

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

Response to the Psalm: "You open wide your hand, O Lord. You grant our desires."

Sung by Catherine Anne, Jamie & Lucy.

STEWARDS, taking this name from the Gospel, have ensured that Mass can be celebrated here. We need help from more parishioners if we are to continue to offer Mass to our community. Their presence and their work will be a long term reality here in St. Brendan's.

Kathleen Cosgrove as **Parish Safeguarding Coordinator** applies the Church's requirements for all who serve as a Steward. If you are aged between 16 and 70 and wish to serve as a Steward please **contact Kathleen [phone number and email address are given below] to be sent the Identity Form.**

1. Please support the Stewards by following the protocols to the letter no matter what you think of them.

2. We want to provide as fully as we can for the safety of all who come to the church for Mass.

3. You know that we must gather all information needed for "TRACK & TRACE."

4. Move to your appointed seat without delay and remain there after Mass until you are led outside from it.

Lynne Kellas and Kathleen Cosgrove are willing to continue to record the identity of parishioners who wish to participate at Mass. You can contact Lynne on 07803-314555 or by email: lynnekellas@icloud.com or Kathleen on 07585-225837 or by email: Kathleencosgrove@btopenworld.com.

Daily Mass from Monday to Friday will be at 9.30AM. Several parishioners have asked that daily Mass be streamed live on our Facebook platform. We would like to agree to this and will settle a programme with the staff at OLHS for the new term and then decide on how to respond to this request for live streamed Mass from our church each morning.

Anyone who wishes to join morning Mass and be assured of a place can register in advance with Kathleen or Lynne by telephone or email or if space in the pews allows, can register directly with the Stewards on the day of their participation at Mass.

Mass will be at 12 noon and at 6pm on Saturday. Apart from children under the age of 5 and people with a diagnosed health issue, everyone must wear a face covering whilst inside the church. **Mass at 6pm WILL BE STREAMED LIVE from next Saturday.**

Masses on Sunday: we have asked and encouraged families with young children to take up the places available at 10.30AM Mass. From August 16th onwards we will re-introduce time allowed for the Children's Liturgy team on the format they recently used. **Mass at 4.30pm** on Sunday will complete the four Masses.

Registration [for the purpose of "Track and Trace"] and Attendance at Mass:

- 1. parishioners have been allocated** places at the Mass of their preference in accordance with the date order of registration. **No one should expect** to be given the place in the church where they prefer to sit. **No one can attend at the church at the time of Mass and demand or expect or anticipate to be admitted.**
- 2. once a Mass time is allocated** to a person or family and a place in the church was given to them, those details should remain fixed until the capacity level of fifty persons to attend each Mass is increased by the Bishops of Scotland, **This won't be soon.**
- 3. the Stewards** will remain the same for each Mass. A need for quarantine would arise if there was an infection. That Mass might then require to be suspended for the period of the quarantine but the other Masses will continue unaffected.
- 4. Mass at 10.30AM WILL BE STREAMED LIVE. And also from next Saturday the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday.**

Guidelines for entering our church are in place for the safety and wellbeing of all our parishioners.

Although the church will be cleaned regularly and thoroughly, yet there can be no guarantee that the church is or can be a risk-free environment. Please know, if you have concerns about your health, that we do our best for you.

Please observe the 2m markings on the paving at the main church doors to assist in keeping the 2m social distancing gap, two queues can be formed, one at each of the main entrance doors.

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

A follow up from last weekend when we had distributed with the Bulletin a series of Sound Bites on the content of **"The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community [of St. Brendan's, Muirhouse], in the service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church."**

The role of lay women and men in the church's mission of evangelization [within Muirhouse]

This Vatican instruction issued on July 20 by Cardinal Beniamino Stella who is prefect of the Congregation for Clergy *clarifies the responsibility of every member of the church community to work together in the shared mission of evangelization* and warns against turning the parish into a mere provider of services.

The document included "a warning signal" against notions of the parish "as a 'business' that provides different kinds of services — sacramental, social, charitable — and not as a missionary community, a family," where *everyone contributes their part according to their vocation, availability and abilities.*

Cardinal Stella underlines how parishes are not "businesses" that can be led by anyone. "Seen in this light, the priest would have to be assisted precisely in not getting lost in administration and bureaucracy, but rather to be focused on the priorities of his ministry — *the Eucharist, proclamation of the Word, spiritual direction, confession, the promotion of charity, being close to the faithful, especially those most in need — and be accompanied with the assistance of and encouraged by the example of other members of the community,*"

The cardinal gave a follow up interview on July 28. He did this after criticism from two extreme views: (1) that the Vatican's 22-page instruction somehow gave new and unprecedented powers to the laity or (2) that its insistence that a parish must be led by a priest was unsustainable or outdated.

The document offered guidance in parish reforms and restructuring. It also clarified the role of deacons, brothers and nuns in religious life, as well as the laity, in dioceses where there is a shortage of priests.

