

St. Bridget's Parish Bulletin

25 March 2018

Readers' Rota

This week: Gina and Eileen

Next week: Thomas and Annemarie

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

This week: Moira and John

Next week: Caitlin and Grace

Collection Envelopes

The new Collection Envelopes for donations from 8 April are available today for those who have signed a Gift Aid Declaration. If you are a Gift Aider please pick up your new set of envelopes today. If you have signed a GAD and there are no envelopes in your name please advise Fr. Douglas. The envelopes for those who have not signed a GAD will be available next Sunday.

Chrism Mass

As part of our wonderful diocesan custom we look forward to parishioners from every parish joining our diocesan community for the celebration of our annual Chrism Mass. At this Mass all our priests gather to publicly and solemnly renew their priestly vows before you, our lay faithful. The new oils of Catechumens, Chrism and the Sick will be blessed and consecrated to be sent out to our parishes for the Sacraments in the year ahead. As we prepare for the Paisley Synod challenge this year of *Making All Things New* in the eight local areas of our diocese it is good for us to experience being together as a diocese and for the Holy Spirit to bring good fruits from our people's discernment and decisions for our Church in the generation ahead.

Cardinal O'Brien RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal O'Brien, who died on the Feast of Saint Joseph, two days after his eightieth birthday. Many parishioners around the diocese have since messaged to offer prayers for him and condolences for his family as we commend him to the Lord of Mercy. May he rest in peace.

Volunteers Required

1. We already have one volunteer to take the Oils from the Chrism Mass to the Parish. We need two more please see Fr. Douglas if you can help.
2. We need another 10 people to volunteer to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper here on Thursday evening. Again, please see Fr. Douglas if you can help.

Mary's Meals

Volunteers from Mary's Meals will visit the parish on 8 April to sell tickets for their annual raffle. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 per book. We will also receive an update on the work of Mary's Meals,

Helping those in need – Food Bank Donations

As you will notice, the box for donations in the porch has been replaced by a wheelie bin. Don't worry it is brand new! The bin will be there every day and non-perishable food items as well as household necessities can be placed in it. Please see list on the bin for an idea of the items required. Many thanks for your generosity.

In God's Image: Safeguarding Manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland:

This week, along with his fellow bishops in Scotland, Bishop John signed into publication our new Safeguarding Policy for the years ahead. It will come into effect on the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, Monday 21 May. It is available online on our diocesan website. At this time, as we introduce further procedures to keep safe our children and vulnerable adults we continue to keep in our hearts and prayers those among us still presently surviving from historic abuse.

Tea/coffee after Mass

Tea/Coffee will be available in Mayfield after Mass today.

100 Club Winners

First Prize £65: Helen Dougall Second Prize £35: John McCafferty

Celebration of St. Patrick

Thanks to all who organised, prepared and came along to our St. Patrick's celebration. A good night was had by all.

Dpy Paisley & Galloway Diocesan World Youth Day Gathering

Sunday 25 March St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley from 2pm till 6pm

This event is open to all young people from across the Diocese: secondary and young adults. All <18 participants MUST BRING a signed consent form. Available from your Parish Priest. The event at St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley will run from 2 – 6pm with evening meal and transport provided (see times on consent form). The programme will include music, art and drama workshops Fellowship, Catechesis, Social Time and Eucharist. If you would like to come along then please register your interest by contacting Fr Frank Hannigan on 07944343494 or youth@rcdop.org.uk

40 Days for Life and the Gospel of Life

The Closing Event for our 40 Days for Life Campaign will take place today, Palm Sunday, 25th March in George Square at 3pm when Robert Colquhoun International Director of 40 Days for Life will speak to the assembled gathering. **Please come along and support these events in this 50th anniversary year of the implementation of the Abortion Act in the UK.**

Healing Service

This will take place in Saint Columbkille's Parish, Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen. **Sunday 6th May at 2pm** in Church Hall. Speakers: Father Joe Balmer, and Joe Livingston .

