

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

We publish a bulletin each week to keep everyone up to date about our community.

The Response to the Psalm today: "Show us Lord, the path of life"

Bishop Toal has issued this Note for publication in parishes throughout the Diocese. Safeguarding Review Group continues to work during COVID-19. Friday 24 April 2020

The Independent Review Group (IRG), set up by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland and chaired by Baroness Helen Liddell, to monitor the implementation of the McLellan Commission on safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults has issued an update advising that it will continue to work throughout the COVID-19 emergency to independently audit safeguarding standards in the Catholic Church in Scotland.

In the update, the IRG points out that "safeguarding is even more important during the lockdown" and points out that representatives of the IRG "have been welcomed at the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group meetings in 6 Dioceses with the final 2 in planning."

The update also advises that a Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed with the Bishops' Conference, which will guide the process and the shared oversight of future audits.

The IRG conclude, that they "never lose sight of the importance of independence" and recognise "the driving commitment of many in the Church to ensure that the vulnerable among us are protected and shielded with love and compassion."

The full text of the IRG update can be viewed here:

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/IRG%20update%20April%202020.pdf>

PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

Please connect to the parish if you can on all our social media to help us do this or collect a bulletin.

- We try to **sustain the spiritual life of the community**. We stream *morning Mass* live each day on Facebook at 9.30. Please connect to this where and when you can do so, and so remain part of the community.
- We will continue the **Talk on Scripture each day at 1pm**.
- We will also have the **Time for Prayer in the church at 4.15pm** which lasts about 20 minutes and we now present the **Regina Coeli at 12 noon with one decade of the Rosary** for the intentions of the community.
- Families can come all week to the church door from the Barons Road [chapel house] entry for the following safe and secure items: **Easter chocolate, Easter work books for children and today's bulletin which will also be available on the Parish's web site.**
- **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. He will be incredibly happy to visit and to do so and will obey the social distancing provisions applicable to all of us.

ALL PARENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN READY TO WATCH AND LISTEN "ON LINE" AS WE WILL SPEAK TODAY WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY ABOUT THEIR DAY OF CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS.

Attention all P3, P4 and P7 children: by Friday of this week we will publish a timetable to celebrate Mass for the children in these classes specifically, **beginning with the P3 class next Sunday. We will involve Mrs Oates in some way so that the children can be aware of how they share the experience of CHURCH with both their family and their teachers but always within the family that is the community of St. Brendan's parish.**

The parish's Children's Liturgy programme: we try to preserve what the parish and the families of the parish have formed for our children of Primary School age. Our Twitter feed contains items for the children for today on the Scriptures and on activities for home. Angela Sewell will present the spiritual material for the children during our "Online" morning Mass today. We ask the children to give in some of their artwork. We will post it online on our web

As last Sunday, so also today at 7.00 pm, thirteen Christian churches and organisations across the country, are taking part as Christians in a time for communal prayer. *A family that prays together will stay together.* The Right Reverend Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: Prayer has become increasingly a valued time for Christians as they pause to pray, conscious that many others will be sharing the same prayer at the same time. *It helps create a sense of community when we are isolated through lockdown.*

We pray:

Lord, we are those who journey
And who find that journey hard today.
We are those who journey
And long to find our hope renewed.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, whether in our own company or with companions beside us,
We journey on.
Whether sure, or unsure, as to our journey's end,
Come beside us through the risen Lord.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for others;
For carers of the living and of the dying;
For the bereaved and for the anxious;
For those fearing loss of work and of business.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for scientists and researchers;
For those seeking to understand the challenge we face;
For those creating potential vaccines;
For those advising decision-makers.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for those who shape our common life:
In local Councils and in Scottish Government
And in the Government of the United Kingdom.
Grant to them wisdom, compassion and understanding.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come
And for your will to be done,
On earth
As it is in heaven.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Our Prayer Life in St. Brendan's parish during these times.

The focus of priestly ministry at all times must be to sustain and to nourish the spiritual and the pastoral life of the whole community to which he is sent. Bishop Toal instructed all priests who celebrate Mass and "stream this online" to prepare well and to preach fully on the Scriptures each day, to explain their deep meaning to parishioners. He also wishes ample time on Sunday to be given over to the children in the form of a liturgy for children and we do this today by the goodness of Angela Sewell from the Liturgy Team. Last week Margaret asked the children of the parish to prepare and bring paper doves by art and craft to the sanctuary. Look closely today and see the good work.

