

## **PARISH BULLETIN SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

**SUNDAY MASSES:** VIGIL Saturday 5.30pm  
SUNDAY 11.00am (Children's Liturgy)  
**WEEK-DAY MASSES:** MON. – FRI. 8.00am  
MON. - SAT. 10.00am  
**YEAR OF MERCY DEVOTIONS:** MON. 7.30pm (Rev. Henry McKenna)  
**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** SAT. 6.30pm – 7.00pm  
**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT.** FRI. 10.30am – 5pm.

**READERS:** Today: **Vigil.** Amy Lennie, Ella McKendrick  
11.00am. Erin Campbell, Elaine Campbell.  
**Next Sunday:** **Vigil.** Jacqui Lynch, Liz Burns  
11.00am. Liz Brown, Mary Jamieson.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** **Vigil.** Angela Reardon, Sr Maria Goretti.  
11.00am. Denis Burns, Mary O'Brien.

**Next Week:** **Vigil.** Danny Muldoon, Margaret Connelly..  
11.00am. Phil Burns, Liz Brown.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent.** Today we celebrate the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Fittingly today's Gospel speaks of repentance and forgiveness. The Gospel affirms the call to conversion which follows our forgiveness.

**MONDAY DEVOTIONS:** Our Monday evening Devotions have been focussing on different aspects of the Church's Year of Mercy. The Preacher for the fifth evening will be Deacon Henry McKenna, Chaplain at Wishaw General Hospital. His insight will be from the viewpoint of the Church's ministry to the sick. The last Monday of Lent will reflect on the Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Penance. There will be several priests available for Reconciliation.

**FEASTS: Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Patrick:** Born in 385 in western Britain, possibly Old Kilpatrick on the Clyde. As a youth he was taken as a slave to Ireland and worked as a herdsman. He longed to be a priest and missionary. He escaped from Ireland, studied at Tours, went to Rome and was appointed Bishop of Ireland. He worked tirelessly for the building up of the Church. He died in 461 and is buried at Downpatrick.

**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>: St. Joseph:** Patron Saint of the Church, the man who thought first of others and only then of himself. Spouse of Our Lady, a true Patron and witness to all of us.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK-END FOR SCIAF RAISED £1340. Thank you.**  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE: TUES. 15<sup>th</sup> AT 7pm. PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

**REFLECTION:** Moving house can be complicated with all the excitement of choosing a new place to live, working out the finances and practical arrangements, and then settling into a new home. In preparation for this is the sorting out of the home we are leaving: the drawers full of things we'd forgotten we had, sifting through papers, books and clothes, and realising, all too often, what an extraordinary amount of stuff we have accumulated. Things have to be sorted through, and decisions made as to what happens to them next. Perhaps it is little wonder, then, that psychologists list moving house as a "significant life event" – an event of upheaval, which makes considerable emotional demands on people as we grieve, in some way, what we are leaving, and move on to something new.

This may be why the message of today's scriptures can be such a hard one for us to hear. The normal human difficulty we have with change and moving on lies at the heart of the Lord's impassioned plea in the first reading. He calls us not to recall the past, but to look and see the new thing God is doing: "can you not see it?" This radical call to move forward, and learn to leave the past, is at the heart of the Gospel, for it is the essential movement of repentance, forgiveness and new life. The Greek word used in the Gospels for "forgiveness" is the word for "letting go". Christians are called to live this strange freedom of letting go of our sins and, in some radical ways, leaving our past behind. This is how Paul lives. Even in the physical chains of prison, Paul knows the freedom of having let go.

We are moving towards the end of Lent, a season of repentance traditionally seen as a time for "giving up" something, of fasting, giving away and prayer. In the light of God's word to us today, we can reflect on how these are all ways of "letting go" of the things that so often ensnare us, of our own needs and appetites, our own self-determination even. And as we let go in these ways, we learn a deeper trust in God's loving will for us.

