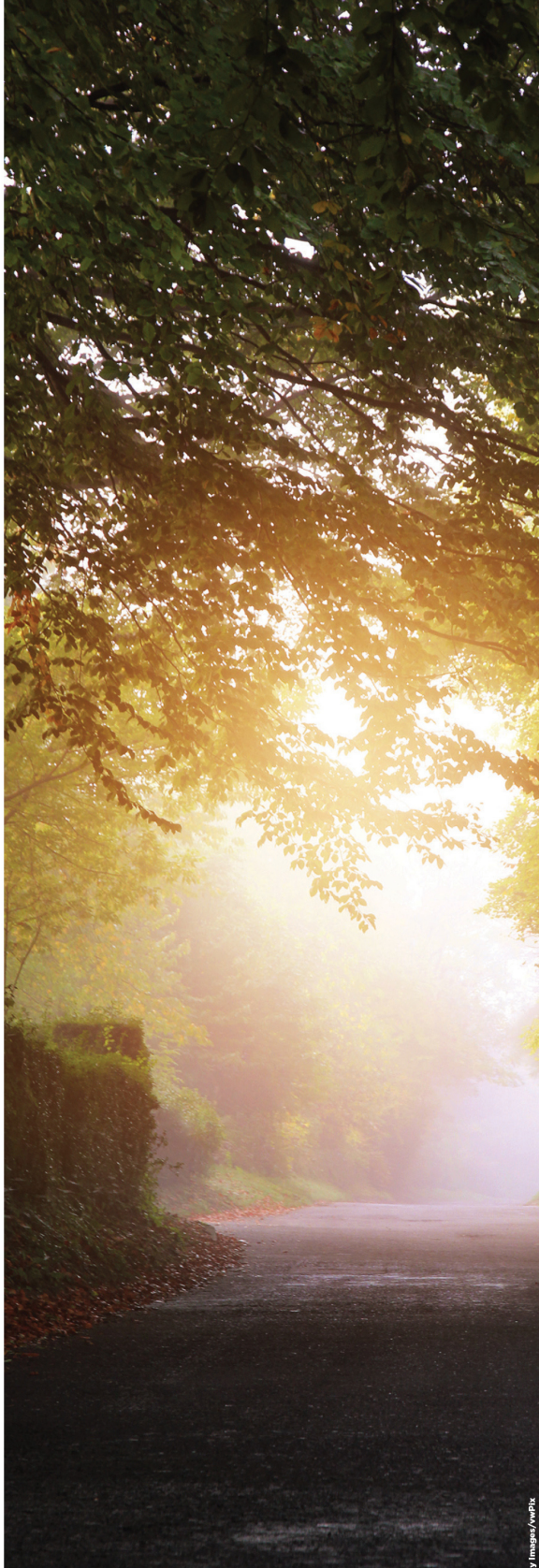


27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever had that feeling that all is right with the world? Perhaps it's the cool breeze on a crisp fall day, holding a newborn baby for the first time, or watching your friends or family enjoying each other's company around the dinner table. These are grace-filled moments that bring to mind St. Paul's words today which speak of "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." It can be all too easy to lose sight of this amidst the stresses of daily life and a news feed dominated by negativity and catastrophic events. Paul, never one to shy away from taking a stand, is not asking us to bury our heads in the sand, however. His Letter to the Philippians encourages us to "have no anxiety at all," and turn our thoughts to "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious." In doing so, we can not only counter the negativity, but persevere in faith as we confront the challenges of 2020.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul goes on to say, in that same reading: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." I think Paul just offered us the secret to a happy life! Allow this passage to speak to you today. Allow God's peace to permeate your heart and calm the unrest that can so easily creep in these days. And then pray that you can be the true, honorable, and gracious presence in another's life. Send this passage to a friend who may be hurting in some way, and invite him or her to think of a time recently when they felt the presence of God, the peace of God, in their life. And then offer to accompany them in their struggles - walk beside them and encourage them to "think about these things" that are excellent or worthy of praise.

PRAY Focus on the encouragement of St. Paul's words today and pray Psalms 100, 136, and 148. Pray these sacred hymns of praise and thanksgiving, and then suggest that you pray them together with your friend.

