

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Helen Leary; Gerry Beechey [Clydebank]; Frank Johnstone [Overtown]

those whose Month Mind Remembrance or Anniversary occurs about now: Rita Mount; Ann McGhee; Margaret & Tom Kennie; John Ledwith [Snr]; Willie Dunbar [25th]; Joseph Small [13th]; Tony O'Hare [25th];

Celebration of Adult Baptism: Leeanne Reilly [St. Patrick's church]

Communication: Prints of this bulletin can be collected from the Barons Road doorway. It is also available on line. Fr. Ness will speak live on Facebook each Saturday at 11AM to comment on the most urgent issues.

Points in summary form:

Spirituality: we aim to put to the community the pressing need for spiritual reading to deepen knowledge of our faith in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the anointed one of God, he who is our saviour:

the Magnificat booklet, *My Day by Day* booklets, the *Sacred Heart Messenger* are a great resource each month to nourish the spiritual life. **The Magnificat** booklet is to be given to every Caritas student in OLHS at their next Gathering Point with an explanation from Fr. Ness of its use and purpose. **Unused back copies of each of these three booklets are available gratis at the church entrance.** We also have "*How to survive being married to a Catholic*" - intended to help those spouses who are not Catholics understand our ways.

Missio Sunday: *today is the annual collection for the Missions. Please try to support this effort by the Scottish Catholic Church. Post donations through the letter box of the chapel house during this coming week or give at any of the daily Masses or pay directly to Missio on line - see the poster at the Notice Board.*

Our Lady's High School: lunchtime Masses for the teachers of the School and then for the students of Sixth Year on both Tuesday and Thursday this week and next week linked with two meetings with the 6th Year CARITAS students.

St. Brendan's PS: Fr. Ness will meet with the children as often as possible. He is able to visit only one school per day and then to visit only one class in that school. **This emphasises the need for greater parental engagement in RE.**

Fr. Ness will be absent: from Monday 2nd November until Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 7th November to visit to his daughter Katrina and her family in Germany. The Spiritans will celebrate Mass each day at 9.30 AM in his absence.

The parish hall and the side exit ramp: we still await the repair of the flooring. We urgently want to open the Hall to serve as the Parish Stall where the full stock of cards and sacramental items can be displayed each weekend for you. A decision has not yet been made on the design of the new ramp because of the very significant cost.

Ecumenical Call to Prayer: For the 33rd consecutive week, 14 Churches and Christian organisations across Scotland call Christians to pray together at **7 pm, today Sunday 18th October.** 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>

Many parishioners: deserve mention by name and our thanks. **Robert Murray** for all the work he has done in the gardens and on the lawns - look and see. **Richard and Pauline Douglas** for the front and the rear garden areas. **Anne Therese** has taken up an early morning job to go with her twilight work in the NHS. She will continue here at weekends and arrive after work each morning to complete her normal duties as sacristan and to be on hand for rehearsals with Miss Hill for first Eucharist.

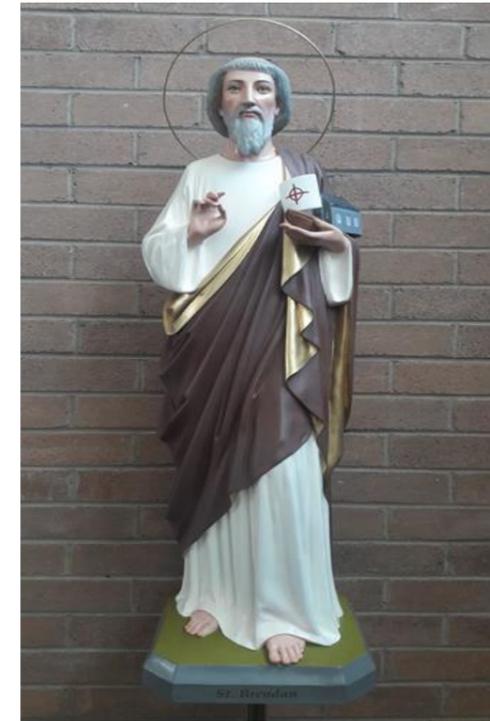
Margaret Small and her late husband Joseph Small were the contact over many years with the parishioner from St. Margaret's that led to him into making such a substantial donation four weeks ago to us. **Every parishioner is valued** and all deserve a mention because **all who engage in the life of the parish make St. Brendan's the Christian community that it is.** UBI CARITAS ET AMOR DEUS IBI EST. *Ask Joe Houston and Audrey Cunningham.*

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Eighteenth October 2020, Twenty Ninth Sunday in the Ordinary Season of the Liturgical Year.

