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Jesus heads into the “dark descending” in this Sunday’s Gospel. He is going to Jerusalem. He loves her and her people, and he wants to shower abundance upon them. But he knows with increasing certainty that Jerusalem will place him—not merely down a cistern as soldiers did Jeremiah, not just outside the gates and walls—but right straight into the jaws of death. It is a baptism, he says, and he wants it. He cannot be speaking of baptism in water: he has undergone this already. He shouts to his disciples that he has come to set the earth on fire, blazing like lightning. “How great is my anguish (pre-occupation may be a better word) until it is accomplished,” he says.

Baptism literally means immersion. Clearly, Jesus is immersed in his destiny: to die and rise again in Jerusalem.

Mass Times this week

Monday	10am	Solemnity: Assumption
Tuesday	10am	Week 20 Year C
Wednesday	10am	Week 20 Year C
Thursday	10am	Week 20 Year C
Friday	10am	Week 20 Year C
Saturday	10am	Memorial: St Bernard
Saturday	6pm Vigil	Week 21 Year C
Sunday	10am	

Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) daily in the church
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption** but is NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year because it is so close to the Sunday. You are, however, encouraged to celebrate the Solemnity.

COLLECTIONS 7th August: £486.60

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS: This Sunday there is an emergency appeal collection for the **SCIAF Malawi** fund. Millions are going hungry in the worst drought to hit eastern and southern Africa for 50 years. SCIAF is getting lifesaving food to those who need it most, but many more families need our help. The Scottish Government will match every £1 you donate for Malawi, up to at least £70,000. SCIAF is also reaching out to people in Ethiopia and South Sudan. Please give what you can and remember the people of Africa in your prayers.

200 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to.....

£100 Ana Pinheiro

£50 Patricia Collie

£25 Luisa Campbell

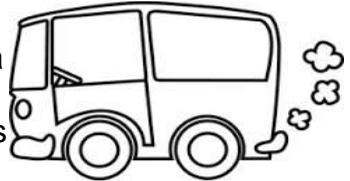
£25 Susan Williamson

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN 4th SEPTEMBER 2016

in honour of St Margaret of Scotland is a Year of Mercy event. We are encouraged to attend the concelebrated Mass at 3pm. A number of bishops and priests will be available to hear confessions in St Francis Xavier's Parish and at points in the Grotto from 12 noon until shortly before Mass.

The Parish Church also has a Door of Mercy so that you can fulfil all the conditions to receive the Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year during your Day of Pilgrimage.

We have gained sufficient interest to run a parish bus to this. If you are interested and have not yet done so, please add your names to the list at the back of the church.



EVENING OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION

The Archdiocese of Glasgow is delighted to welcome **THE MERCY TOUR** to the city on Tuesday 16th August.

Young volunteers from across the U.K will be spending the afternoon in street mission inviting people into an evening service in St. Andrew's Cathedral celebrating God's Mercy. The evening will be a powerful experience of meeting and being transformed by Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with worship lead by the Youth 2000 Music Ministry and testimonies shared by young people.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION OPEN FORUM
Companions on the Journey SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016

Archbishop Tartaglia invites members of the wider Catholic education community — **parents, teachers, students, clergy** — to participate in an open forum session of the Catholic Education Commission. Designed to provide an opportunity to learn about developments affecting Catholic education in Scotland. This session will focus on a new strategic approach to support the professional learning of teachers working in Catholic schools as companions on the journey. The forum will begin with the celebration of Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral at 10am

MASS FOR THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY will be celebrated at St Maria Goretti Church, 259 Bellrock St, G33 3LN on Monday 21st August. Rosary 7pm. Mass 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

ST. MARY'S MONASTERY KINNOULL Open for Retreats in September. Join us for our first week on the theme of Divine Mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy and relax in the upgraded Monastery on Kinnoull Hill. All rooms are now en-suite with WiFi access. Our Journey to Wholeness: Embraced by Mercy 5—9 September 2016. Led by Fr. Jim McManus C.Ss.R. and Miss Marie Hogg For further information ring 01738 624075 or email info@kinnoullmonastery.co.uk

Write to: Administrator, St. Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth PH2 7BP
Cost: full board in en-suite room and week's course is £340.

BACK TO SCHOOL! Prayers to Begin a School Year
God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;

wisdom and knowledge to their minds

as they search for understanding;

and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently dead: Mary Fitzpatrick, Clifford Fitzgerald

MAGNIFICAT

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

The Song of Mary is the Magnificat: it is the song of hope, it is the song of the People of God walking through history. It is the song many saints, men and women, some famous, and very many others unknown to us but known to God: mums, dads, catechists, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children and grandparents: these have faced the struggle of life while carrying in their heart the hope of the little and the humble. Mary says: "My souls glorifies the Lord" – today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world. This song is particularly strong in places where the Body of Christ is suffering the Passion. For us Christians, wherever the Cross is, there is hope, always. If there is no hope, we are not Christian. That is why I like to say: do not allow yourselves to be robbed of hope. May we not be robbed of hope, because this strength is a grace, a gift from God which carries us forward with our eyes fixed on heaven. And Mary is always there, near those communities, our brothers and sisters, she accompanies them, suffers with them, and sings the Magnificat of hope with them. *(Pope Francis, on the Assumption)*