We offer prayer time at 12 noon and at 4.30pm from Monday to Friday. These periods provide material for prayer at home and the times were chosen to suit the families' likely timetable for meals and play. The Regina Coeli Prayer is printed on our website and our Facebook page. **Please join in these opportunities for prayer to show your willingness to help nourish take part in the spiritual life of the parish.**

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Anne Hannah [Netherton Court]; Jimmy Hawkes [formerly Craigneuk]; Rosaleen Nolan [Dublin]; Moira Gallagher; The Reverend Fr. Richard Rogers [latterly of St. Mary's, Cleland.]

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now: Gerry Lynch; Jim Alexander.

The Piety Stall: Alternative sources which we can use. **For those who can access the internet please use Redemptorist Publications [rp@ShineOnline.net] and The Catholic Truth Society [www.ctsbooks.org]**

The Jerusalem Bible and now The Revised New Jerusalem Bible. We use the Study Version of this further updated translation and annotation of the Bible in our 1pm Talks on Scripture. It has an Introduction to each Book in the Bible and footnotes to each chapter of each book. We have traced the most economic source for this Study Version. A former parishioner of St. Brendan's wrote yesterday from her present home in another parish about this:

Dear Father Ness, I have been following a lot of your talks on the Bible throughout these last weeks. This has given me more insight and has inspired me to read more. I have recommended the [St. Brendan's] Facebook page to a few more people.

I notice in your Bulletin that you have sourced copies of New Revised Jerusalem Bible Study Version. Do you have some for sale at St Brendan's? I would also be obliged if you could forward me a form for the Gift Aid scheme. I grew up in St Brendan's parish and would also like to help the parish community by contributing to St. Brendan's funds.

Matters for our community:

Gratitude: in the continuing Lockdown, Social Distancing restricting freedom of movement, people have continued to call at the church and also at the chapel house for diverse reasons, always observing the norms in place to protect our health. All are very welcome. ***Some people have come looking for financial help from our parish community. In your name we do offer help - arranged by the Society of the SVdP despite its temporary suspension. Please continue to support financially this essentially pastoral concern.***

One parishioner can represent the whole community at Mass, and does not need to proclaim the Scriptures. No one aged 18+ yrs is excluded. Mums and dads from families with children of school age please take this role and symbolize the presence of our worshipping community - be a model of participation for children to follow.

Margaret Hannah represented the community last Tuesday when Mass was offered for her mother, Anne aged 97, whose health had deteriorated and palliative care was being given in Netherton Court Care Home. Anne died on Thursday with Fr. Ness present. He had just anointed her in the Sacrament of the Sick. Margaret and her brother Alan are grateful to our community for we have done much to console and assist them. ***Next Sunday evening at 7pm prayers will be offered "online" from our church in advance of the funeral.***

Several parishioners have expressed their concern about our future that had looked set fair with many young families engaged in Sunday worship. Some worry about its financial wellbeing. Jim O'Hare and John Campbell have ***offered to serve in the Finance Team that we must form. Members of the Team, not the priest, will in future report directly to parishioners on parish finance.***

200 Club Renewal: by today, 31 members have re-registered. John Campbell is grateful for this support. No prize draws will be made until he can fully organise the membership but there will be 12 draws during the year. John will make the April, May, June etc. draw when all members have re-registered and normality restored.

Gift Aid Scheme: the form is available on request. Six parishioners have recently joined, including Aileen McGuinness once the scheme had been explained to her. We will report here next week about Aileen's decision.

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The Emmaus Story [Third] Sunday of Easter - Nineteenth April 2020.

Using the parish's site on Facebook you can view:

Weekday morning Mass at 9.30 Mass on Saturday at 6pm and on Sunday at our scheduled times, 10.30AM and 4.30pm .

Monday - Friday, the Regina Coeli prayer will be recited at 12 noon "online" on Facebook with one decade of the Rosary offered for our intentions here. The "online" Talk on Scripture at 1pm will continue from Monday to Friday this week, and also at 4.15pm the "20+" minute Prayer Time.

SCIAF Appeal: Funds raised will be matched by the UK Government. Donations can be given online to SCIAF or at St. Brendan's church or by adding to your SCIAF Wee Box. Please be generous - there's still two weeks in which to make your donation.