

Our spiritual, sacramental and pastoral life in St. Brendan's.

Response to the Psalm: "O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts."

The hymn numbers for Mass are displayed on the two Boards. We welcome Gordon, our organist on his return from holiday. Here are the words of the first hymn: O Queen of the Holy Rosary.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary, O bless us as we pray, and offer thee our roses in garlands day by day. While from our Father's garden, with loving hearts and bold, we gather to thine honour buds white, and red and gold.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary, each myst'ry blends with thine the sacred life of Jesus in ev'ry step divine, Thy soul was His fair garden, thy virgin breast His throne, thy thoughts His faithful mirror, reflecting Him alone.

Sweet lady of the Rosary, white roses let us bring, and lay them round thy footstool before our infant king. For nestling in thy bosom, God's son was fain to be, the child of thy obedience, and spotless purity.

October - Living the Extraordinary Mission Month [Pope Francis request]:

On leaving the church after Mass today for those who wish to have it and take it home, there is a pack prepared by Missio Scotland. It sets out the special request of Pope Francis to all Catholics in the world to renew their commitment to bring the Gospel to those who do not know Christ. This mission begins within our own family circle and circle of friends before extending beyond into the missionary activity of the Church.

All of the packs were taken last weekend - thank you. Please take one of the further supply of packs.

Deanery Meeting:

The bishop has decided how the Diocese will provide in future for priests being on holiday during the summer. This week the Deanery was asked to support Fr. Gerry Chromy and Fr. Paul Denney from the Cathedral in covering long term for Fr. McGachey of Carfin parish, who is absent through illness. As a result, Fr. Ness will celebrate the Vigil Mass at Carfin this Saturday and will help in the coming weeks as best he can. This may impact on us between now and Christmas.

Holidays generally - Fr. Ness will be absent: 23rd – 27th October and 18th-22nd November and 3rd- 8th February.

Family Life Ministry: the bishop has asked each priest to consider what their parish community offers families at present spiritually and pastorally and to outline how can this be developed? What should we report at the next meeting of the Deanery which the bishop will attend? Are we in our outlook a truly missionary and evangelizing community? Are we trying only to maintain what we have in St. Brendan's or are we truly looking to bring to others the goodness of God which we experience in our life in this parish?

- **We are called to be a welcoming community. We have welcomed many families who have attended since May for baptism of their children. We have invited and encouraged all of them to see the grace and goodness in being part of this faith community. It is for God to judge the outcome of our generous welcome. We don't need to know this outcome and we can't be discouraged by the level of response.**
- **Even after the celebration of the three Sacraments for children of the Primary School in March, April and May of this year, some families don't wish to share in what is provided each Sunday by the community sacramentally for their children:**

Sacramental preparation for P3 and P4 children for March and May 2020 has started. It continues every Sunday. **It doesn't stop.** It is the hallmark of Sunday morning Mass here. There will not be a Mass of Enrolment or a Mass of Commitment. Posters with the names of the children requesting the Sacraments are now displayed at the entrance to the church and on the P3 & P4 Children's Liturgy Board in the Hall

PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

On Tuesday morning the Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion will again be presented by parishioners to allow Fr. Ness to attend to chaplaincy at OLHS. We thank all who participate and show confidence in the leaders and ministers. This takes great weight from the priest. Booklets are available for all. Liturgies of the Word are prayerfully prepared and are crucial to the future of this parish as Fr. Ness has been asked to increase the time he spends at the High School.

We will lead parishioners at the end of Mass today in the Novena Prayers [4th-12th October] in preparation for the Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. He was a convert to Catholicism from Anglicanism.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE PARISH.

- Fr. Ness with Mr. McHugh as Head of RE at OLHS has set out a programme for between now and 30th November for participation in classes, for the celebration of Mass for class groups and for Memorial Services throughout the month of the Holy Souls. A programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for Retreats during Advent is in the course of preparation.
- Mrs. Oates brought the P1 children to the church on Tuesday to prepare them for coming to the First Friday Mass. The children's attention level during that Mass was excellent and reflects the commitment of their teachers. **We wish we could see the children at Mass every Sunday.**
- Today Mrs. Oates and several teachers will attend Mass here for the blessing and distribution of the wrist bands for the P6 children who have enrolled in the Pope Francis Award Scheme this year. The parish has prepared **a booklet printed by us on parchment paper for each child, containing quotations from the Apostolic Letter of Encouragement which Pope Francis issued earlier this year for young people.** This booklet links enrolment in the Pope's Award Scheme with participation in the life of the Church in this parish or elsewhere.
- **The Scottish Biblical Society has published research carried out with children aged 8-14 years to learn their opinion of the Bible.** Primary Schools remain a significant place for engaging with the Bible. There is a need for the Bible to be visualised, illustrated and experienced for young people to engage more meaningfully with it and being part of a community comprising several generations - such as parish congregations - brought a significant improvement for the young people. They can speak with adults to discover the riches of the Bible.
- Each Wednesday at 7pm in the Children's Liturgy Room you can **explore and have our Catholic Christian faith explained to you.** The subjects between now and Christmas are Church History, the changes of Vatican II, Sacraments, Scripture, the hierarchy and the laity, the celebration of Mass, the Saints, spirituality and personal prayer. The topic this week is the Gospel of Mark.
- **The Church desperately needs/wants to improve the knowledge people hold of their faith.** Bishop Toal has set up an Office for Mission and Evangelisation within this Diocese. We will give out to **children who attend the Children's Liturgy the Parish's Advent Book for Children prepared in cooperation with St. Brendan's in Yoker, plus either the My Day by Day Advent booklet for Infants or the Junior booklet for older children.** We will also give a print of each booklet to every teacher in the Primary School for use in class.
- In honour of Our Lady, the Rosary will be recited at the beginning of the Holy Hour at 7pm each Thursday followed by silent prayer. Benediction will start at 7.45pm.
- Parents who haven't yet got the Guardian Angel Prayer Card and photograph stand for your child can obtain one from the Children's Liturgy Leaders. Add a photograph to the prayer.
- **To be kept up to date with all that's going on** or is planned, please fill in the form available from Pass keepers which asks only your family name and for your mobile number for text messages to you.
- **The invitation to engage in the life of this community is open to everyone.**