Mass in the Parish during this coming week:

Monday through to Friday: Mass at 9.30 AM; Note: Funeral Mass on 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.

MISSIO SUNDAY: *Please be as generous as possible in making your donation to this annual Appeal. Read on page 4 how to donate online.*

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.

Our faith, our sacramental, spiritual and pastoral life.

PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN FROM P3 to P7: the Parish has invited you to form and nourish the Domestic Church in your own homes to enable and empower you to lead your children through Sacramental preparation in 2020/21. The Parish has done this over the last two years but now only YOU can do it. *You must do it if your child is to be properly prepared.* The Parish has taken this responsibility through the Children's Liturgy but it has been handed to you as the major influence in this sacred process this year. SPECIFICALLY: The Faith Friends programme is entering its third week for children of P5 and P6/5 who will celebrate First Eucharist - [First Holy Communion] during one of the four Masses in November. Have you completed the work for the First and Second Week? Have you enjoyed doing this with your child? Did you feel you know the subject well enough to present it? Did the Video presentations Margaret has posted on Facebook help you? If you need more help with this please contact Fr. Ness

Part 1 of the Article by Fr. Stephen Reilly which we distributed with the bulletin last weekend set out the influence you as a parent can exercise for good in the faith development of your child. Did the Article interest you? Part 2 is available with this bulletin. Part 3 - the final part will be published next week.

TO REPEAT WHAT WE WROTE LAST WEEKEND: we look to our families with children preparing for Sacraments to take on these aspects of the pastoral ministry which is owed by St. Brenda's parish to all:

1. Lead the children to know and understand that we experience and celebrate Sacraments in the Catholic Church only by taking an active part in the life of the Parish where we live.
2. Lead the children to know and value that St. Brendan's is the local church where they live out their life as a member of the Catholic [meaning the universal, located everywhere] Church whose leader in the world is Pope Francis and whose leader locally is Bishop Joseph Toal.
3. Lead the children to enthusiastically complete the four weeks of the Faith Friends programme.
4. Families should follow the "on line" weekly video presentation on the parish's Facebook site. The Faith Friends programme is a "must do" in the preparation for Holy Communion. No child should celebrate First Holy Communion in this parish without first completing this programme in full at home. During the First Communion Mass for their child, each family will be asked to confirm that with Jesus they personally completed all parts of Faith Friends with their own child.
5. Lead the children to know and understand that when they celebrate Holy Communion they join with the Catholic community in St. Brendan's - part of the People of God, in the Body of Christ.
6. Lead the children to know and understand that everyone in this community in St. Brendan's cares about them. We will do many things so they can be happy on their First Communion Day.
7. Lead the children to know and understand that we who have received the Sacraments of the Catholic Church want to hand these Sacraments to them to do the very same for others.

Contemplate and consider how you feel in your own awareness of Jesus Christ about fulfilling this ministry for your child. Please see the goodness of the opportunity God has given to you. Are you grateful for it?

Spiritual life in this parish is built on PARTICIPATION by you. It will secure the future of St. Brendan's.

St. Brendan's - What's important to us

On Facebook: Mass at 6PM on Saturday and at 10.30AM on Sunday.

On Facebook: Daily Mass at 9.30am and every Requiem Mass.

KEEPING OUR St. BRENDAN'S OPEN: BY KEEPING ALL OF THE PROTOCOLS.

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

STEWARDSHIP: if aged between 18 to 70 - could you help - contact Kathleen Cosgrove to send you an ID Form if you wish to help. Without the stewards we could not celebrate four Masses each weekend [and Mass each day in midweek]. We thank Fiona Kerrigan for her service as a steward. *Family circumstances have required Fiona to withdraw from this ministry temporarily. Until Fiona can return, will you take her place? WE LOOK TO OTHERS TO HELP - WHY WON'T YOU DO SO?*

Young people are welcome to serve us as readers at weekend Mass as Aine, Lucy and Leo do already. This opportunity is open to all of the children and young people who attend any of the Masses. Last Sunday at 10.30 Mass, Anthony Devaney came onto the Sanctuary to promote Missio Sunday. He is the Missio Champion of St. Brendan's PS. Later at this Mass his sister Niamh followed Anthony out to promote the availability of the My Day by Day [Scripture] booklets for everyone. Our Thanks to each.

SACRAMENTS - PARTICIPATION IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERED HERE TO OUR CHILDREN

A teaching video [Catechesis] for each of the following four age groups is posted with the Bulletin on our Facebook Page and our web site by 1pm each Saturday:

P1 and P2 - PROVISION FOR INFANTS ;

P6 and P7 - PROVISION FOR THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED ON MAY 11th 2021.

P3 and P4 PROVISION FOR THOSE WHO WILL CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR - 2020-21.

