

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: "To you glory and praise for evermore."

Lucy with her mum and dad, Catherine Anne [Cat] and Jamie each Sunday record and sing the psalm of the day for us. We want to encourage all other families of the parish who have musical talent to sing at Mass and other Services in the parish. Please contact Fr. Ness on ojness@hotmail.com if you wish to become involved.

My Day by Day Prayer for June: a parishioner suggested that the prayer written by Pope Benedict which is printed on the cover of this booklet which provides the daily Readings at Mass, could be offered for all in our parish to read and think on as we prepare to re-open our church for prayer and then for all liturgies especially Eucharist:

Dear Friends, may no adversity paralyse you.

Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness.

The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of [human] history

So that by your faith, his name may continue to resound throughout the world. Amen.

Re-opening of our church:

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

Guidance on preparing for the re-opening of Churches: Please use this link, or the links provided on parish's Facebook or Twitter pages to download and read the four pages of Guidance issued by the eight bishops of Scotland.

Please do not ignore it or our parish will be left to share our spiritual and pastoral life by Masses streamed online from St. Brendan's or another church or watched on American or Irish TV for ever more.

Several fundamental points emerge from it:

- The preparation of our building for opening and the cleaning and supervision process to keep it open *cannot be undertaken by anyone over 70 years of age.* If many younger parishioners don't feel able to or don't want to assist, we will have a very limited capacity to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community.
- *Fr. Ness will be 70 on 1st August.* Last Sunday we asked for volunteers from those under 70 years of age and with no disqualifying health issues to take part in the cleaning and future supervision of the use of our church for liturgies, mainly the planned four Masses on Saturday and Sunday. 15 parishioners volunteered. This process will run and run. **To provide four "Sunday" Masses at the weekend at least four times that number is needed.**
- *We are not a congregational church. We are hierarchical with clergy – priests, deacons and religious at the front of most decisions. This won't work in the process of re-opening St. Brendan's.* We will rely on the faith filled genuine commitment of individuals to serve our community in the way of Jesus Christ *who came to serve not to be served.* Parishioners are asked to trust the motives as well as the actions of those whom Fr. Ness has asked to assist him. Kathleen Cosgrove as Parish Safeguarding Coordinator will administer the Forms needed from all parishioners who want to take part. Form A – those already **Disclosed**; Form B – those becoming involved for the first time. **Contact Kathleen on 07585-225837 or Kathleencosgrove@btopenworld.com.** We have joined the Diocesan general purchase group for buying approved PPE, cleaning materials and utensils. **We have asked Pauline Douglas, Peter McMillan and Bill Dunbar to supervise this important issue.** **Jim O'Hare** will act as **Parish Coordinator with Fr. Ness.** He and **Jim Tracey** have marked out the whole seating area to get the maximum usage out of our seating areas under social distancing provisions.
- A secretary is needed to record the names and addresses of parishioners who want to attend Liturgies in the church and allocate dates and times to them each week. **Lynne Kellas and Kathleen Cosgrave** will share this major task.
- **All parishioners must wear face coverings when within the church**
- Regular and repeated cleaning of surfaces will essentially be needed as well as after each Liturgy in the church.
- Parishioners must sanitise their hands on arrival and departure – hand sanitizing gel will be provided.
- We need to decide whether to continue to "live stream" Services once the church does re-open and to the extent that it does and also **whether to provide a separate "live stream" of liturgy for our younger children.**

First Opportunity: very soon the church can be opened for private prayer. Experience shows that only a few parishioners outwith Mass visit this church for prayer. Therefore, once it is permitted, the church will be opened for

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

The Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, says: I'm delighted that in the last couple of months online searches for 'prayer' have increased dramatically, and what better than to join with brothers and sisters from across the nation at 7pm on Sunday to pray our way through this ongoing crisis. I look forward to being with you, in Spirit, on Sunday evening." The Gospel affirms that the life of God has been shared with us in the revelation of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and that our lives are to be lived out in the enduring presence of God. Knowing this to be so, we pray:

God whose name is Love,
You make yourself known to us
As the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Sustain us in the knowledge of your love through the times in which we live.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures,
May we hear the words of your Son
That echo down the ages:
I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love is generous,
You gift to us your Holy Spirit,
The very giver of Life.
Renew our lives and the life of the community in which we share.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love is steadfast,
You know us as we are for you have made us.
In your compassion, be with all who struggle and grieve at this time.
Remember them and hold them safe in your keeping.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love is from everlasting to everlasting,
Give strength to the weary and power to the weak,
That we might renew our strength
And soar on wings like eagles.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love inspires,
May we love you with all that we are
And love our neighbour in response to your love.
Through our service of others, may your love be revealed.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Prayer Life in St. Brendan's parish.