"Every Catholic should feel they have an active role and responsibility in the church's mission", Cardinal Stella said. However, there are some who are engaged in what he called a "vocation" of the spectator," fostering controversy and criticism regarding other people's efforts. This kind of "vocation," he said, "does not come from God and does not contribute to evangelization."

The parish is meant to be a place to encounter the Lord, of welcoming and of experiencing faith lived in everyday life and as a community, he said. The priest lives out his "spiritual paternity" in the pastoral care of the people, in the "total giving of himself as a father to the church and his community," "This doesn't mean that the parish priest has to do everything by himself, without listening to others or without leaving room for them" to be creative and responsible.

The "subdivision" of many different duties and ministries within the church community is seen as part of the whole church's call to mission and to evangelize "so that the parish is not working only for its own 'survival,' perhaps pining for 'the good old days,' but that (the parish) be enlivened in each member," who proclaims and bears witness to Christ, especially to those who have become distant from the church or have never encountered Christ before, he said.

When asked about the unique role of the priest, Cardinal Stella said it is important to underline the "specificity of the parish priest as a 'shepherd' of that community, *reaffirming the centrality of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the life and mission of the church.*" It is the priest who celebrates this Sacrament with and for the spiritual benefit of all.

Fr. Ness prepared a Review of the whole document and distributed this in six parts to the parishioners who attend morning Mass. Two of those parishioners have read the whole Review and given their thoughts on it as regards how it might impact on or affect how we live out our faith in this parish. Fr. Ness will read this and in the autumn will try to extend the field of influence of parishioners on how the parish is administered financially and materially on the one hand and how it is cared for and nourished spiritually, pastorally sacramentally and socially on the other. This would hopefully be a lasting legacy of his ministry here to be handed over to his successor as priest.

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS:

those who have died recently: Derek Fry; David Cunningham [Glasgow]; Philomena Cunningham [Glasgow].

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind Remembrance occurs about now: Connie McGinn; Eddie Ford; John and Isabella McGhee; Sarah Stacey;

Birthdays Remembrance: the late Joseph McGinn; Joseph Smith [Yoker];

Matters for our community:

Communication prints of his bulletin are available all week for collection from the Baron's Road doorway into the church. Many parishioners deliver copies to others. It is also available online. **Word of mouth is often the surest method of communication - one way or another, please spread the parish news.**

Families of last year's P3 and P4 classes: who still wish their child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on a date soon to be fixed between 1st September and 30th November, should confirm this by letter [not email or text or telephone or any form of Social Media] to Fr. Ness on or before next Sunday 9th August. The parish will arrange the celebration of these Sacraments. Parents in those families who confirm in writing that they do wish their children to celebrate either of these Sacraments will be invited by letter to a meeting in groups of families beginning on Monday 17th August.

CALL TO PRAYER @ 7pm with all Christian communities in Scotland - follow the text for tonight on the internet site www.Churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/pray-together-this-sunday.

New translation of Sacred Scripture for use in the Lectionary at all Masses in Scotland:

Scotland's Bishops have approved a new translation for the Lectionary (book of readings used at Mass). The current Lectionary was first published in 1981 using the Jerusalem Bible (1966) as its base text. "In reaching a decision about a new translation for the Lectionary, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland itself considered the values they would most expect a Lectionary to embody, for example, accuracy, dignity, facility of proclamation, and accessibility. The Catholic Edition of the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible, published in 2018, has been approved."

Fr. Ness will visit his daughter this week. Fr. Vincent of the Spiritan Fathers will celebrate Mass each weekday. Fr. Ness will return in time for all Masses next weekend.

All enquiries or requests for assistance can be raised with Fr. Vincent and/or Anne Therese as sacristan each morning at the church both from just before and just after Mass at 9.30 each morning.

Finance and Fundraising within and for our community:

A second interim Financial Statement for 1ST May – 31st July is being prepared for distribution on 16th August.

John Campbell has succeeded in re-establishing the 200 Club. There are now 100 members and the Club has raised £1235. The April to July draws were made last Sunday: Fiona Kerrigan, Bill Dunbar. Claire McAlinden and Margaret Dochненко were the prizewinners. Congratulations to one and all and grateful thanks to all who are part of the Club.

Elizabeth McGinn, our floral arranger for the Sanctuary, has items for sale as part of our fundraising:

3. Bowls [plastic] in purple and white @ £10;

2 Baskets for interior decoration of a room in the home, one of Red carnations, one of pink carnations. £10;

1 Oak wood vase and 1 bronze ceramic vase with tall yellow "gladioli like" flowers @ £20

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**Third August 2020, the Eighteenth Sunday in the Ordinary
Season of the Liturgical Year.**

Mass in the Parish during this coming week:

Monday – Friday: Mass at 9.30 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.

SOME CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK.