Our faith, our sacramental, spiritual and pastoral life.

Response to the Psalm: " For you my soul is thirsting O Lord my God."

The music ministry at Mass. There is a cantor for each Mass on Saturday and Sunday - Kathleen, Elizabeth, Margaret and Ellen - thank you. The psalm is provided by video recording at every Mass each weekend, presented by the Bulloch family, Catherine Anne, Jamie and Lucy. We are grateful for their generous commitment to serve us in these liturgies. *From Tuesday to Friday at morning Mass, Elizabeth McGinn sings either one, two or three hymns as directed by Fr. Ness*.

Families of last year's P3 and P4 classes or families with a child in any of the classes P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 this year who wish their child to celebrate one or more of the Sacraments of RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST or CONFIRMATION between now and June 2021, in order to nourish the spiritual life of your child as the essential part of their preparation, please either register for inclusion in attendance at Mass on either Saturday or Sunday as soon as the number of people able to attend is increased, OR commit to following Mass on line at 10.30 each Sunday morning. ***In addition*** engage with your child when it best suits them and you in this:

The Parish's Liturgy for Children goes "online" each Sunday for all children from next Sunday.

We take our inspiration from this passage of the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, [***Muirhouse, Motherwell***] to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. **May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.**

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. **I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially *in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you* so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;** and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful. **The Word of the Lord**

- The first teacher of every child is their parents, may they always be the best of teachers.
- The Education Authority provide teachers in the Primary and Secondary Schools, AND
- The church provides teaching through the spirituality and the preaching of the priest.
- The parish, guided by the priest, engages in teaching through those in the laity who feel called by God and appointed by him to serve in the Children's Liturgy leadership group.

Our leadership group between now and the Solemn Feast of Christ the King which marks the end of the Liturgical or Church Year on 22nd November, will present the Children's Liturgy by four videos of between five and ten minutes duration posted on our Facebook Page every weekend by 1pm on Saturday:

P1 and P2 - Angela, Donna, Anne Marie; P6 and P7 - Megan helped by Ciara and Fr. Ness.

P4 for Reconciliation - Margaret helped by Kirsty and Ciara and her recruits from the 6th year Caritas at OLHS.

P3 and P5 - Debbie helped by Suzanne; P5 for First Holy Communion - Margaret helped by Kirsty and Ciara.

All of us are called in this parish to evangelise, that is to spread the Good News [Gospel] of Jesus. Please therefore spread the word about the Children's Liturgy commitment which this parish has given to the children of Primary School age. Make this information known for the sake of Jesus, to the many families with a child engaged in the Sacraments in the year 2020-21 Be his lips and his voice to ensure that this information reaches all families in this parish community.

On Friday Fr. Ness will celebrate the monthly First Friday Mass in the Primary School. He will do so with Class P7. The Mass will be streamed to every class from the classroom used by P7. This commitment to the children allows them to know and to enjoy this truth - that the parish cares for them.

St. Brendan's Parish Business:

Mass at 6PM on Saturday and Mass at 10.30AM on Sunday will be streamed live on our Facebook media to offer as many people as possible the chance to participate.

Daily Mass at 9.30am will also be streamed live on our Facebook site. I**f you want to participate at Mass in the church *and to be assured of a place, you can register in advance with Kathleen or Lynne by telephone or email.*** *Normally you will be able to* ***register with the Stewards at church on the day.***

First Reconciliation, subject to the stewards confirming tomorrow evening that they can serve when required, this Sacrament will be celebrated in the church on Tuesday and Wednesday 22nd and 23rd September in Services at 5.15pm and 6.30pm, each Service involving a group of seven children. Two adults can attend with each child. The two Services will follow in succession on each evening with a gap in time to allow the church to be cleaned and to allow one group to leave and another group to arrive. This Sunday evening, if you are willing to help clean the church on either of these evenings, please tell Fr. Ness, Lynne or Kathleen.

STEWARDING: if aged between 18 to 70 - could you help? Even if for a few of weeks which would allow a steward to take a break from this commitment and later return refreshed.
Stewards, ***including new volunteers are asked to meet at 6pm in the church today Sunday 30th August to review their participation and say if they can continue.*** Daily and weekend Mass rotas will then be adjusted to suit your availability and the schedule for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion can then be set.

Kathleen Cosgrove as **Parish Safeguarding Coordinator** applies the Church's requirements for all who serve as a Steward. Please **contact Kathleen [phone number and email address are given below] to be sent an ID Form.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: Registration [for the purpose of "Track and Trace"] and then actual attendance at Mass:
1. **If a person or family can't attend for two weeks in succession their place will be offered permanently to the next family in line. The greatest demand is for the Mass at 6pm on Saturday and both Sunday Masses and there is a waiting list for these Masses.**

2. the Mass time allocated to a person or family and the place in the church for Mass will remain fixed until the number of parishioners allowed to attend each Mass is increased**. We will then review this allocation among the parishioners.**

3. **the Stewards** will remain the same for each Mass. A need for quarantine would arise if there was an infection among the stewards. Whereas that particular Mass might then require to be suspended for the period of the quarantine, all of the other Masses would continue unaffected.