Mass at St. Conval's Cemetery, Barrhead

The next Mass at St Conval's Cemetery is on Sunday 8th April 2018 at 2pm. This is an opportunity for families and friends of all buried within the cemetery to come and offer Holy Mass for their loved ones.

Lourdes with the Jumbulance

There will be a bus to Lourdes, known as 'The Jumbulance', leaving from St. Mirins Cathedral on the **13th September** return on the **22nd September**. There are still a few spaces available for anyone who may be sick and require assistance. There will be a medical team and a priest traveling on the bus along with experienced helpers. Please contact Cormack on **07568401416** or Cormacksmith123@icloud.com

Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal Pilgrimage 2018 - Monday 2nd – Friday 6th JULY 2018
Knock and Lough Derg - £285, Knock and Donegal - £375, Single Room Supplement – Knock £10pppn, Single Room Supplement – Donegal £20pppn, **To book or for further information contact:, Day – Anne – 07901873259 anne.doherty61@hotmail.co.uk, or evening – Liam – 0141 569 1982 or email liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com, or find info on Facebook - Glasgow Vigils Events**

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy by UWS

Mass will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12.45pm in St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street Paisley. Please come and join us!

Billings Ovulation Method® Teacher Training Course 2018 - Would you like to become a Teacher of the Billings Ovulation Method? Are you a user or have been a user of the Billings Ovulation Method? Are you an interested Health Professional?

The Teacher Training Course is RCGP Accredited. Fertility Care Scotland welcomes you to find out more about the BOM Teacher Training Course 2018, running 31st May – 3rd June 2018, at Schoenstatt Scotland Kentenich Way, Campsie Glen, Glasgow, G66 7AT. For more details please contact: Fertility Care Scotland, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY
Email: info@fertilitycare.org.uk Telephone: 0141 221 0858

Gift Aid & Legacies - If you are a UK taxpayer by signing a Gift Aid declaration your recorded donations to your Parish or the Diocese are increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. You can donate by standing order, cheque or by asking your Parish Priest for a box of weekly donation envelopes. Gift Aid forms can be obtained from your Parish Priest or on-line at: www.rcdop.org.uk/gift-aid-forms-1 Please also consider including your Parish or the Diocese in your Will.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 29th June -6th July'18

There are still places available on the pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage is open to all. Volunteers are needed to help pilgrims throughout the week. In order to comply with the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy please contact Anne Louise before the 28th February to register as a helper/ nurse. If you will be in Lourdes at the same time as the pilgrimage and would like to participate then contact Anne Louise for the Diocesan programme. Contact Anne Louise at 01475 638132.

Catenians – Appeal for new members

The Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their Faith, their families, to those in need and to each other. Their primary purpose is to establish a network of friends, which enhances their family life, strengthens their Faith and sustains them in difficult times. They support each other, the Catholic Church, young people and those in need. At present the local Catenians are wishing to recruit new members. If you would like to know more please see Danny O'Hagan or email: daniel.ohagan11@btinternet.com

Arch Trust for those suffering after abortion

Struggling after an abortion? You are not alone. Non-Judgemental & confidential help is available. Contact us to ask about free one-to-one counselling by phoning the helpline on 0845 603 8501. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm on email clare@archtrust.org.uk. You can also talk to a befriender by phoning the helpline in the evening on 0845 603 8501 7 days a week, 7pm-10pm.

Diocesan Priesthood

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2018? For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org

Being admitted to hospital

Anyone being admitted to hospital should contact their local priest to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before admission. Every hospital has a system for contacting the R.C. Chaplain urgently in emergencies when the patient or family ask the nursing staff to summon the Catholic Chaplain. The same system may also be used to request a non-urgent pastoral visit from a priest. Because of data protection the Catholic Chaplain will not know you are in hospital unless you ask for him. We have discrete patient declaration of religious cards available for you to have at your bedside letting staff know you are Catholic and want pastoral care. Just ask the priest.