### **PARISH NEWS:**

**WISHAW HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN, Fr Michael Brown can be contacted through the Hospital on 01698 361100 or at St Brendan's, Muirhouse 01698 264448.**

**TEAS AND COFFEE IN PARISH CENTRE AFTER 11am MASS TODAY. PLEASE COME OVER TO HALL AND MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS FACILITY.**

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING THIS EVENING, SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 6pm in Church Meeting Room. Sorry for a Sunday meeting but Holy Week and Easter beckons and every evening is occupied. I hope we can have a good turnout.**

**NEARLY NEW SHOP:** Shop will be open every Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9.00am – 1pm.

**300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 10:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

£ 100 Prize No. **225.** Marianne Ballantyne, 285 Main Street, Bogside..

£ 25 Prize No. **385.** Sarah/Arwan Smith, c/o 112 Braedale Cresc. Newmains.

To renew your membership or take out a new one in our 300 Club, contact Pat Cahill or ask at the Stall or Nearly New Shop.

**PARISH INCOME:** Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Offertory: £805.00 Stall: £45.00, SCIAF £1340.00

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**ST PATRICK'S, SHIELDMUIR** celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Toal. A warm welcome is extended to all. Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

**Pilgrimage to Rome for Holy Year of Mercy** 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October. Estimated cost £720 - £760. See Poster in Church Porch. Contact Anne Marie at Alba Tours on 01698 262941.

**LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE** (St Patrick's Purgatory): July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. Pilgrims undertake a 3 day walking, kneeling, fasting experience in penitential bare feet! Cost £300. For more information contact Sr Monica at St Peter Claver Convent, 57 Motherwell Rd Bellshill 01698 747112 or e-mail sr.monica.daly@gmail.com

**VOCATION** Do you ever feel called to serve the Church in the Diocesan Priesthood? There is an informal "Discernment Evening" at the Holy Ghost Fathers in Carfin on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. For more information contact Fr Brian Lamb at St Joseph's Blantyre on 01698 823896.

**ST AIDAN'S HIGH SCHOOL:** Follow the School life on Twitter@StAidansHigh

**St. Brigid's Primary School:** Check their Twitter Page Twitter@stbrigid1  
Primary 3 celebrate First Reconciliation on Tuesday evening at 7pm.

### WE PRAY FOR:

**SICK:** Fr Jim Naughton, James Trainer, Annette Hearty, Rita Milne, Huu Taa, Cheryl Dougan, Rena Lafferty, Anne Meharry, Rachel McGhee, Sadie Reynolds, Jacqueline Lowrie, Kayden Thomas, Sheila and Jim Kelly, Alec Penman, Nicola Robinson, Thomas Murphy, Winnie Docherty, Hugh and Anna McAdam, Daniel Rogan, Frank Slavin, William and Winifred Miller, Ailish Daly, Norma Nichols, Catherine Deane, Matthew McDonald, Frankie Flaherty, Anne Slavin Fadden, John Foy, Betty Smith, Matthew Devine, Jane McLaughlin, William Dobbins, Sadie Drage, Mary Whyte, Agnes Lyons, Isobel Gracie, Betty Sloan, Rachel Moffat, Avis Iveson, Cathie McKenna, Hugh Kelly, May Hughes, Patricia McLean, Joseph Bohan, Anna Smith, Joe Chinskie (Overtown), Sadie McStay, Matthew Rasey (USA), Brendan Cassidy (Ireland).

**R.I.P.:** Tommy Hannah (Church Ave.), Denis O'Brien (St. Bartholomew's, Coatbridge), William Robertson (St Joseph's, Blantyre), Bridie Clair (Lahinch).

**MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE:** (omitted last Sunday in error) Margaret Campbell, Mary Cunningham,

**MONTHS MIND:** John Duffy, John Cunningham, John Brown, Ben and Peggy Jamieson, Rosaline Kelly, Tommy Egan, Tommy Geraghty, Mary Calderhead.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mgr John O'Donnell, Fr Robert Healy, Liz Brown, Francis, Mary and Michael Kirwan, Eddie Kelly, John, Roseline and Anne Marie Pearson, Marie McVerry, Owen and Sarah McVerry, Eddie Cahill, Tommy McAdam.

# ST BRIGID'S PARISH NEWMAINS

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Liturgical Year C)

IN THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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