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**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B
12th-13th May 2018**

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia. *Psalm 26.7-9*

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia. *John 17.22*

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1.15-26: Peter explains the betrayal of Judas in terms of the fulfilment of the Scriptures. To remain faithful to the Lord, he instructs the community of believers to elect someone in his place, and so Matthias is chosen.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

2nd Reading: I John 4.11-16: The author continues his meditation on the divine love. We must love each other because God has loved us so much. When we love, he lives in us and we in him. Indeed, anyone who lives in love lives in God. This is the fundamental experience of every Christian community.

Alleluia! alleluia! Jesus said: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

John 17.11-19: In this great prayer before his death, Jesus prays that the Christian community might be one as he and the Father are one. This experience of being “at one” with God, with each other and with ourselves comes through Christ who reconciled all things to himself,



making peace by his blood on the cross. And so we belong no longer to the world in its darkness and negativity but to God in Christ.



We welcome to Sunday Mass our children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday: Ruairidh Owen Biggins, Lucy Maria Carlin, Christopher Cassidy, Sean Donnelly, Rhys James Douglas, Callum Alexander Dunn, Aaron Fisher, Callum Giffen, Dylan James Hastings, Niamh Kathleen Higgins, Aidan Thomas Kilmurray, Gethin David James, Shauna McKay, Niamh Anne Michael, Megan Christina Nightingale, Coleen Ann Nimmo,

Riley O’Dwyer, Andrew Phillips, Faith Margaret Jo Regan, Gabriel Deeney Reynolds & Rebecca Clare Small. We ask God to bless and strengthen them and their families at this important moment of their journey of faith and we assure them of the continuing support of our prayers. A special thanks to those who signed up as a prayer partner for the children..

May Devotions with the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Tuesday of May. It would be wonderful if our young families came together with their children to this beautiful service.

There is a good selection of First Holy Communion cards, books and gifts on sale in the Stall. Take a moment to have a look.

Marys Meals will be here the weekend of 16th-17th June. Place in a black bag your unwanted textiles—shoes, clothes, bags, curtains, bedding (but no pillows or duvets) etc— and leave them in the meeting area of the church. Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are going ahead with the suggestion of a Memorial Garden for our faithful departed. Plaques with the name of your dear one or family and a short inscription of your choice will be attached to the garden wall of the church. A suggested donation is £100 which can be paid in full or over a period of time. Forms will be available from next week for you to complete.

You will also be welcome to bury the cremated remains of your dear ones in the parish garden. The Church asks that if we choose cremation, the ashes should be buried and not scattered.

Remember Eddie Kelly is walking the Pilgrims' Way to Santiago di Compostella from Portugal (150 miles) to raise funds for the church refurbishment and is looking for sponsorship . You can do this online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eddie-kelly4 or by phone texting NDPS84 £5 (or whatever you would like to donate) to the number 70070. This weekend, you can also donate after the Masses.

Thank you from last week's collection which came to £612 in the plate and £610 in Standing Orders. And many thanks for your very generous £911 in the 2nd collection for the church refurbishment and the £534 in "Wee Boxes" for SCIAF.

Motherwell Diocesan Choir present *Choral Classics for a Spring Evening* in Motherwell Cathedral on 16th May at 7.30pm. Suggested donation £5, in aid of St Andrew's Hospice and Mary's Meals.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK this year is from 13th-19th May. The week begins with a Service in Kirkton Church this Sunday 13th May at 7pm. Val Brown from Christian Aid Scotland will give the address and the music will be led by *Grace Notes*. The Café will be open in St John's Church Hall from Monday to Friday. Our parish has committed to staff the Café on Tuesday 15th May. Please consider helping out that day by giving a couple of hours of your time or by donating some home baking. Sign up on the sheet in the porch where an information leaflet with more details is available. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered.

The diocese is offering four evenings of Contemplative Theology led by Fr Magill and the Adult Catechesis Team in the Xavier Centre in Carfin on 17th, 24th & 31st May & 7th June from 7.30pm-9pm. The topic of the sessions will be the Trinity. This is an opportunity to reflect on our faith in a prayerful and relaxed environment. No need to book—just come along.



There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for World Communications Day. This is to help fund the media work of the Church in Scotland, especially our Press Office.

NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Eddie Lebida, Isobel Gardner, Helen Kelly, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Maureen Campbell, Lynett Moses, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, Mary Brown, Paula Magee, Geraldine Creany, Dylan Ferguson, Jordan Ferguson, May Kelly, Mary Haverstock, Jane McKay, Ann Devine, & Gertrude Love

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Edward Grattan, Theresa McCaughey, Joseph & Eveleen McGlone, Albert O'Hara, Gordon James & Robert White.



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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