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21ST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C  
24TH-25TH AUGUST 2019

**ENTRANCE**  
**ANTIPHON**  
**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.** *Psalm 85.1-3*

**COMMUNION**  
**ANTIPHON**  
**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth, and wine to cheer the heart.** *Psalm 103.13-15*

1st Reading: **Isaiah 66.18-21:** God's "ingathering" is for all peoples not just for those who considered themselves "chosen" as Isaiah's listeners may well have thought. The list of strange name places indicates the strange and surprising people God includes in his love.

Response to the Psalm:  
**Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 12.5-13:** Suffering is part of the human condition. Our faith gives us the strength to come through it because we know the Lord is present in it with us.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Luke 12.49-53:** The Lord warns of the possibility of ultimate loss and reminds his followers that discipleship demands struggle, effort and commitment. The great feast of the kingdom is accessed by a narrow door which prevents from entering those who are overloaded with baggage. When



we seek our own security above all, the door will never be large enough to let us through.

The Ladies' Group has now restarted and meets each Thursday at 7.30pm in the hall. New members are very welcome. Next week the liaison officer of the Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust will give a talk. St Andrew's Church Guild has invited everyone to an evening with Cambusnethan North Parish Church Choir on Wednesday 4th September at 7pm in St Andrew's Church hall.

*This week we welcome to our parish a member of the Volunteer Mission Movement (VMM) to make this year's annual Mission Appeal. VMM is an international lay Catholic development organisation founded in England in 1969, to recruit, prepare and support Christian men and women to spend a few years working as volunteers with Diocesan and local organisations in Africa, putting their professional or technical skills at the service of communities where needs are greatest. To date over 3,000 VMM volunteers have worked overseas in a variety of missionary and development programmes. To help support the work of VMM a collection will take place at the Masses next weekend.*



We are nearly there with the refurbishment of the church and the main work will be completed this week. However, to give time for a thorough clean, necessary repainting and snagging, we will continue with Mass in the hall and review the situation next week. To view the progress so far, please go to our Facebook page. Thank you for your patience during the works.

*Pope Francis' Prayer intention for August: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".*

A Conference/Retreat Day on the Church's **SOCIAL GOSPEL** will take place in the Conforti Xaverian Missions Centre, Coatbridge on Sunday 2nd September, 10am-4pm. More details are available on the notice board.

Street Level is 25 this year and to celebrate we are holding a Praise Service of celebration and thanksgiving this Sunday 25 August at 7pm at St Andrew's Church, Carluke. Everyone is welcome.

*Thank you for last week's collections. Please see the noticeboard. There will be 2nd collection next week for the refurbishment.*

The annual pilgrimage in honour of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair takes place in St Patrick's Edinburgh on Sunday 8th September. See the poster on the board for more details.

The parish Justice, Peace and Care for the Earth Group are hosting an Information Evening in the hall on Thursday 5th September. Why not go along and see whether it's something you'd like to get involved with. More information on the poster on the noticeboard.

**SUNDAY TAKEAWAY:** Jesus' story served to identify the *doorway*: it was the doorway to where God could be found. His comment also served to indicate one of the non-essentials that could conceivably impede entry: trust in what was irrelevant. What mattered for Jesus was that disciples truly listen to him, shape their lives according to his values and learn to love. Salvation was certainly not a factor of ethnic or religious identity. As far as Luke's community was concerned, it was not assured simply by their calling themselves Christians. Discipleship was essentially praxis. Anything else served only to inflate the self-image and make entry through the narrow doorway impossible. Whatever about the future, the present life, when not lived according to the way of Jesus, fell inevitably short both of the longings of the human heart and the hopes of God.

*If you have signed up for the parish retreat next month, would you remember to check for information emails — they may be in your spam box.*

Please pray for our sick and housebound.

Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick and housebound today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Anne Marie Reilly, James Ross, Dick Haddow, Ann Devine & Baxter Murray.



**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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