

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

Please reflect on these truths, these realities about our life.

Did you read the commentary published here last week by parishioners on Fr. Keane? He is the priest who established this parish family, in whose life people have participated and still participate either actively or passively, daily, weekly, occasionally or very seldom; - baptisms or funerals? The commentary was written by three parishioners in appreciation and in praise of the many people who joined Fr. Keane in building this church and establishing its presence in Muirhouse as a place where Catholic families come together in worship of God, principally as a Eucharistic community. Families have come here since last month with their children to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist [both for the first time]. More will come early in 2021 for the same Sacraments as well as for Confirmation. PLEASE be aware that this is only possible because: *many diverse, real people from all backgrounds and from all shapes and sizes over the last fifty + years [and still now] have shown and show their love of this parish by:*

- providing spiritually and pastorally for young children by catechesis [teaching] and liturgy.
- maintaining the church property wind and watertight, installing new windows, renewing lighting, heating and sound systems, toilet facilities, refurbishing constantly the sanctuary to emphasise the proclamation of the Word of God and the presence of the Blessed Sacrament within the tabernacle there, but with the main focus on the altar as the place of sacrifice for the Eucharist, providing organ and piano equipment, floral arrangements for the sanctuary and replenishing and displaying the votive candles used in personal prayer in the church.
- restoring the chapel house and the parish hall to the standard of modern amenities.
- maintaining the lawns, gardens and car park throughout the year to set a proper backdrop to community worship in the church, that is, a standard worthy of this community
- maintaining the music ministry, the piety stall, the regular, routine [and extraordinary] cleaning whenever needed which now includes the sanitising of the whole interior of the church after each and every use of it, to provide for the comfort and safety of all who come into it.
- providing the sacred services demanded of the sacristan for the supervision of the sacristy and the church throughout the liturgical seasons of the year. This involves countless tasks, many unseen for liturgy, from cleanliness of the surroundings, to the renewal of altar linen including ensuring the availability of hosts and altar wine, votive and altar candles, charcoal, incense, palms.
- Serving in the ministries of welcoming, reader, cantor, children's liturgist, and Eucharist, and the ministry of passkeeper, SSVdP, counter, and since March 2020 the ministry of steward.
- Serving in the social life of the parish - the Monday Senior Citizens, the Wednesday Coffee Morning after Mass, arranging parish socials and monthly Sunday Family Mornings
- generously contributing to the annual budget of the parish by weekly collections under Gift Aid where possible, paying for heat and light and wi-fi signal and media charges, insurance, subsistence: food and nourishment for the resident priest; national and local government taxes.
- Generously giving of their time and many talents, always on stand-by awaiting a request from the priest for assistance of one kind or another, most obviously - the ministry of Stewarding without which the parish would have to reduce the Masses and all other Services celebrated here.

Could we today establish a parish out of nothing as the first parishioners did with Fr. Keane? If we were to start all over again what is shown above is the level of participation needed - to form a community of believers. It needs resolve from real people from real life situations. It just doesn't happen by chance. *At the First Holy Communion Masses* each child brings to the altar and therefore to Jesus their completed Faith Friends booklet. *It completes the preparation programme provided by the Parish for each child. It binds family and parish together as one - and this is the basis of our confidence for the future.*

St. Brendan's - Tier 4 Protocols - *about to be enforced in North Lanarkshire*

Therefore this week it is very likely that participation at Mass will be reduced to twenty persons and so as set out in full on this page two weeks and summarised on this page last week:

Midweek Morning Mass: parishioners and visitors will be allocated alphabetically into two groups. Each group will be given two mornings for Mass - either Monday and Thursday of each week or Tuesday and Friday. If you cannot attend Mass on the appointed day, your place will be left vacant. CARDS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED SHOWING THE MAKE UP OF GROUPS 1&2

On Facebook: Daily Mass at 9.30am and every Requiem Mass will be live streamed AND ALSO Mass at 6PM on Saturday and at 10.30AM on Sunday.

Wednesday: reserved for a Requiem Mass or to take the group of parishioners who were unable to participate at Mass because a Requiem Mass will/had been celebrated on one or other of their allocated days - such as a Monday or a Friday.

Only if Tier 4 provisions are introduced: Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday. Parishioners who cannot attend morning Mass and/or cannot attend Mass on either Saturday or Sunday, will get priority to participate at Mass by reserving a place in advance for any Wednesday with either Lynne or Kathleen.

Saturday and Sunday: at present the fifty places at each Mass are used. There is a waiting list of parishioners for a place at each Mass. These fifty persons listed for each Mass and those in waiting for that Mass will be formed into three "weeks" of twenty participants with known family groupings being kept together. CARDS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED SHOWING THE MAKE UP OF WEEKS 1, 2 & 3.

To participate at any Mass in the church: Lynne Kellas and Kathleen Cosgrove *record the identity of parishioners for the purpose of "Track & Trace".* Contact Lynne on 07803-314555 or by email: lynnekellas@icloud.com or Kathleen on 07585-225837 or at: Kathleencosgrove@btopenworld.com

STEWARING: if aged between 18 to 70 - could you help - contact Kathleen Cosgrove to send you an ID Form if you wish to help. OUR STEWARDS NEED YOUR PRACTICAL SUPPORT. *WE NEED OTHERS TO HELP.* *Thank you very much to all those who do serve as stewards already but the ministry you provide now needs the participation of many others if we are to provide for this parish...*

Matters distinct from the effect on us of Tier 4 Status:

Facebook: A "live" statement by Fr. Ness is broadcast on our page every Saturday at 11AM to highlight information which is given in the weekly bulletin. This will be delayed until 11.30AM this week and next week to allow the First Holy Communion Masses additional time to complete.

