers and sisters, vocation is a gift and a task, a source of new life and true joy. May the initiatives of prayer and of activity associated with this Day strengthen an awareness of vocation within our families, our parish communities, our communities of consecrated life, and our ecclesial associations and movements. The Spirit of the risen Lord dispels our apathy and grants us the gifts of sympathy and empathy. In this way, he enables us to live each day born anew as children of the God who is love (cf. *1 Jn* 4:16) and in turn to offer that love to others. To bring life everywhere, especially in places of exclusion and exploitation, poverty and death, in order to enlarge the spaces of love, [4] so that God may reign ever more fully in this world.

May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you. With my blessing.

FRANCIS