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind remembrance occurs about now: Connie McGinn; Mary McGuire; Peter McAlinden; Charles Dobbin;

and those who have died recently: Margaret [Rita] Mount; Hugh Robinson, Catherine Duffy.

In the Stall: Pope Francis' *A-Z Living for Christ* and the *My Day by Day* booklets for October and in advance for November before the Advent special edition arrives; the *Magnificat* booklet which is a level beyond *My Day by Day* is now available, as is the *Sacred Heart Messenger* booklet produced in Dublin and edited there by the Jesuits. It contains very good articles on faith, prayer and practice, with something suitable for all ages including an interesting section for children.

Looking back and looking forward:

Our Sick List: was closed yesterday to link in with the Annual Mass of Anointing. Families wishing the names of loved ones to be included in the parish's List of those who are ill - please give a written note to Fr. Ness.

St. Margaret's Church of Scotland parish [across the road] have been asked if they would like to join with us in a Service either in their building or in ours to celebrate the Feast Day of their patron [16th November] and the Feast Day of St. Andrew, the patron of our country [30th November] and to join with us in a joint Carol Service.

Morning Mass today will be followed by shared hospitality in the hall as today is the first Sunday of the month. Please support this sharing in our life of the parish. All are welcome at this monthly event to share time together socially. Only a donation is asked. There is no ticket for entry.

Something for all children of the Parish: Hallowe'en Party in our Hall on Sunday 3rd November immediately after Mass. You can come in fancy dress to Mass that morning. **Keep the date free, children.** There is no charge for this nor for the Christmas Party planned for Sunday 22nd December.

Netherton Court Care Home: Fr. Ness celebrates a Liturgy with the Catholic residents there each Saturday at 3PM. He welcomes help from anyone who feels able to offer this. **Mass will be celebrated there at 2.30 on this coming Monday** and on the first Monday of each month. All are very welcome to participate at this Mass.

Last Friday we welcomed all the children from St. Brendan's PS on the First Friday of this month to celebrate Mass with us on what was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Miss Mitchell and her Class, P7/6 had prepared well to proclaim the Scriptures and to lead the Prayers of Intercession as well as to bring forward the Offertory Gifts. The children and the teachers were presented with a Mission Rosary for each one of them as **Mrs. Oates has arranged for the rosary to be said in the School during October - the Month of Our Lady.**

Yesterday we celebrated the Annual Mass of Anointing for the Sick and Housebound of the parish which was followed by hospitality in the Hall. Thank you to all who participated at Mass and who provided the hospitality afterwards and those who gave their time and presence to share in it.

The last carpet: we will carpet the area around the stall and then - **it is finished.** It was suggested to have a special collection for this expense. We won't - but please remain as generous as possible in the Sunday Collection. Jim McAlinden has done great work in restoring the wooded frontage and the stair of the Choir Loft and in painting the exterior window frames of the Hall. John McConnell has boxed in the pipework in the toilet.

Parish Web site: John and Brian of Sancta Familia attended here last Monday. They filmed an aerial view of the parish from a drone camera. They filmed the inside of the church and the Hall and took still shots in and around both places. They also filmed a message by Fr. Ness about the community of St. Brendan's. A selection from all of these items will be posted on our web site very soon. If you have items related to the parish's history which could helpfully be posted on our web site - please lend it to Fr Ness.

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Twenty seventh Sunday in the Ordinary Season, 6th October 2019.

This week: we have entered *Living the Extraordinary Mission Month* - an initiative of Pope Francis for the Church - please take an Information Pack to learn more.

Today the P6 children from St. Brendan's who have enrolled in The Pope Francis Award Scheme will receive the wrist band of enrolment at morning Mass.

Everyone is invited to share in hospitality in the Hall especially those families whose children have enrolled in the Pope Francis Award Scheme - the pope calls all of us into friendship with one another and with Jesus, as community.

Mass times: Sunday at 10.30AM [with Children's Liturgy] and at 4.30PM and: Monday to Saturday at 9.30AM.

Holy Hour: at 7pm on Thursday each week with October Devotions - Rosary and Benediction, closing with Salve Regina [sung]