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**3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
26TH-27TH JANUARY 2019
YEAR C**

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*
Look towards the lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

1st Reading: **Nehemiah 8.2-10:** The priest Ezra reads from the Book of the Law, the Pentateuch, to celebrate the new beginning the people are offered by God after their return from exile.

Response to the Psalm: **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

2nd Reading: **I Corinthians 12.12-30:** Paul uses the image of the human body to explain the Body of Christ, which is the Church. No part is secondary or of little use; each part has its own role to play. Further, those parts which seem weakest are the ones which are truly indispensable. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt. Together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21: We begin our continuous reading of St Luke's gospel. St Luke assures the reader that what he is about to write is handed down by eyewitnesses and recorded in an ordered way. Jesus begins his ministry by preaching in the synagogue in Caparnaum, using the prophet Isaiah as his text. With the Spirit of the Lord upon him, he announces a new beginning with the prophet's words being fulfilled in him. He brings about not only the



fulfilment of a text but also of his Father's will and the way for humanity to experience that divine fulfilment.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to Corey Thomas McIntyre who will be baptised after the vigil Mass on Saturday. May he and his family experience God's love for them and grow together in faith and hope.



Remember our parish focus for this year is "Growth in holiness through prayer." There will be various opportunities in the coming months for this which I hope you will participate in. The RCIA group meets this Monday at 7pm in the parish house. All welcome.

Our Primary 3 children have now begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers in the weeks ahead that the Lord will draw them more closely to himself and gift them with a livelier and deeper faith. Their first confession takes place on 19th March.

The hearing loop in the church has now been repaired. To access it, please switch to channel T in your hearing aid.

The memorial plaques are almost ready. Please excuse the delay due to the illness of the vendor. We will arrange a dedication service soon. Remember that the parish garden is available for the burial of ashes after a cremation in consecrated ground.

*Pope Francis' prayer intention for January: **Evangelization – Young People**
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.*

The Diocesan Music Group is looking for new members to join their group of 35 musicians and singers which meet in Holy Family Parish Centre, Mossend. No experience needed. Please contact Kris Thomas at ht@johnpaul.n-lanark.sch.uk and see the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

St. Augustine's Parish in Coatbridge hosts a monthly Pro Life Mass every last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The next Mass will be on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7.30pm. Father Hugh Kelly, Chaplain to the Innocents Society, will be the principal celebrant. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre immediately after the Mass.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th June 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Edinburgh, transfers in Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. See the poster for further details

Lanark & District U3A coffee morning in Clydesdale Inn, Lanark from 10.15am onwards. Use this opportunity to come along for a coffee and chat while finding out more about all your local U3A has to offer the retired and semi-retired. Info@u3a-lanark.xyz

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY

Jesus does the unexpected, the unimaginable, on that memorable sabbath morning in Nazareth. In today's jargon, he claims for himself the ancient prophetic words as his own mission statement. The reason God's Spirit came crashing down on him at his baptism was to empower him to do precisely this: bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, let the oppressed go free, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the sweet Jubilee Year, when the economy will be conformed anew to God's justice. Jesus takes all this as his mission statement, and is not content to leave it as only a string of high-sounding words. Everything that follows in his life, as presented to us in the Gospel, amounts to the living out of the prophecy he claims for himself that sabbath morning in Nazareth. Jesus still does these things, because his Church does them. The poor gain hope, whether it's their souls or their bodies that are starved. The captives experience freedom, whether they are prisoners in a jail or prisoners in a mansion. The blind receive sight, whether it's cataract surgery at a church hospital, or the scales of prejudice falling off the eyes of a bigot. The oppressed are set free, whether oppression is a political regime or a chemical dependence. When Jesus reads that passage in the Nazareth synagogue, he announces a mission statement for himself and for his body the Church.

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Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Father, as Jesus cured the sick and raised Lazarus from the dead, give support to those in our community who are sick or housebound. We pray that your Spirit may heal their bodies and soothe their minds leading them to find peace and hope in your grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: James Ross, Joyce McLaughlin, John Duddy, Dick Haddow, Ann Devine, Archie Lauder, Martin McCall, John & Winnie Diver, Gerard McCall, Neil Burns, Kathleen Phillips, & Mary Lynch Kelly.



HOLY MASS: **Vigil of Sunday:** Saturday, 6pm; **Sunday:** 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

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

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