We celebrate this week the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) and remember again the 25th Anniversary of Pope JPII's Encyclical Letter " Ut Unum Sint - that all may be One. " Please continue our weekly commitment to praying with Scottish Christians each Sunday.

FAITH AND FAMILY - A SCHOOL OF LOVE for families in this parish, especially those with young children is still available "on line" and in hard copy on the tray at the Barons Road entry to the church.

The parish's Children's Liturgy programme: Margaret Dochnenko will present the spiritual content for the children during our "Online" morning Mass today. We continue to post their art and craft work on our web page and Facebook and Twitter pages. The energy and drive of the children as displayed on our Sanctuary is demonstrably of great value to the Parish and we're grateful to have this sacred asset.

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Anne McAleavy; Dr. Joe Walsh.

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now: Connie McGinn; Alda Leonard Rose & George McKendry.

Birthday Remembrance: Susan Laird [102] and Rose Thomson [96].

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 My Day by Day monthly publication of the Readings of the Day in the edition for the month of June, and July are available directly from Elspeth as is the Messenger magazine and the Magnificat booklet.

*The Revised New Jerusalem Bible: the Study Version costs £20 and is available from Fr. Ness. A questionnaire was to be put out today asking parishioners on their view of the **WORD OF GOD 2020 as appointed by Pope Francis.** We will defer this because of the documents which we are printing today about the re-opening of the church. We would like to hear by email what the families think of the Catholic Children's Bible which was gifted to all children in P4 BY the parish. Please sue the email address ojness@hotmail.com.*

Matters for our community:

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.

Fr. Ness' own health: he has been immobilised for three weeks as a consequence of stenosis which restricts the 3rd lower vertebra in his spine and causes nerve root irritation and inflammation leading to acute pain on the right thigh and right leg. By reducing pressure on the spine overnight he has reduced the level of irritation and the periods of pain free mobility have improved this week. He is now able to cycle which will assist his recovery.

One parishioner can represent the whole community at Mass. If you would like to so this - please let Fr. Ness know by telephone, letter or email to include you in the daily schedule.

The Interim Financial Report was distributed last week. The income level reveals that a significant yet relatively small number of parishioners have contributed much more than previously to ensure that the parish remains both solvent in the short term and viable for the future. No parish is allowed to go into overdraft at its bank. It was feared that we might have to borrow money from the Diocese to pay our expenses. This week we received our Gift Aid Rebate for last year 2019-2020. It was £7,500 - 50% more than in the previous year but still much less that it could and should be. **USING THIS REBATE, we have repaid £8000 to the Diocese.**

The parish's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: a message from the Conference: The members of the SSVdP are overwhelmed by the generous donations received from our parishioners during this difficult period. These funds ensure that we can continue to support those in need. Thank you. God bless.

200 Club: When the Church re-opens, with all the necessary restrictions in place, John Campbell will be outside the church to receive payment and name, address and phone number of members joining/re-registering. A box will be available for placing payment and details to maintain social distancing.

Text Messages from the Parish: last Sunday a message was relayed by our computerised system to all the families of P4 children but some didn't receive it. The length of the message may have been to blame. Please be aware that future messages may seem more abrupt but they are not intended to be any less considerate.

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Trinity Sunday: Seventh June 2020 and the Tenth Week of the Ordinary Season of the Church's Year.

Liturgical colour – green from now until First Sunday of Advent.

on Facebook view:

Monday – Saturday: Mass “on line” at 9.30AM;

Saturday: Vigil Mass “on line” at 6pm

Sunday Mass “on line” at our scheduled times: 10.30am and 4.30pm.

Monday – Friday: also the “online” Talk on Scripture is at 1pm explaining the Book of Job and Mark's Gospel.

On our website you will find all information necessary to engage fully with this parish and on our Twitter feed you will find information posted to keep you informed moment by moment of radical changes and developments.