

**Consultation on Admissions to Schools
and Placing Request Policy
(Renfrewshire Council)**

Until the end of March, the Local Authority is consulting on proposals to:

- Change the annual registration date for pupils about to start Primary 1. Currently it is held in January and it is felt that it would be better to do this in future in November (it would give school staff more time to liaise with pre-5/nursery establishments)
- Revise Primary 1 registration allocation of catchment places
- Revise transfer from primary to secondary allocation of catchment places
- Revise allocation of placing request places

The proposals take full account of the fact that a child who is a baptised Catholic (with a baptismal certificate) would have priority for a place in a catholic primary or secondary school, which is not necessarily the current practice due to the existing policy. It has been recognised that the existing policy is outdated and that it is the time to introduce positive amendments.

If you have a child in a local primary/secondary school or is due to begin school in the next couple of years, please take a little time to go online and seek out the consultation. It would be helpful if the Local Authority knows that the community welcomes the right of baptised Catholics to get a place the local catholic schools.

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Times of Services

Sunday Masses

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00pm;
10.30am, 12.00noon
and 5.30pm

Monday to Saturday

Rosary at 9.35am
Mass at 10.00am

Confessions

Thursday & Saturday:
9.30-9.50am;
Saturday
4.30-4.55pm
& after Vigil

Exposition

Thursday: 10.30-11.30am

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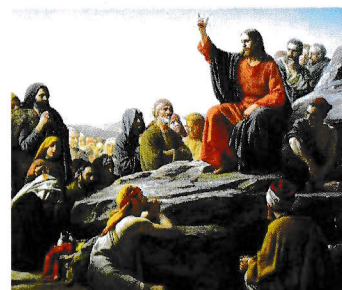
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PARISH BULLETIN



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2020



Gospel Summary

Matthew's Gospel this week highlights what seem to be an unattainable ideal. What Jesus asks of his followers requires an extraordinary interior conversion of heart. Mere external compliance seems impossible; only love as the basis for action could render possible the ethic proposed here by Jesus. Jesus' teaching — how he deliberately pushes his hearers beyond mere observance of the Law to a

way of following the commandments that springs from a radical love of God and neighbour — is our focus.

Reflection for Parents

Life is full of choices for us and for our children. What to wear, what to cook, what to watch on television, what game to play on our computers. Every choice we make involves an exercise of free will, which is how we grow in goodness and mature in faith. Talking with our children about the more critical choices: how to treat others how to acknowledge mistakes and own up to them, how to reach out to those in need — can never begin too early.

Adults: When in your life have you been able to keep the spirit as well as the letter of God's Law?

Children: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME AND LET OTHERS SEE IT

THANKS

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,668 and £910 for SPRED. The total raised through the SPRED Advent boxes was £797.

THIS WEEKEND

we welcome The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, who will be making a mission appeal in our parish. There is a poster in the porch.

LADIES NIGHT

There will be a Ladies Night in the Church Hall this Friday, 21st February with all proceeds going to NET Ministry. Tickets cost £5.00 and will be on sale this Sunday. Alternatively, telephone Mary McGroarty on 07710 512991 or Margaret O'Rorke on 07952 422973. We would appreciate any donations of raffle prizes for the night and these can be handed in to the Sacristy or Chapel House. We would very much appreciate donations of home baking on the night.

MGR. CUNNINGHAM

As a parting gift, on behalf of the parish, we have bought Mgr. Cunningham a motorised Riser Recliner Chair. It was due to arrive at the Little Sisters during the past week and would have been there as he moved into his new accommodation.

SCIAF - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We need you! Could you do a short talk in your parish about our WEE BOX BIG CHANGE appeal during Lent? Drop us an email at getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk.

200 CLUB (JANUARY) - OUTSTANDING

Could the following person please pick up their winnings from the Sacristy or Chapel House as soon as possible:

4. 14 Margaret MacIntyre - £25.00
For security, please confirm the last three digits of your phone number when you pick up your winnings from the Sacristy or Chapel House.

PARISH COUNCIL GROUPS

The Fabric & Finance Group have their next meeting this coming Tuesday, 18th February at 7.00pm in the Chapel House.

ST. MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Please note the Chaplaincy will be closed on Monday apologies for any inconvenience.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Pilgrimage takes place from 26th June - 2nd July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNellis stninian@rcdop.org.uk

PREPARING FOR LENT

Our Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. It is a day of fast and abstinence, which means giving up one meal of the day and abstaining from meat for the whole of the day. The season of Lent is a liturgical season of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence. The liturgical colour for Lent is violet, the *Gloria* and *Alleluias* are omitted, Masses are celebrated with simple music and our sanctuaries are more quietly adorned.

20-40 NETWORK SUPPER CLUB

Aged 20-40? We are hosting a supper-club networking event at The Butterfly and the Pig in on 7th March at 7pm. Tickets are £28 for a two-course meal from a fantastic menu plus coffee. Thereafter you can mingle in the bar with a live band and you have complimentary entry to the neighbouring Buff Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other young Catholics so please come along.. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket.

LENTEN STATION MASSES

Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass at St Mary's, Paisley on Wednesday, 11th March. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day, to allow our priests and people to join him. Station Mass is simply Mass with the Bishop that replicates the ancient custom of the Popes to go out to 'station parishes' around Rome leading up to Easter. Bishop John's homilies will be a catechesis on the meaning of the Creed as a simple summary of what Catholics believe. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm.

ST COLUMBA'S, RENFREW

A Lenten retreat group will again meet weekly from 7-8.30pm each week in St Columba's Oratory, starting on Tuesday 25th February. The theme: 'Journey into Freedom: a Retreat based in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola'. All are also welcome to a Lent Quiet Morning in the Oratory from 10.30-1pm on Saturday 29th February - an opportunity for prayer, quiet time and sharing. The morning will end with Mass and a light lunch.

RETREAT DAY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in P4-7 at St. Mary's, Greenock on Sunday 15th March 2-6pm. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school, downloaded from the Diocesan website or by contacting Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

LENTEN REFLECTION DAY FOR S3-6

The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a reflection day for young adults (S3-S6) on Sunday 1st March at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. The day will be from 2-6pm and will include Mass at 5pm. Net Ministries will be our facilitators. While the retreat is open to all young people from this age group there is an expectation that any participants in Youth to Lourdes 2020 should be in attendance. All attendees will be required to bring a signed consent form. These can be obtained from your school or your parish or downloaded from the Diocesan website. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison Tel: 01418895056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

NOTICES IN THE PORCH

- 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer & Fasting Vigil
- Pro-Life Mass - 19th February
- Monastic Experience Weekend (Pluscarden)
- New Dawn in Scotland Youth Day - 21st March