Memorial Mass Saturday 28th November at 2pm: for those parishioners whose Requiem Mass or funeral was celebrated in this parish in the period 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020. Any family wishing to attend SHOULD REGISTER ASAP with Lynne or Kathleen for this Mass. Already the family of Cathie Kerr have registered and wish to provide flowers for the sanctuary. Numbers attending will be restricted.

November Lists are available at the entrance to the church for completion and to be laid out at the shrine displaying the statue of the Pieta at the altar. You can use the special booklet or write out by a letter or by email the family members you wish us to pray for at every Mass during November.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE THROUGH THE CHURCH:

Next Sunday, Jamie and Tracy [Ferguson] Wanless will bring their baby boy, Jaden Alan Wanless, to the church for baptism. Tracy and her older sons, Josh and Jack, come with her dad and uncle Pat as a family group to the Vigil Mass. This is part of her trying sincerely to fulfill the promise she as a parent is asked to make at baptism - *to bring up their children in the Catholic Christian faith.*

All parents are invited today on reading this to consider the promise they like Tracy made [*to God*] at the baptism of their child or children - *to bring up their children in the Catholic Christian faith.*

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Jacqueline McKenna; John Neeson; Gerry McCaughey; Jim Doyle.

those whose Month Mind Remembrance or Anniversary occurs now: John Gregory [22nd], Samuel Logue; John & Margaret McCourt; Theresa Ritchie; Rachel Gallagher; Mary Friary;

Wedding Anniversary [43rd]: we join with John and Aileen [McGuinness] to celebrate their anniversary on Thursday.

5th December marriage celebration: ‘Tricia Timmons and Stephen Leary, the parents of Olivia and Michael and Jude will celebrate their wedding here with family and friends. Stephen and his dad, his two brothers and his sister recently gathered here for the Requiem Mass of his mother, Helen. ‘Tricia and Stephen have asked themselves why has their marriage been delayed for many years - **they realised there was no substantial reason and their marriage is now anticipated with great joy by them and by their children.** We share their joy in this community.

Points of Information in summary form:

Spirituality: parents who are being asked to support their children more and more in the preparation for the Sacraments need resources to support them. The Stall offers each month [18 copies of *the Magnificat* booklet], monthly *My Day by Day* booklets for Advent and the *Sacred Heart Messenger*. **The Piety Stall has been relocated to the Hall;** it will be open after each of the Masses this Saturday and Sunday for the sale of cards and gifts suitable for First Holy Communion and then for Christmas. ***All protocols for your safety are being observed in the Hall as in the church.*** The stock has been set out in two parallel lines of tables with identical items. This will allow up to three people to move down each line at either side of the hall and choose the items they wish to purchase. *Please* give your support to the efforts the community makes to serve you. **We will soon have Advent Extra for the whole family.**

Chaplaincy: the bishop has appointed Fr. Kieran Hamilton to serve temporarily as chaplain to Wishaw General Hospital. Fr. Ness has not been asked to support this ministry - at least not for now.

St. Brendan’s PS: the children of groups 2 & 3 of the four First Holy Communion Groups have continued to prepare throughout last week. This will continue next week with group 4 for Mass on next Saturday AM. If Tier 4 is imposed during this week, the time set for Mass with Group 4 will be adjusted and the parents will be informed.

Funeral of Jim Doyle: Tuesday at 9.30 AM, with the Vigil Reception of the Body on Monday evening at 6.30pm and a rosary celebrated in the church on Sunday evening also at 6.30 for up to fifty persons drawn from family and friends.

Statue of the Child of Prague: We will display the statue in the church above the radiator next to the statue of Padre Pio. The Child of Prague has a part in the history of this parish. It was first seen in the former Cooperative Store when Mass was celebrated there by Fr. Keane. It is Sacramental. It was a shrine for prayers in the early years of the parish.

Education Week: please read the additional hand out for Prayer and Education which is with this bulletin.

Ecumenical Call to Prayer: For the 37th consecutive week, 14 Churches and Christian organisations across Scotland call Christians to pray together at **7 pm, today Sunday 15th November.** The internet link to the pandemic prayer is: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/join-in-prayer-this-sunday-with-Scottish-Christians>

The Ramp at the side Entrance to the church and floor tiling at two locations: the “go ahead” has been given for the ramp together with the tiling of the steps at the entrance to the church from Barons Road and the re-tiling of the steps leading into the chapel house [using identical tiles]. **THANK YOU: Tom & Elizabeth [McFaul] for your very generous donation to the parish which we will use to help meet the cost of the new ramp.**

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Fifteenth November 2020, the Thirty third Sunday in the Ordinary Season of the Liturgical Year.
The Month of Prayers for the Holy Souls.

Mass for First Holy Communion: today, Saturday at 10AM and tomorrow, Sunday at 2pm

Mass in the Parish during the week ahead:

Monday to Friday: Mass at 9.30 AM Requiem Mass for Jim Doyle - Tuesday.

Saturday at 12 Noon: the first of two Vigil Masses for Sunday

Saturday at 6pm: the second Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: Mass at 10.30am and at 4.30pm.

The parish’s Facebook page and Twitter feed shows changes to the schedule.