

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

Response to the Psalm: "Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop"

PLEASE NOTE THIS INFORMATION carefully: *Fr. Ness won't be available this week from Monday to Wednesday.* The celebration of Mass *with parishioners present* will resume in the church on Thursday and continue each day into next weekend. The times are shown on the first page of this bulletin, **and now please read on and be informed of everything set out below:**

THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer but only on the days and at the times shown on the first page of this bulletin: Mornings: 11-12 noon.

Kathleen Cosgrove as **Parish Safeguarding Coordinator** applies the Church's requirements for all who serve as Volunteers. This is not a closed group. MORE PARISHIONERS ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR THIS MINISTRY. If you are aged between 16 and 70 and wish to serve as a Volunteer **please contact Kathleen in the first instance.**

We must record the names and addresses of those persons or families who will come here for Mass. This is for the purpose of the NHS "track and trace" SYSTEM. These are our Masses for the first two weeks:

- 1. Saturday Vigil at 6pm - open to all with no priority to any person or group, but please register.**
- 2. Sunday at 10.30AM - priority to families with children of school age, but please Register - ASAP.**
- 3. Sunday at 4.30pm - open to all with no priority to any person or group - but please register.**

The Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and our two Masses on Sunday will only be "live streamed" if all of the places available for parishioners at that Mass have been taken up.

Lynne Kellas and Kathleen Cosgrove will record the names **AND** if you want to participate at Mass **YOU MUST MAKE CONTACT WITH** either Lynne on **07803-314555.** or by email at **lynnekellas@icloud.com** or with Kathleen on **07585-225837** or **Kathleencosgrove@bopenworld.com**. ***There's no other way. please assist by making early contact with Lynne and/or Kathleen if you wish to attend Mass next weekend or in the following week. .***
Please observe the 2m markings on the paving at the main church doors to assist in keeping the 2m required gap, two queues can be formed, one at each of the **main entrance** doors.

1. Apart from children under the age of 5 and people with a diagnosed health issue, everyone must wear a face covering whilst inside the church.
2. The guidelines require that we put in place a one-way system as you move within the Church.
3. Upon entry to the church you will be greeted by a Welcomer, who will invite you to use the hand sanitisers which will be in place at both the entrance and exit points of the church. You will also be invited to stand at the temperature scanner. If your temperature is excessive, we will ask you to return home. Please note: data is not recorded on the temperature scanner.
4. You will then be directed to your seat by one of the Welcomers, the seating is set out to maintain the safe 2m social distancing protocol.
5. The kneelers are not in use for the time being and neither are the toilets
6. You will be advised the route you must take to exit the church. This will depend upon where you will be seated within the church. Hand sanitisers will be placed at each exit. Please make use of them before you leave.
7. Please be patient and supportive and follow the guidance from the Welcomers at all times.

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| 1.YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING | 2.SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ENTRY AND EXIT |
| 3.COMPLY WITH THE TEMPERATURE CHECK | 4.AVOID TOUCHING ANY OF THE HARD SURFACES |
| 5.KEEP 2M DISTANCE | 6.FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF THE WELCOMERS |

These Guidelines are in place for the health, safety and wellbeing of you and all other parishioners. Although the church will be cleaned regularly and thoroughly, yet there can be **no guarantee that the church will be a risk-free environment.** Please bear this in mind if you have concerns about your health.

CALL TO PRAYER @ 7pm with all Christian communities in Scotland

"Our experience is shaped, in part, by our past and by our present situation. Our identity is shaped, in part, by what we have inherited and by how we affirm and are affirmed in our present situation.

"Over time, our experience and our identity are shaped by a multiplicity of influences." As the people of God, our experience and our identity are shaped by the community created by Jesus Christ and sustained and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

"Within that community, where the Spirit of God dwells, we find that our experience and our identity are shaped, not only by past and present, but by the future. "As we face the future, we hear the words of Scripture within the community of the people of God: 'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.' (Romans 8: 1)

"Whatever the past has been and whatever the challenges of the present are, we are liberated to face the future with the assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

We pray:

Living God, you are our Creator and our Maker.
You have made us in your image
And sustained us in past days.
Guard us and keep us as we remember those days.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Living God, you are our Redeemer and our Deliverer.
You reconcile all things through Christ Jesus,
The image of the invisible God.
Hold our lives in your safe keeping at this present time.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Living God, you are the giver of the gift of the Spirit.
You breathe into us the very breath of life
And renew us by your Holy Spirit.
Lead us into the future, through Christ and by your Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Living God, as you have been with us in past days,
Be with us today and in all the days to come.
Grant that we may face the future
Assured that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Life in St. Brendan's parish: while in Aberdeen last week Fr. Ness came across this thought provoking sign about commerce which applies equally and appropriately to the spiritual and pastoral work and ministry of priest and ministers in this parish carried out for the good of the community: **The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.**

During Mass each day we include prayer intentions brought to the church on behalf of parishioners and often also on behalf of families from out with the parish. It is good that we are open to the needs of others in this way. If you have an intention which you wish to be included in this way, please present it at the church by letter or by email.