P5 AND P6/5 PROVISION FOR THOSE WHO WILL CELEBRATE EUCHARIST NEXT MONTH

The videos are for the children of these age groups. Watching a video should be linked to attending one of the four Masses for each Sunday either in church or by following one of the two Masses on line.

The [First] Communion Masses in November, observing the rule of six:

1. The children will attend to celebrate Mass on either Sunday 8th , 14th/15th or Saturday 21st November.
2. Mass on Saturday will be at 10AM and on Sunday at 2pm.
3. Children will celebrate Mass in groups of 8 with maximum of 5 attending [from only one other household]
4. A photographer will attend each of the four Masses with provision for him taking personal photographs.

- Mrs. Oates has allocated the children in groups to the four Masses. Parents know this allocation.
- We intend to repeat with the children of P5 and P6/5 the simplicity of the four celebrations of Reconciliation held with the children of Primary 4 last month.
- Miss Hill will take charge of arrangements in the church. She has contacted Fr. Ness to arrange the Sacramental preparation: offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation for each child and talking with the children about the Institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper Meal.
- We will keep everyone informed of the children's progress. Face coverings must be worn by the children **other than when they receive Holy Communion.**

Sacraments for all of the children of the Primary School this year: parents of all the children scheduled for one or more of the Sacraments between now and May 2021 should have begun to engage as fully as possible with the Parish to prepare well, supported by the School through its curriculum. Please discuss this within your own family group and among your groups of friends to encourage and inspire one another. PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED LETTER ON CONCERN OVER MASS.

Time to choose what matters – ABRIDGED – Part 2 of 3 parts.

Fr. Stephen Reilly is a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell.

His article takes up a challenge from Pope Francis and asks whether a harmonious and mutually reinforcing home–school–parish partnership could become a legacy of Covid–19. Continued from part 1 issued last Sunday. The findings led the researchers to conclude that, those young people who feel connection with the Catholic Church (by self–identifying as Catholics) seem to do so because their parents see themselves as Catholic. Young Catholics who practise their Catholic identity by attending church seem to do so primarily because their parents are Catholic churchgoers.

The 2019 survey was not limited to two–parent households, and the findings apply across the range of whether the parents live together or not. It may also be concluded that in single–parent families, the influence of the parent takes on heightened importance.

A more specific finding emerged from an Australian–based 2018 article which focused on a sample of 6,256 young Christian churchgoers aged 8–14. The researchers discovered that ‘parental encouragement, in the sense of offering opportunities to talk about God, is the key positive factor influencing positive attitudes’. *The researchers recommend that a strategy is formed by churches to help parents initiate and respond to conversations with their children about God, as well as maximising opportunities for the development of peer friendship networks within the church setting.*

Forming a strategy

A first important point which emerges is that the traditional catechetical triangle between home, school and parish appears to be reaffirmed. How can the triangle be strengthened, and *how in particular can school and parish support the home, which appears to be the key?*

Faith formation in the home

In light of the evidence, parents should find renewed heart and impetus in the importance of their influence on their children’s faith development. They should also be heartened to know that example is key rather than a high

level of specialised faith knowledge among parents: 'What parents do is more important than what parents say'. Sociologist of religion Stephen Bullivant applies Heinrich's hypothesis of Credibility Enhancing Displays (CREDS) to this phenomenon: if a person undertakes something difficult for the sake of a cause, it increases the plausibility in the eyes of others, especially those who give credibility to the person as a role model. e.g. a young person towards a parent.

The Covid-19 lockdown has precipitated the unprecedented closing of churches for many months: in light of the importance of parental influence, could a balanced, harmonious and mutually reinforcing home-school-parish partnership be a legacy of the tragedy? *After Covid, could families continue to learn new skills and develop the potential for a home-centred catechetical and devotional life?*

These sentiments echo those of American Franciscan spiritual writer Fr. Richard Rohr. He calls for a rediscovery of the sacredness of everyday life, and *the common priesthood of the baptised* reaffirmed around the family table, *with the parents presiding*: 'maybe God is calling his Church to again sanctify the home and to relocate the ordinary feasts there'. He points out that children and young people thrive on traditions and rituals, which give a rootedness to family worship and faith identity. Fr. Rohr's insight represents a deeply Catholic view of a sacramental world and the sacredness of the family, and he may well provide a prophetic voice for the after-Covid future. A slow accumulation of family faith traditions – building from a simple washing of hands, lit candles and grace before meals – can enrich family life.

Families will require help in these endeavours. bishops and priests should prioritise and invest in the education and formation of Catholic parents. If this is so, how can schools and parishes truly support and empower parents and families?