



# St. Patrick's Parish

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**17<sup>th</sup> May 2015:**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B**  
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Mass Times this week		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10am,	Seventh week of Easter
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10am,	Seventh week of Easter
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	10am,	Seventh week of Easter
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10am	Seventh week of Easter
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10am,	Seventh week of Easter
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10am	Seventh week of Easter
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	6pm Vigil	Solemnity of Pentecost
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	

**Morning Prayer:** Monday-Saturday 9.45am

Confessions: 9.30–9.45 am; 5.30-5.50 pm on Saturdays

*The church will be open Sun–Fri:8am–4pm (Wednesday 8am-1pm)*

**RECENT COLLECTIONS** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 £547.70 SCIAF Nepal £393.20

**FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS: TODAY** is Papal World Day of Communications and a second collection will be taken up.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** on Thursdays at 7pm

**DO YOU PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT?** If so, there are laminated cards available at the back of the church for you to use when the collection comes around so you don't feel embarrassed! These will be returned to the back of the Church each week.

**ON PENTECOST SUNDAY pray in your own tongue!**

If you wish to write one of the prayers of the faithful and read it in your own language on Pentecost Sunday please speak to Fr Francis

### **The NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT began on Friday- join in!**

The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. Please take a copy of the novena home to use.

**MASS IN THE LINN CEMETRY** for all the faithful departed whose final committal took place at the Linn Cemetery or Crematorium on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.

### **SVDP ANNUAL CHARITY CONCERT**

Woodside Halls, Clarendon Street, Glasgow on Friday, 29 May 2015 at 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm. Starring Alastair McDonald and The Stewart School of Irish Dance. Tickets £10 available from 113 West Regent Street, Glasgow (0141 226 8833) or your local Parish Conference.

### **FRIENDS OF ECUMENISM EVENING**

In Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow at 7.00 pm (with refreshments available from 6.30 pm).

At the annual Friends of Ecumenism meeting there will be a presentation given by Alistair Dutton, the Director of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. As this year is the fiftieth anniversary of SCIAF, we look forward to hearing how SCIAF's experience can contribute to our on-going ecumenical discussion. Members of all churches are warmly invited to come. For catering purposes, please confirm attendance with Liz Taite (Elizabeth.Taite@rcag.org.uk / 0141 226 5898).

### **ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND HOSPICE LADIES' LUNCH**

31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. See notice at the back for details.

### **NEOPHYTES' MASS**

The Mass for those recently baptised or received into the Church will take place at 3pm on Pentecost Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, in St Andrew's Cathedral. All welcome.

## **LIVING THEOLOGY 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May**

This is a series of talks at St Aloysius for anyone interested in deepening their knowledge of their faith and is held in the evenings. See details at the back of the church or online at [Livingtheology.org.uk](http://Livingtheology.org.uk)

## **CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's, Carfin. All welcome  
We have a weekly meeting for anyone with addictions, family and friends who feel they need support or help in their time of need.  
For info call Mary on 07538 789548

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING MASS**

At St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow on Monday, 15 June at 7.00 pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Tartaglia.

All children and young people with Additional Support Needs, their parents, families, carers, teachers and friends are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Archdiocesan offices, next to the Cathedral.

## **TALK - THE REAL DANGERS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE**

John Deighan will give a talk in St Andrew's Church Upper Hall, Bearsden at 7:30pm on Thursday 28th May 2015 in which he will respond to the arguments commonly used to advance assisted suicide, i.e. that it stems from compassion and a respect for personal choice. John is well placed to give this talk having been the Parliamentary Officer for the Catholic Bishops' Conference for 16 years before recently taking up the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. He has been heavily involved in organising the efforts to prevent euthanasia and assisted suicide being legalised in Scotland since the creation of the Scottish Parliament. His talk on this highly topical subject will begin with tea and coffee and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

## **REFLECTION**

The gospel tells us of Jesus' plans for when he was no longer present among his disciples. Jesus turns the focus of his prayer on those whom he will leave behind; primarily those at supper with him, but clearly also

disciples in every age, always. Let's focus on one main theme: where we stand in relation to Jesus. The answer is surprising. Immediately after this prayer, Jesus leaves the upper room, to betrayal by Judas, denial by Peter, and abandonment from the rest! So, how does he describe the ones who will do this to him? We are in for a surprise. We could expect Jesus to beg his father to give them strength, to change their ways, to forgive their failings, to call them weak. Instead, he refers to disciples as those the Father has given to him. A remarkable phrase. Disciples are the Father's gift to Jesus. They- we- are therefore precious to Jesus. He takes care of us. Not one of them has been lost, except the one who chose to be lost (literally, the son of destruction). Judas? For centuries, this was presumed to be so, but the phrase occurs in another place (2 Thess 2:3) where it refers to Satan. At the Last supper, Jesus prophesied Judas would betray him, but still gave him the bread which he dipped into the dish: clearly Eucharist. The one destined to be lost is Satan, who knowing what God is like, rejected God. Judas is like every other human being; sinful, faulted, but still a child of God for whom Jesus gave his life. That's the remarkable statement of God's love expressed in and by Jesus. The bottom line, Jesus did for Judas. Did Judas reject Jesus totally? Did he just misunderstand? We don't know.

**We do know that there is no human being for whom Jesus did not die.**

So, again, what happens next? 2nd reading: "Since god has loved us so much, we should love one another. God is love, and whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him or her".

- Love is what we do to another.
- Jesus gave his life for us.
- **What do we give to and do for each and every other human being who exists?**

**Please Pray for:**

**Sick:** Martin McDonald

**Anniversaries :** Catherine Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Sarah Murphy, Eileen McBride, John Walters, John Cassidy, Ellen & James O'Hagan, Mary & William O'Hagan, Mary & William O'Hagan, Jean O'Hagan, Alison Freer.