

DIOCESAN NEWS

Seminarians: We look forward to five of our seminarians being ordained as deacons during 2016; Bernard Mournian and Paul Denney in Rome on Sunday 1st May, and Sean Wylie, Bruce McPhail and John Paul McShane in Oscott on Saturday June 25th. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for ordination, and continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

A very warm welcome to Fr. Justin Isaac, Herald of the Good News, who will minister in our diocese for a period of between six and ten years. Fr. Justin, ordained in 2002, has previously ministered in his native India and in Italy.

Aid to the Church in Need : Please join Aid to the Church in Need in prayer and ask God to protect the Christian people of Pakistan who are suffering persecution and oppression because of their faith.

HEAVENLY FATHER, you know by name all those who suffer in your name. We ask that you comfort and strengthen Christians in Pakistan, and that you grant particular protection to women and girls. We also ask you to provide love and solace to converts to Christianity who can often experience rejection from their families or even physical violence. May we in Scotland be encouraged by their example and may we never take for granted the freedom we have to follow you. Compassionate creator, please forgive those who persecute Christians, reach out to them with your grace and your love. Amen.

In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer: Education Week Supplement; Tributes paid to the late Bishop Murray; "Don't confuse marriage with other unions" says Pope; World hunger is mass genocide says Pope's delegate at Eucharistic Congress.

Liam Toner-Margaret and family would like to thank Fr Rafal, all the parishioners and especially Deacon John, who rallied round for Liam in his last illness. Your kindness was hugely appreciated. Mass will be offered for all.

Please pray for at our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:

Canon Ryan, Fr Bergin, Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Bernadette Coogans, Margaret Donachy, Dan Hughes, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halleron, Chris Cusack, Marjory Hughes, Nan Martin, Pat Fullarton, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Peden, Lorraine O'Donnell, Rose Drumgold, Richard Tamburrini, Betty Murphy, Margaret Rose McMahon, Joseph Gallagher, Michael McShane, Mary Hoban, May Taylor, May Cheney, Elizabeth Graham, Mairi Louise Carberry, Alexander Warren, Robert Moffat, Jim McFarlane, Fr Michael O'Leary, Helen Paynter, Robert Williamson, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Richard O'Donnell, Dennis Waddell, Cathie Spiers and Harry Sheridan.

Recently dead: Dan Watson, Grace Livingstone, Theresa McGinn, Michael McNeill, William McWilliam

Anniversary: Mary and Albert Macintosh, Harry and Mary Doherty, Patrick and Mary McCafferty, Mary and Anthony Hastings

Birthday Remembrance: John Monaghan

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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*Faith
Hope
Love*

Sunday 31st January 2016

Fourth Sunday of the Year C

Masses

Monday - Friday 10.00am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,
6.00pm.



Confessions

After Vigil Mass

(in the Oratory),

during the **Thursday
Evening Holy Hour**

(from 7pm until 8pm in the
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and on request.

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This Sunday is Education Sunday. There will be a Special Collection at all Masses for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. We welcome the students from St Andrew's and St Bride's High School who will serve in the Readers' Ministry at 9.30 and 11.30 this Sunday. A letter from Archbishop Tartaglia will be read at all Masses. Please take seriously today's appeal for more young practising Catholics to become teachers in Catholic schools to ensure that our children receive formation in faith.

During Catholic Education Week we reflect how we are "Learning to be Merciful". This learning takes place in homes as well as schools, in workplaces as well as churches. We must all be "witnesses to mercy".

Feasts this Week: **Monday**, St Bride (note Mass arrangements in the High School); **Tuesday**, The Presentation of the Lord **Wednesday**, St Blaise (*with blessing of throats after Mass*); **Friday**, St Agatha; **Saturday**, St Paul Miki and Companions

February 2nd is World Day of Consecrated Life. Friday 5th February is the First Friday of the month.

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm on Monday 1st February in Cathkin Care Home.

