

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

The Response to the Psalm today: "Lord, in your great love, answer me." Thank you, Lucy, [P4], mum and dad.

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 shouldn't be *undertaken by anyone over 70 years of age*. Fortunately, many younger parishioners from our community have offered to assist and tonight at 6pm we will begin the process of cleaning so we can open TOMORROW.
- Kathleen Cosgrove as Parish Safeguarding Coordinator will administer the Forms needed from all Volunteers. Form A – those already **Disclosed**; Form B – those becoming involved for the first time. **AND** now also Form C - **those parishioners aged between 16 and 18 years who would like to be one of the new ministry of Welcomers to meet with people entering the church for prayer and later on in Phase 3 for Mass. Contact Kathleen on 07585-225837 or Kathleencosgrove@btpopenworld.com.**
- **Jim O'Hare** is acting as **Parish Coordinator**. **Jim has worked** to great effect this week with Fr. Ness. We acknowledge and thank Jim for the work he has done with Jim Tracey, Bill Dunbar, Peter McMillan, Anne Therese, Margaret Docnenko and others to take us to the point where we can open for personal prayer.
- We must record the names and addresses of parishioners who come to the church for personal prayer from tomorrow onwards. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON A PIECE OF PAPER SUCH AS AN ENVELOPE TO GIVE TO Fr. NESS ON YOUR FIRST VISIT. He will record this and hold it for each subsequent visit. ***This is for the purpose of track and trace.***
- We must also record the names and addresses of those persons or families who will come to Mass in the church from when we will move on to Phase 3 and Phase 4. We must allocate dates and times for Mass at the weekend to parishioners. **Lynne Kellas and Kathleen Cosgrave will share this task for our parishioners. If you would like to attend Mass YOU MUST MAKE CONTACT WITH EITHER LYNNE OR KATHLEEN. There's no other way. As we now look forward to Phase 3 and Phase 4 which allow the celebration of Mass - please assist by making early contact with Lynne and/or Kathleen if you wish to attend Mass on either weekend or the midweek. .**

Our Guidelines in place for the health, safety and wellbeing of you and all other parishioners are set out below. Please ALWAYS observe these..... ALSO NOTE THAT:

the church will be cleaned regularly and thoroughly, yet there can be no guarantee that the church will be a risk-free environment. Please bear this in mind if you have concerns about your health.

painted markings near the entrance to the church indicate 2 metre distancing which we must keep 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 **only the side door** at the car main park/pathway from the Hall. **THERE'S ONE DOOR FOR EXIT - past the chapel house. We all must wear a face covering whenever in the church and keep a 2-metre distance** from each other.

You **must** upon entering the church, **immediately apply sanitiser to your hands**. Automatic ***hand sanitiser dispensers will be in place at the entrance doorway and also at the exit doorway.***

You **must** wait for a **Welcomer** to direct you to a seat. **Sarah Boyle has made white sashes on the model of those worn by members Society of the SVdP, to be worn and retained by Welcomers. Thank you for these Sarah.**

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 and have been taped to remind you of this.**

Arrows will help direct you, please follow them and preserve the one-way system of travel within the church. Please avoid contact with any surfaces in the church other than the seat area to where you are directed.

Votive candles in the church - The Sacred Heart Shrine and the Marian Shrine: if you wish a votive candle to be lit, please inform the person who will direct you to your seat. They will arrange for the candles to be lit for you.

This will prevent people crossing paths within the one-way system of travel that Jim O'Hare has put in place.

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

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

We live in challenging times. In truth, the challenge of these times is one that continues. However, the nature of that challenge has changed. In this present moment, we reflect on where we are now and this allows us to begin to try to understand the past months. Equally, we have the opportunity to anticipate what is to come.

