

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

The Response to the Psalm today: "O praise the Lord, Jerusalem."

Thank you, Lucy, and mum and dad - Catherine Anne [Cat] and Jamie - who sing and record the Sunday psalm.

### **CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER - Mornings: 11-12 noon; Evenings: 6-7pm**

- 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*. Many younger parishioners from our community are needed to assist.
- 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@btpopenworld.com.** **Jim O'Hare** will act as **Parish Coordinator with Fr. Ness**.
- 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.**  
**Our Guidelines are set out below. Please ALWAYS observe these..... ALSO:**
  - the church will be cleaned regularly and thoroughly, yet there can be no guarantee that the church will be a risk-free environment
  - painted markings near the entrance to the church indicate 2 metre distancing which we must maintain outside the church if waiting to enter. Markings are also set down inside the church to maintain 2 metre distancing there too.

Entry will be by the side door at the car main park/pathway from the hall.

You **must** wear a face covering whenever in the church.

You **must** always keep a 2-metre distance from each other.

You **must** upon entering the church, immediately apply sanitiser to your hands (automatic hand sanitiser dispensers provided to us by the Diocese) will be in place at the entrance doorway and also at the exit doorway.

You **must** wait for someone who will be on hand to direct you to a seat

Seating is restricted to provide 2m distancing. This has greatly reduced the number of persons who can be in the church at the same time.

Once you have been directed to a seat within the church, please remain seated or standing there. Do not move to another seat. **Kneelers are not to be used.**

You will be informed by the person directing you to your seat, the direction to be followed on exiting the church. Arrows will help direct you, please follow them and preserve the one-way system within the church. There will be **only one door for entry and one door for exit.**

Please try to avoid contact with any surfaces in the church other than the seat area to where you are directed. This helps to reduce risk of catching or passing on infection.

### **Votive candles in the church - The Sacred Heart Shrine and the Marian Shrine:**

On entering ***you must use hand sanitisers***. These can be flammable, therefore if you wish a votive candle to be lit, please inform the person who has directed you to your seat. They will arrange to light the candle on your behalf. This also prevents people crossing paths with the one-way system that has been put in place.

The two toilets in the church will be closed/out of service until further notice.

**The above restrictions/guidelines are all in place for the health, safety and wellbeing of you and all other parishioners.**

## **CALL TO PRAYER @ 7pm** with all Christian communities in Scotland

The experience of being powerless is one that will resonate with many of us.

There are times throughout our experience when we sense that we are not in control of what is happening in our own world. Indeed, there will be occasions when we sense that the wider world is afflicted by the seeming absence of a guiding hand.

The Apostle Paul expresses the reality that God acts through Jesus Christ, for us and our salvation, at the very moment in time when we are unable to act on our own behalf and we are powerless.

The action of God in Jesus Christ is a demonstration of the love of God (Romans 5: 1-8.) As we know ourselves to be powerless and, at the same time, to be those who have received the renewing and empowering love of God poured 'into our hearts by the Holy Spirit', we turn to God ***and we pray:***

Living God, you demonstrate your love for us  
Though our Lord Jesus Christ.  
When we are powerless, stand with us in our weakness.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Living God, you demonstrate your love for the world  
Through the self-giving of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We remember those who are powerless in our world  
And stand with them in their weakness.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Living God, as we stand with others  
May we understand more fully the life we share in common.  
In understanding more fully  
May we embrace the richness of the life you gift us.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Living God, your Holy Spirit  
Is the Lord and Giver of Life.  
May your love be poured into our hearts  
And our lives renewed.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
Embrace us, and all Creation,  
In the love you demonstrate through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

### **Prayer Life in St. Brendan's parish.**

**The church will likely be able to open for private prayer** from Friday of this week. We don't think any more than one hour twice per day will be needed at the outset. If appropriate these times will be extended.

**FAITH AND FAMILY - A SCHOOL OF LOVE** is still available "online" and in hard copy on the tray at the Barons Road entry to the church. **We have engaged with the families of P4 children who were unable to celebrate First Holy Communion on 30<sup>th</sup> May.** Each child was given a gift of a Bible presented in a style suitable for children of P4 age and older. Out of 33 children, only two have yet to attend to collect their gift.

**The parish's Children's Liturgy programme:** Debbie Ferns 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 is witnessed by their talented work on show in the church. ***Their contribution is of great value to the Parish - a sacred asset.***

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

**those who have died recently:** Jim Boyle (Motherwell); Thomas Gray; Anthony Haggarty [London].

**those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now:** Cathie Kerr; John Welsh; David McCarrison; Mary Casey.

**Birthday Remembrance:** Susan Laird and Rose Thomson are very happy that we remembered their birthdays.

**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 July and August are available directly from Elspeth as is the Messenger magazine and the Magnificat booklet.**

**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.

**Letter of 8<sup>th</sup> June by Bishop Toal about the [cancelled] celebration of P3 & P4 Sacraments:**

“Questions are being asked about the sacramental celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Some have asked about the possibility of having the sacramental celebrations during Stage 3 of the [Scottish Government’s] roadmap for the lifting of restrictions. I think it’s best that we hold back on having these festive celebrations until we enter Stage 4.

*I think it best to wait until after the summer holidays and the re-opening of schools before any specific plans are made. I think it is best for us to take a longer view of the situation and wait until church and school life settles down before we organise the sacramental celebrations, which I am sure are still much desired by the children and their families.*

A particular concern is the young people moving from Primary 7 into Secondary School without being Confirmed [*not a concern for families this year in St. Brendan’s*]. There is an awareness of this at the National Working Group on Future Pastoral Provision and at SCES, and I am reassured that the Secondary RE Departments will continue the preparation begun in the Primary Schools and encourage the young people to receive the Sacrament when it is celebrated in their parish. *I have been advised also to have faith in the families and young people of the Diocese and the hope that they will respond well when the time comes for them to be Confirmed.* Here, as elsewhere, we trust the Holy Spirit will guide us and inspire fresh understanding from the changed circumstances in which we find ourselves. *Bishop Joseph Toal.*

**Fr. Ness’ health:** he has been immobilised by a recurrence of spinal stenosis which is caused by age related arthritic narrowing of the spinal canals where nerves exit the spine travelling to the lower back and nerves. This narrowing causes compression of the spinal nerves leading to a reduced ability to stand and walk. He has begun treatment at The Wishaw Chiropractic Clinic which is following the same approach to treatment which proved successful in 2016 - before he came to St. Brendan’s. He needs time to carry out exercise routines followed by bed rest. He will therefore go to his own home away from the parish in the coming week to do this.

**An Interim Financial Report** was distributed on 31<sup>st</sup> May. No questions about it have been raised by parishioners. Another Financial Report will be distributed at the end of August. In the financially difficult times that lie ahead for many families, please remain aware of the parish and its needs. We will always be prudent in the financial management of the parish including using your donations wisely for social needs in this area.

**St. Brendan’s the Navigator Parish**

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**Sunday: Fourteenth June 2020.** [Our church: ready to open when allowed]

**The Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi - today.**

**Liturgical colour today white**

***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**

**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 all radical changes and developments.**