4.Fr. Ness, helped by one Eucharistic Minister, will distribute Holy Communion to each parishioner in their allocated place in the church. On finishing, Fr. Ness will ask all the young children who are unable to receive Holy Communion to stand up so that he can bless them as a group.

1. Please support both Fr. Ness and the Stewards by following the protocols exactly as set out.

2. We must provide for the safety of all who come to the church or even only come into the church car park. We must get all the information needed from you for "TRACK & TRACE."

3. Move to your appointed seat *without delay,* please stay there after Mass finishes until you are asked to leave it and leave by the appointed exit. Please do not cross to another exit and break the social distancing.

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Elizabeth McGhee [funeral Thursday]; Canon Niall Hayes [Funeral Wednesday]

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now: Gerry Lynch; Mary Welsh and Elizabeth Welsh; Catherine Patricia Hughes.

Points in summary:

We have been praying for several weeks for a member of the parish who has been ill. The news this week is that the response to hospital treatment has been good and by this outcome this prayer intention has been answered.

On Monday Fr. Ness will travel to Dundee for the Requiem Mass of Mrs Cathie Walls, the mother of his friend from Seminary, Fr. Jim Walls. Fr. Vincent of the Spiritans will once again celebrate Mass here at 9.30AM in his absence.

On Wednesday morning Fr. Ness will meet the Senior Management of OLHS to agree a programme until Christmas for his ministry in the School.

On Thursday the Requiem Mass for Elizabeth McGhee, daughter of Maureen and John, will be celebrated here at the later time of 10.00AM with twenty members of the family. The Mass can be followed by the life streaming of it.

On Friday 4th September at Mass in the Primary School with P7 [the First Friday Mass] a special prayer intention will be included for a little boy Eric, aged five years. Eric is a relative of Mrs. McLaughlin one of the teachers.

Use of the parish hall - the rule is that only three households can meet up at any one time in a church hall.

Synodal Church - a Church where both the parish clergy and members of the laity meet to talk about and reach a consesus on spiritual, social and pastoral issues. ***Read the enclosed printed Review by two of our parishioners on this topic.*** Fr. Ness consulted with the leaders of the Children's Liturgy Group on Wednesday and on Thursday he met with four parents from the First Holy Communion Group who regularly participate in the spiritual life of the parish. He listened as they described their highest hopes and worst fears over the arrangements for First Eucharist in November. He will take all of this into his final decision. This is in action the synodal model of Church which we use here.

Communication: Prints of this bulletin can be collected from the Baron's Road doorway. It is also available online. Fr. Ness will speak live on Facebook each Saturday at 11AM to highlight several of the urgent issues. This can reach many people and so he will then ask at all Masses that parishioners make a point to view this item when it suits them best and share its content personally or digitally with others in the parish who may not use *Faceboo*k.

The [First] Communion Masses: will involve groups of five children. Twenty-nine P5 children will celebrate Mass in the period 8th to 22nd November inclusive. The dates and times for these Masses will be set once Fr. Ness meets with the stewards this [Sunday] evening and will be added to the existing Mass schedule each weekend.

Transfer of parish priests within the Diocese: this week Bishop Toal moved several parish priests to another parish. There were no changes here but the bishop has asked all priests and people to note the introduction of the concept of "cluster parishes" in Wishaw, Coatbridge and the North East [Easterhouse area and Stepps] of Glasgow .

Parish Finance: two final words on the topic of the parish's [our] finances: the Finance Committee approved a further repayment of £3000 to our debt at the Diocese AND thank you to so many parishioners for your continuing generosity.

Ecumenical Call to Prayer: For the 27th consecutive week, 14 Churches and Christian organisations across Scotland call on Christians to pray together in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please join in prayer at **7 pm, today Sunday 30th August.** The internet link to the prayer is: https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/scottish-christians-join-together-in-prayer-this-sunday

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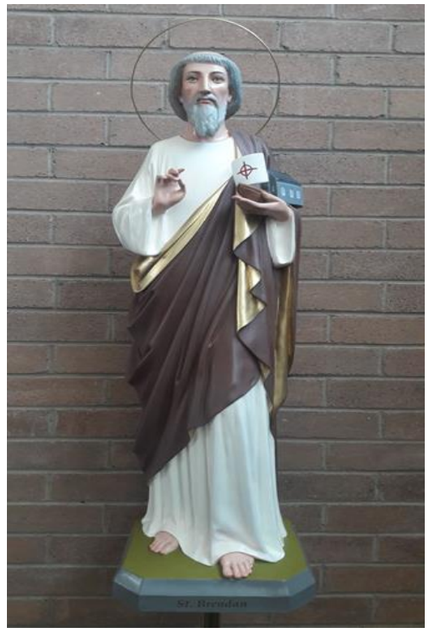

Thirtieth August 2020, the Twenty second Sunday in the Liturgical Year.

Mass in the Parish during this coming week:

Monday – Friday [except Thursday]: Mass at 9.30 AM; Thursday at 10.00 AM.
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.

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 schedule.