In the Letter to the Romans (6: 1-11), St. Paul reflects on the foundation of the Christian life which is our sharing in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. As a consequence, the life we live now is one shaped by the present reality of sharing in the life of Christ. As we journey together in the gradual exit from Lockdown, we do so in the sure knowledge that we share in the life of the Risen Christ and so we pray:

Faithful God, we thank you that you are present with us now as we share in the life of the risen Christ. Continue to be present with us we ask.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God who inspires faith, we thank you that you have been with us in times of anxiety and uncertainty. Keep watch over our memories of the past.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you that you will be with us in the days that are to come. Journey with us in the days that lie before us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God who inspires faith, we thank you for the life of your Son who for our sake embraced human form. May his life shape our lives in these present times.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the reassurance that you are merciful and gracious and that your love abounds. In your compassion, remember us and those whom we love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God who inspires faith, we thank you for the knowledge that you will be with us in all that we now face. Go before us and provide for us all that we ask this evening.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayer Life in St. Brendan's parish:

The church will open for private prayer tomorrow. We don't think any more than one hour twice per day will be needed at the outset. This arrangement will be extended if more time is needed consistently.

The parish's Children's Liturgy programme: Angela will present the spiritual content for our children during our "Online" morning Mass today. We continue to post the art and craft work of our children on our Web Page, Facebook and Twitter pages. **Thank you, children, for the inspiration you give to us all.**

Mass to close the Primary School Year: on Tuesday at 7pm Mass will be celebrated for all the children led by P7, supported if necessary, by P6. Contact Fr. Ness on ojness@hotmail.com to participate as readers.

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Maureen [ms.Garry] Conlon; Paul Simpson.

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now: Connie McGinn; Betty Dunbar; Cardinal Thomas Winning; Michael and Mary Gregory.

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 19th June by Bishop Toal about the re-opening of our church for personal prayer.

Please also read the enclosed Notice from the Scottish Government on this matter:

Dear Fathers,

With the Scottish Government's announcement yesterday that churches can re-open for private prayer from Monday, June 22nd, I give my permission for this to happen in the churches across the Diocese of Motherwell. Each church can reopen when PPs are ready to allow this. As I have said earlier, I would advise that you take a considered approach, keeping in mind the availability of volunteers and your capacity for cleaning churches after each opening. You may therefore choose a Weekday next week to begin or wait until Sunday June 28th.

I wish you all well as you take this important step in your own parish and I hope your parishioners cooperate well with all that is required of them. Deacon Bill McMillan will continue to keep you well-informed of all developments and instructions that need to be put in place.

With my prayers and best wishes, Joseph Toal,

Fr. Frank King: who served in this parish will celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of his ordination as a priest of Jesus Christ this Friday. A Mass will be "live streamed" from St. Peter's, Hamilton at 7pm for those wishing to participate. **Tomorrow Fr. Ness** will celebrate at our Mass the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination. This Thursday would have been his forty fifth wedding anniversary. Elizabeth will lead the singing of hymns tomorrow on the Feasts of the English martyrs St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, both lawyers in the court of King Henry VIII in the Reformation. Fr. Jim Walls, a close friend of Fr. Ness, will celebrate his fifteenth anniversary of ordination on Wednesday. ***Please pray for all three priests throughout this week.***

Fr. Ness: his mobility is still much restricted by spinal stenosis which causes arthritic related narrowing of the spinal canal where nerves exit the spine travelling to the lower back and controlling ligaments and muscles. His treatment at Wishaw Chiropractic Clinic is following the same approach - stretching of vertebrae through traction and a programme of exercises - which proved successful for him in 2016.

Parish Finance: we wrote last week that we will always be prudent in the financial management of the parish. We decided to purchase (*on very favourable terms*) a thermal operated "non invasive" temperature display unit to serve as part of our safety provisions for re-opening the church. Two parishioners have financed this outlay.

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Sunday: Twenty first June 2020. [Our church will re-open tomorrow]

Liturgical colour of vestments, Sanctuary and altar from today, the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, until Advent 2020. - Green

on Facebook view:

Monday - Saturday: Mass "online" at 9.30AM; Tuesday at 7.30pm: Mass to mark the end of the school year, led by P7 children, supported by P6 children.

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 continue 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 of all radical changes and developments.