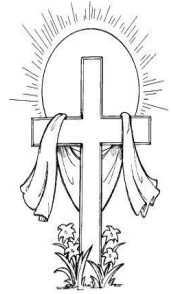




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## PARISH DIARY

Monday Feast of Saint Matthias	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Rosary & Morning Prayer
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Thursday	9.30am 7pm	Rosary & Morning Prayer Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday	9.30am	Rosary & Morning Prayer
Saturday	9.30am	Mass
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm 6pm 9.30-9.50am 10am 5pm	Confessions Vigil Mass Confessions Mass May Devotions

**FR GARGARO** – is away to a canon law conference from Monday to Friday, and so there will be no morning Mass this week (apart from Monday and Saturday), instead there will be Rosary and Morning Prayer. If you need to get on touch with Father you can do so by email or, in an emergency, there is a mobile number on the parish answer-machine.

**MAY DEVOTIONS** – take place every Sunday during May at 5pm. Every day during May the Rosary is said at the Lady Altar and on the altar there is a box of petitions – if you want to commend your own special intentions to the prayers of the parish then you can do so by writing them down on the sheets provided next to the Lady Altar and placing them in the Petitions Box. Feel free too to come frequently to the church for private prayer during the day asking for Our Lady's prayers during her special month.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – takes place today, Sunday 13th May, at 10am Mass. We offer our warmest congratulations to the children and our grateful thanks to the parishioners and teachers who have helped prepare the children for the reception of the Sacrament. Please keep praying for the children and their families.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** – thanks to those who came along. We have agreed to start a group which will visit the bereaved of the parish around one month, six months, and a year after the deaths of their loved ones (if they want visited and if they live nearby) to offer them our prayers and reassure them of our ongoing support. We have about half-a-dozen volunteers just now – if you would like to take part too then please speak to Father.

**COLLECTIONS**      6<sup>th</sup> May      £395.65

Many thanks for your generous donations

**FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS:** This Sunday is Communications Sunday. The collection will be taken up for the work of the Media Office.

**SVDP Charity Concert** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Mitchell Theatre 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 with proceeds going towards the Ozanam Centre. If you would like to go please speak to Pat or Agnes Quinn.

## **COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY-** an excerpt from the pastoral letter

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In his message for Communications Sunday this year, Pope Francis reminds us that Communication is part of God's plan for us, allowing us to express and share all that is true, good, and beautiful. But he warns us, that when we yield to our own pride and selfishness, we can distort our ability to communicate.

The capacity to twist the truth is a human failing. Today we are witnessing the spread of what has come to be known as "fake news". This has caused the Pope to make truth the theme of this year's communications message, when he urges us to: "contribute to our shared commitment to stemming the spread of fake news and to rediscovering the dignity of journalism and the personal responsibility of journalists to communicate the truth."

The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth. In Christianity, truth is not just a conceptual reality that regards how we judge things, defining them as true or false. Rather, truth involves our whole life. In the Bible, it carries with it the sense of support, solidity, and trust. We discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us. This alone can liberate us, as in the words of the Gospel according to John: "The truth will set you free". Read more at: <http://www.scmo.org> where the full text of the letter from the Archbishop and Pope can be found.

Drawing inspiration from a Franciscan prayer, Pope Francis suggests we might turn to the Truth in person:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting, let us practise listening;

where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

**FEAST OF PENTECOST** – The Holy Ghost Fathers invite you to prepare for the Feast by joining them in a day of prayer at St Columba's on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 3pm. Full details on the notice board.

**St Jude Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018:** Some places have become available on this year's pilgrimage departing from St Jude and St John Ogilvie Parish, 159 Pendeen Road, Barlanark, Glasgow on Saturday 9th June 2018. We will be staying at the Hotel St Etienne on the Boulevard de la Grotte, close to the domain, on a full board basis. A full programme is offered whilst in Lourdes. This is the cheapest pilgrimage in Scotland at only £330 per person based on two or more sharing a room. Only a few places available so act soon! For further details contact Margaret McElroy (0771 258 2661); Amelia Buckley (0141 573 0508); Helen Marks (0141 771 1425) or Liam O'Neill (0141 573 0844). <https://en-gb.facebook.com/stjudelourdespilgrimage/>

**ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE LADIES LUNCH** – at the Radisson Blu hotel on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May beginning at 12.30. Tickets cost £50 for a three course meal and sparkling reception with entertainment from DJ Steve McKenna and tenor John Innes, and a fashion show by House of Fraser.

**BISHOP BARRON** – Bishop Barron, the presenter of the popular Catholicism TV series is coming to speak in Scotland for the first time! He will be at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, on 6th September. Tickets (£10) go on sale on 1st May – see flyers for details. Bishop Barron is an amazing evangelist and speaker and is well worth hearing.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Sick:** Father Noel Burke

**Anniversaries:** Eileen & Paul McBride, Sarah Murphy, Isa Peoples, Susan Gormley

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