Peter's Pence Collection - 4th October 2020

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity. Through it, every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. It is an activity that also supports the most needy and ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help. To donate to this special collection, please visit https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086351

October Month of the Rosary

Please join in the **October Rosary Whirlwind of the British Isles**. You can join in: Daily 8.00pm Online Rosary around Britain (Bishop John will lead from our Cathedral on Sundays); the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Whirlwind Rosary Day on Tuesday 13 October; the Halloween 9.00am-9.00pm Rosary Rally around the Dioceses of Britain; and the All Saint and All Souls Thanksgiving Online Rosaries at 8.00pm. For all the details go to www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk 'One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.' Saint Dominic.

First Communions & Confirmations

St Charles Primary School have already been in touch with parents/guardians to update on the proposed times for the First Communions that had been planned for the spring. The priests of our cluster having a meeting at the beginning to the October School Week to discuss some possibilities for the Sacrament of Confirmation and, hopefully, have a common approach across the area.

Mass Bookings

Mass Booking for the coming week will normally become available on a Friday

evening. These can be made through using the link on our website or by phoning **07593 825035**. Please don't use the normal parish phone number for bookings.

Since only about one eighth of our parishioners can get to Mass each weekend, please consider allowing others to have an opportunity secure a booking for Mass.

Publication of In God's Image v.2

'In God's Image' - the document which is an 'Instruction on **Safeguarding**' from the Bishops of Scotland to all Catholic jurisdictions in Scotland - was published in March 2018 initially for a three-year period. The Bishops are now preparing for the publication of version 2 of this document to reflect any significant **Safeguarding** developments that have occurred since first publication. The intended publication date is June 2021. Until then, 'In God's Image' V1 will remain valid.

The Bishops are seeking views from all interested groups and individuals on any changes they would propose to the current text in the light of their experience. This invitation extends to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, organisations, to clergy and laypeople, to professional **Safeguarding** staff and volunteers, to those in Scotland and beyond, to those in other churches or faith groups and to all who are interested in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe in every Church environment.

Above all, the Bishops are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the Church can learn from past mistakes and plan to ensure appropriate and sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns.

If you wish to offer any suggestions for changes to the current text of 'In God's

Image', please use this form <https://bit.ly/3cuTsnP>.

NB. The closing date for submission of comments is 30th November 2020.

Beware Protect Scotland App Scams

If you are contacted by NHS (test and protect) it will be by phone on a single national telephone number **0800 030 8012**.

Scammers are contacting the public advising them that they have been in near contact with someone who has tested positive with Coronavirus and must get a test and self- isolate. They then ask for payments for various services. **If the call is not from the above number please ignore it.**

Annual Safeguarding Announcement for use in Parishes
[STATEMENT TO BE READ OUT BY PARISH PRIEST THIS YEAR].

Safeguarding in the Catholic Church means doing everything in our power to try and prevent abuse; firstly, by having a safe system of recruitment for clergy, religious, employees and volunteers; which includes PVG checks, references and training; and secondly, by having a reporting system so people can come forward with disclosures and concerns, be listened to and have their disclosures acted upon. Here in St. Charles' Parish our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Josephine Macgregor. During the current COVID restrictions, online training is being developed, and all of our stewards and sanitisers have been carefully recruited to enable our church to be open.

A central part of safeguarding is care for survivors so that their wounds are tended and they are kept safe from further harm while we try to accompany them to safe paths of healing. This weekend we have been pleased to welcome to the Diocese Fr Dominic Allain of 'Grief to Grace' who has made two presentations, one to clergy and one to the public on his outreach healing ministry to abuse survivors. Many survivors who have attended Grief to Grace have told us how helpful they found it. We are hoping to run a retreat in Scotland next year for any abuse survivors who would like to attend.

It is the responsibility of all of us, whether clergy or lay to try and reach out to those who have been harmed or abused by members of the Church, their families or any other person, whilst respecting that many will understandably feel unable to engage with us. Nevertheless, we can still pray for and care about them. It is also our responsibility to remain vigilant and to do everything in our power to keep our communities safe. We have kept this announcement short this year because of the Covid restrictions. The full Safeguarding Annual Report will be uploaded to the Diocesan Website as soon as possible.

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