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**4th SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A  
6th-7th May 2017  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

*ENTRANCE  
ANTIPHON*

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**  
*Psalm 32.5-6*

*COMMUNION  
ANTIPHON*

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

**1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2.36-41:** Here, Peter echoes the words of John the Baptist at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus about the need to be baptised for the forgiveness of sins and for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

**2nd Reading: I Peter 2.20-25:** Christ suffered for us so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness. Through his wounds we have been healed.

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good**

**Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

**John 10.1-10:** Jesus uses the metaphors of shepherd and gate to the sheepfold to explain who he is and why he has come. As the shepherd, he calls each of us by name and leads us to safe and secure pastures. As the gate, he is the one through whom we enter to experience life in all its fullness. This simple language of Jesus unfolds for us the joy that the personal relationship with Jesus brings and the gifts of God's Kingdom given to us.



Pray for the eternal rest of Owen O'Neill whose Requiem Mass takes place this Tuesday at 10am. May the Lord receive him into his arms of mercy and comfort his family at this time of their loss.

**WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS** to Leah Catherine Gracie who will be baptised after Mass on Sunday. May God bless her and his parents, Louise and Connor, with every good gift and fill their hearts with the knowledge and love of his Son, our Lord Jesus.



**Our First Holy Communion** take place next Saturday at 11am. We thank God for the 13 children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time and for the work they, their teachers and their parents have done in preparation. They will be present at Sunday 10am Mass in thanksgiving to God for his goodness and to you for your prayers.



Welcome to our Primary 6 & 7 children who will make their request for the Sacrament of Confirmation during Sunday Mass and commit themselves to preparing for it. We ask the Holy Spirit to come upon these children and their families so that they will experience the fire of God's love for them and so desire to follow Christ ever more closely. The 2nd meeting for the parents of the Confirmandi is this Thursday at 7pm in the church oratory. The aim of the meetings is two-fold; to allow you to explore and deepen your own faith and so help you to accompany your child more confidently during the period of sacramental preparation.

Congratulations to Andrew McGregor who won South Lanarkshire Sports Champion of the year and to Lucy Graham who came first in Scotland in the Robert Burns Poetry Competition at S1-2 level. Well done to both!

**Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are on sale in the stall.**

**CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION: 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May:** HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED to assist our parish representatives in the street collections and collection count on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please contact **Marie Henderson 07413 520794** or add your contact details to the list in the Church Porch if you can help in any way.

**CHRISTIAN AID CAFE: MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May 10am-3pm:** HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED to host our day in the Cafe this year. Could you spare a few hours to help run the cafe? Could you help with food preparation before the cafe opens or help weary "all-dayers" clear up after 3pm? A special effort for home baking contributions would also be most appreciated as always. Please contact **Maureen Doherty 759818/07759326523** or add your contact details to the list in the Church Porch if you can help in any way.

The Christian Aid Service takes place in St John's Church this Sunday at 7pm. Please take a leaflet with all the information about the week.

Let's keep in our prayers all our pupils who are sitting their public exams during the next weeks. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them during this important time of their lives.

Thank you for last week's collection which came to £946 in the plate and £580 in Standing Orders, and also for the £1,051 you gave to SCIAF in your Wee Boxes. A wonderful response!

The Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland takes place in Dunfermline on June 11th. See the poster in the porch for details.

The sisters of St Peter Claver will be here next weekend to tell us a bit about their ministry and make an appeal on behalf of the Order. There will be a 2nd collection for them.

This Sunday is the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. There is a 2nd collection for our Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

There will be May Devotions each Tuesday of May at 7pm with the Rosary, Litany of our Blessed Lady and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It would be beautiful to make

these devotions a family event so I encourage our young families to come along to this, especially those families preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



### A PRAYER AT COMMUNION

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart. and united us in the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Helen Kelly, Chrissie Kelly, Mary Canning, Roisin Daly, James Sloan, Karen Forbes, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Raymond Gallagher, Maureen Campbell, John Wilson, Patricia Clisby, Una Delaney, Isobel Gardner, Lynett Moses, Mary Whitcombe, John McKernan, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, Anne Marie Reilly, Maurizio Puricelli, Aaron Joseph Higgins, Maryellen O'Farrell, Karen Derbyshire & Betty Flynn.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Smith, Jim McConville, Elizabeth Burns, Edward Grattan, Joseph & Eveleen McGlone, May McCusker, Kathleen Lyons, James Scott & May McAulay.



**HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 10am. Monday-Friday: 10am.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.**

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