Votive Candles: The votive stall will be in place to the right side of the stage at all Masses in the High School. The candles are in the form of small LED lights—you will find an on/off switch on the base of each candle.

A new Readers' Rota Weekday Masses is displayed on the hall door in the pastoral centre, and all the current rotas are also available on the website www.sbek.org

Coffee Mornings: We have been advised by the Environmental Health Officer that our Coffee Mornings can only resume when we have hot and cold water with a separate sink for hand washing, and some of the group have a food hygiene certificate. As soon as these conditions are met we will be able to return to our regular Thursday morning slot.

200 Club proposal – we have received a suggestion that we operate a 200 Club to assist in fund raising for the church renovation. The broad proposal is for a monthly contribution of £5 with about half of the contributions being distributed as a weekly prize with the balance going towards renovation. This would only work if there were sufficient parishioners willing to participate. Full information will be distributed at all Masses next weekend..

St Bride's Ladies Phoenix Club starts back again on Monday 8th February at 1.30pm. Our guest will be singer Rhona Hughes and we will also have a raffle so any prizes will be appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Holiday Group: Tour to London Friday 18th –Sunday 20th March. Many thanks to those who have booked places on the above tour. A few vacancies are still available for our visit to the Albert Hall. Places are also available (sharing only) for our trip to Killarney. Enquiries: Marion (tel 223088)

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Wednesday 10th February is Ash Wednesday. A series of **Scripture talks** will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall at 7.30 pm each Thursday from 11th Feb till 17th March. Week One—The Bible; An overview by Fr Stuart Parkes.

SCIAF WEE BOXES will be available from next Sunday 7th February. Please give generously as all contributions received before 4th May will be doubled by the UK Government, thanks to the "Aid Match" scheme.

40 Days for Life: What are you doing for Lent 2016? Can you consider taking part in 40 Days for Life – a Christian Profile Campaign to raise awareness about the crisis of abortion in our country. It has three parts:- 1 Prayer & Fasting. 2 Peaceful Vigil. 3 Community support. This campaign is not looking for financial aid but is looking for a personal public prayer witness.. For more info contact rosedocherty@Hotmail.com

The World Day of Prayer: St Bride's parishioners are invited to join the service at the Old Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 2pm. The theme for 2016 is "Receive children. Receive me." Andrea Muldoon is looking for a parishioner to join her in representing St Bride's. Please contact Andrea on 07854134900

Christmas Crib Appeal: Collection boxes for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society should be returned as soon as possible.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

St Andrew's and St Bride's High School Patronal Feast Day Mass: Bishop Toal will celebrate Mass at 9.45am in the school this Monday 1st February with Fr Rafal and Deacon John to mark the feast of St Bride. There will be no Parish Mass that morning, and parishioners are warmly invited to join in the celebration of Mass in the school on the feast of our shared patron.

Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation Programme

The Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass. The final 2 weeks of "The Big Hug" programme will be this Sunday and next Sunday (7th February). The preparation programme for First Communion will run on 14th, 21st, 28th February and 6th March.

The Legion of Mary would like to visit families of the First Communicants with the Fatima Statue. If any family would like a visit, please contact Kathy (238474) Betty (226313) or Anne anne2sk1@hotmail.com

St Andrew's & St Bride's High School: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Rafal in the Oratory at 8.20am on Friday this week..

St Hilary's: Fr Rafal will celebrate a retirement Mass for Headteacher Mrs Patricia Stewart on Wednesday 3rd February at 1.15pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Mrs Maureen Reid has been appointed as new Headteacher in St Hilary's.

St Andrews and St Brides Parent Council are proud to present Studio 32 Theatre Company in "The Sound of the Musicals" with extracts from 'The Steamie', Oklahoma, Les Miserable and lots more. Friday 12th February 7.30pm in the school. Tickets £5.00. To book call Hilary on 07714981908.