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6th SUNDAY YEAR B
10th-11th FEBRUARY 2018

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. Psalm 30.3-4

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son. So that all who believe may not perish, but may have eternal life. John 3.16

1st Reading: Leviticus 13.1-46: The book of Leviticus is full of rules and regulations governing life in society. It was particularly concerned about who belonged and who didn't, as we see in this story about leprosy.

Response to the Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 10.31-11.1: Paul encourages us to do everything for the glory of God. This means we should be helpful at all times, neither being offensive, nor working for our own advantage. We are to model ourselves on Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Mark 1.40-45: The beginning of Jesus' ministry is filled with healings. Their purpose was not only to restore individuals to health but, more importantly, to be signs of the presence of the Kingdom of God. This healing of the leper reveals



something about this kingdom: that the poor and the marginalised are at its heart; that it invites especially the rejected and those considered worthless to belong; that no-one is outside the mercy of God.



A warm welcome to Michael Meehan who will join our parish community for the next 12-18 months as he trains to become a Deacon in the Church. How lucky is he to be assigned such a wonderful parish! I know you will give him every support and encouragement in his journey

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to Matthew Thomas McAuley who will be baptised after Mass this Sunday. May the Lord fill him and his parents, Kieran and Lynn, with faith, hope and love.



CARFIN - HONOURING OUR LADY OF LOURDES – This Sunday 11th of February begins a year of celebrations to mark the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes. At 6pm there is a Torchlight Rosary Procession, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, in Saint Francis Xavier's Parish Church. On Monday 12th February at 1pm there will be a Solemn Mass, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children ProLife Scotland invite you to join them in St Bride's Hall, Motherwell on 19th February at 7pm as they make their tour of Scotland informing on and resisting the extension and decriminalisation of abortion.

The annual *White Mass* for health care professionals will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, this Sunday 11th February at 12 noon, followed by a reception. All welcome.

SCIAF is screening the film *The Claim—Blessed Oscar Romero, His People and Pope Francis* in St Bride's Parish Hall, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang G72 8JB at 7pm Tuesday 20th February. 7.30pm.

The Parish Social Committee has arranged a Parish Social on Saturday 24th February. Doors open at 7pm. 18s and over. On 17th March there is a St Patrick's Night event with Irish Stew and soda bread. Tickets £10. The first bingo of the year will be on 8th April. £1.50 for a tea ticket. Donations of prizes will be gratefully received.



The Season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on 14th February. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.

- There will be Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday of Lent at 7pm
- Each Wednesday of Lent beginning February 21st at 7pm you are invited to take part in our reflections and meditations on the Eucharist. (Fr Dominic Quinn will lead an evening of reflection on The Eucharist on Thursday 8th February in the Xavier Centre, Carfin. All welcome.)
- The church will be open Monday-Friday from 7am until dusk.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7am-10am, 10.30am-1pm.
- Stations of the Cross each Friday in St Athanasius' School at 9am. All welcome.



Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (only one main meal) and abstinence (no meat). During Lent, we intensify our **PRAYER, FASTING AND GIVING** in order to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. We do this both as individuals and as a parish. This year I propose that our theme for Lent be **COMMUNION AND PARTICIPATION**. We aim to experience deeper communion with God and each other through greater participation in our life as a community of faith, especially our participation at Mass. May the Holy Spirit guide us during this holy season and bring us closer to God and each other.

Thank you for your offering last week of £793 in the plate, and for £610 in Standing Orders. Lucky numbers winners this month:

*1st Geraldine Scott £125
2nd Christine Bonner £75
3rd Marion O'Hara £50*

Cheques can be picked up in the sacristy



Parents presenting children for First Confession are again invited to meet in the Oratory on Tuesday from 7-8pm.

The Contemplative Theology group meets this Monday, 12th February, at 7pm and the RCIA group meets at 7.30pm, also on Monday

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Eddie Lebida, Betty Flynn, Isobel Gardner, Helen Kelly, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Maureen Campbell, Lynett Moses, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, John Ness, Mary Brown, Paula Magee, Geraldine Creany, Dylan Ferguson, Jordan Ferguson, May Kelly, Mary Haverstock & Danny Leech.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: James Craig, Giovanni & Irene Rossi, Jim O'Rourke (Cork), Cathie & Peter Lynch, Kate Sagar, Charlotte Donnelly, Fr Andy O'Sullivan & Alice Jenkins.



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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