#prayingforyou Prayer request ministry on our Diocesan website please visit <http://rcdop.org.uk/prayingforyou> We welcome your prayer requests; all requests are placed on the Bishop's altar where he celebrates his daily morning Mass & respectfully disposed of thereafter. Please be assured of complete confidentiality and discretion with your request.

UWS Chaplaincy

Studying at UWS? Would you like to get involved in our Catholic society? If so please contact Fr. John Morrison @ johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

Mum's the Word Prayer Groups – As St Monica prayed for her son we pray for all sons and daughters: *"We now humbly ask you to pray with us for our sons and daughters who have drifted away from God and we ask you to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried about their children"*. If you are interested in joining an existing group or starting a group in your own parish, please email: Eleanor Jannetta at enojannetta@hotmail.co.uk

Synod Update: Making All Things New

Our Synod Acta (available on the diocesan website) under Charter Point 8 (Structures) commits us to ensure our diocesan structures are apt for evangelisation and lay participation in times to come. Specifically it asks us to consider the configuration of our parishes and the deployment of our clergy. It asked if we now have too many parishes relative to our lower number of priests and if they are in the right places given so many ongoing local population shifts? It suggested we may need to make changes to allow us opportunities for real growth in coming years. With the Synod's call for a diocesan plan for growth our priests met with Bishop John in an Assembly of Clergy to discuss this issue. We agreed it should be a matter for the people at the local level to try to discern, deliberate and come up with their own workable solutions, rather than for the bishop to bring forward proposals from above. We also agreed that the people should be approached in open meetings during 2018 to consider the issues and come up with local plans. We felt that transparency and good communication were paramount and decided that a Bishop's letter in January 2018, in line with the Synod's requirement for good consultation with the laity and for good processes of dialogue and discussion, would be the next immediate step.

Psalm 39: Here I am Lord, I come to do your will (Cantor: Nicky)

Text a Donation

Please note that the Diocese have now set up their 'Text a Donation' Service which allows you to send a donation to the Diocese through your mobile phone. All you have to do is text **DOPF01 £5** to 70070. £5 is only a suggestion. Any amount will be very much appreciated.

Let it Be: Five Session DVD/Book Series on Devotion to Our Lady

How about getting some parishioners together for this very well produced course on how Mary helps us to be filled with God? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes, Knock, Walsingham and more with inputs from Cardinal Nichols and testimonies from Mary's Meals, Mothers Prayers, John Pridmore and more. Just search www.faithcafe.org to find out more or order.

Could you become a Knight of St Columba?

The Knights of St Columba are the leading men's lay apostolate organisation in the United Kingdom and continue to assist the Hierarchy and clergy in this great Year of the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima. We would be delighted to welcome like-minded men to our Order, to assist us in Serving God by Serving others. If you are interested please contact Bertie M Grogan email(membership@ksc.org.uk) or visit <http://www.ksc.org.uk>

Young Children at Mass All children from 0 years upwards are always welcome at Mass. If children are unsettled or fractious during Mass parents or responsible adults may wish to take them to the 'cry chapel' just off the back porch. We have placed a small table and chairs suitable for very young children there at which they can read, write or draw. The cry chapel is not intended to be a permanent place for the whole Mass but somewhere children can be taken until they calm down. Please keep bringing your children to Mass as they are most welcome.

The Catenian Rosary Group have been sending unused Rosaries to the missions since 2009. They are appealing for any surplus rosaries to help get them into the hands of those who love and cherish and pray them. Please send to Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Road, HALIFAX, HX3 OSP

Age Concern Eastwood

If anyone would like to contact Age Concern their phone number is 0141 638 2158,
email address: ageconcerneastwood@hotmail.com Website:
www.ageconcerneastwood.com

They offer advice and information, social lunch clubs, wheelchair loans and minibus transport. They are an independent local charity and rely totally on fund raising and donations.