Families with a relative confined to the house and anyone living alone should note that if they wish the Sacrament of the Sick or wish a visit from Fr. Ness this can be arranged by a telephone call to the chapel house. We hope to resume very soon in our visits to Netherton Court Care Home.

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: John Watson [Jerviston].

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now: John and Matthew Ledwith; William Briody; Susan Callaghan and Ellen Campbell; Rosemarie Timmons, Robert Timmons, Stephen Timmons and Michelle Anne Carroll,

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance: congratulations to Margaret and John McConnell on reaching one year short of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on last Friday.

Matters for our community:

No one should rely on how things used to be *in our parish* either spiritually or pastorally before the Lockdown. Things have changed for ever and we must react to that. Last Sunday we published questions on the Word of God and asked everyone to consider these questions. The questions had been compiled from *The Gift of Scripture*, a booklet produced by the Bishops of England, Scotland and Wales in 2005 - Paragraph 77: *The Ethiopian on his way home from Jerusalem [as told in the Acts of the Apostles] asked the apostle, Philip: How can I understand the words of the Prophets of Israel unless someone guides me?* **The Bishops then jointly declared at paragraph 77the role of the bishop, priest or deacon as preacher** is to assist his brothers and sisters *to understand and to welcome the Word of God as found in Sacred Scripture. The preacher is called upon to strengthen their faith in the Word, to prepare them for a fruitful reception of the sacrament [Holy Communion] and to encourage them to embrace the demands of Christian life.*

The homily at Mass cannot provide a detailed explanation of all three of the biblical texts proclaimed along with the Psalm or Canticle. The central contribution of the texts should be set out to stimulate the Christian response of individuals and [parish] communities. The depths of the passages must be revealed by the preacher. *He must not be content simply to moralise or to stress the obligations facing believers, or to speak of current issues, without shedding on them the light of the Word of God.*

The preacher is above all to be a witness, who makes known to others the love and the truth of God which he knows in his own heart and from his own life of prayer and service.

Mass from this Thursday: the bishop has given the following instruction: *I had asked that we all begin the public celebration of Mass with the Sunday Liturgy at the weekend following the government announcement that this is permitted. - that is the weekend of Saturday 19th/Sunday 20th. I suggest we keep to this scheme for the "open" public Masses, for which parishioners can sign up for as proposed in the guidance. For Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week I think it would be an idea to invite particular groups to attend Mass - perhaps the parish volunteers, or some of the elderly, or key workers.*

Fundraising: John Campbell will be available at the three Masses for those who wish to join the 200 Club. Put membership fee of £24 in an envelope with your Name, Address and contact phone no. A box will be available to put envelope in to avoid personal contact. April, May, June and July draws will be on 26 July. Thanks to all who have already re-joined or joined for the first time.

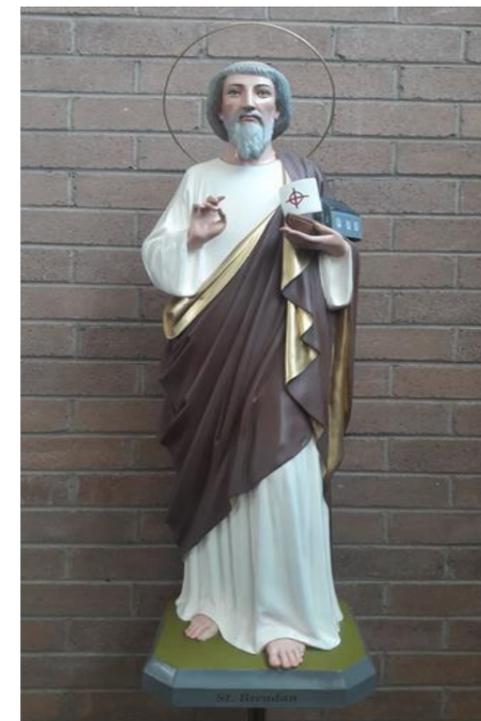
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Twelfth July 2020, the fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Season.

on Facebook during this coming week:

Monday – Wednesday: Mass “online” at 8AM;

Thursday – Saturday at 9.30AM with parishioners present [in the church.]

Saturday evening: Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6pm with parishioners present.

Sunday: Mass at 10.30am and at 4.30pm with parishioners present.

The church will be open for personal prayer from Monday to Wednesday only and only between 11AM-12Noon. [see explanation on page 2 of this bulletin]

Please check the parish's Facebook page and also look on our Twitter feed and on our web page Notices to find if any changes are made to this programme.

SOME CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK.