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WEEK 3, YEAR A

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Matthew's account of Jesus' ministry begins today. Matthew recognises that Jesus' location, known in his time as Galilee, but to Isaiah as Zebulun and Naphtali, fulfils the old prophecy about a people in darkness seeing a great light. Jesus announces the Good News that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and calls everyone to repentance (literally, a change of mind), and calls his first disciples. An energetic beginning. **How energetic is our response?**

Mass Times		
Monday	No Mass	Week 3
Tuesday	No Mass	Memorial: St Francis de Sales
Wednesday	No Mass	Feast: Conversion of St Paul
Thursday	No Mass	Memorial: Ss Timothy & Titus
Friday	No Mass	Week 3
Saturday	No Mass	Memorial: St Thomas Aquinas
Saturday	6pm	Week 4, Year A
Sunday	10am	

Rosary (9.45am) and Morning Prayer (10am) weekdays daily in the church house when there is no morning Mass

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

There will be no morning Mass throughout January. Mass is available at the Cathedral at 8.15am, 1pm and 5.15pm and at St Aloysius at 8am, 12.30pm and 5.45pm

COLLECTIONS 15th January

£404.60

Many thanks

CLUSTER MEETING

Last week a meeting of the cluster clergy was held to welcome the new priests who have arrived in the cluster and to start to work more as a cluster. Fr Tim Curtis from St Aloysius has kindly agreed to provide input for readers and for ministers of the Eucharist during Lent for cluster parishes. Details will follow.

GLASGOW CARES- CAN YOU?

Can you help give a young person a better future? Most of the unaccompanied young people who are coming to Glasgow are aged 16-18 and will speak little or no English. They will require a stable home with support and care. Support and training will be provided. See poster on notice board for details of information events.

A GALA CONCERT AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL: The Glasgow Phoenix Choir - Saturday 28 January 2017, 7:30pm

To celebrate the 200th Anniversary of St Andrew's Cathedral with proceeds to the Organ Fund. With songs from the Classics to Scots Songs to Music from the Shows. Saturday, 28 January 2017.

Tickets £8 from the Cathedral shop or the Cathedral office on 0141 204 2409 or email your ticket request to Cathedral Secretary Dinah Mair at info@cathedralg1.org or the online at www.wegotickets.com

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy: The Legacy. A talk by Fr Jim Lawlor in The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church, Rose St, Glasgow, G3 6RE at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th January. All welcome. Non members: admission £3. Includes refreshments.

A RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow from Friday 10

th-Sunday 12th February. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Marene via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

FAMILY PLANNING - GOD'S WAY - NATURE'S WAY:The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with no side effects. This method is also highly effective in helping couples achieve a much-wanted pregnancy. For an information pack or details of a teacher in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland at: 0141 352 7930, info@fertilitycare.org.uk, www.fertilitycare.org.uk

HOLYROOD RC SECONDARY IS CELEBRATING ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY this session. Holyrood is the largest Catholic Secondary in Scotland and there will be a calendar of events to mark its 80 years. It begins with an Exhibition of Religion displaying the work of the school. The Exhibition focuses both on teaching the Faith and Faith in Action. The Holyrood community stretches to all parts of the world working with its partners e.g. SCIAF, the Simon Community, SCES, Marys Meals and the SDVP as well as the projects more recently done in Malawi.

The Exhibition opens on 31 January 2017 in Scotland Street Museum: Open Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 5pm; Friday and Sunday 11am - 5pm; Saturday 10am - 5pm; Closed Monday. Entrance is free. Parking concessions available. The Exhibition is open to everyone as well as School and Church groups. Further information is available on the Holyrood Website or from the School 0141 582 0120.

AGAP FILM AND FAITH CLUB - St Mungo's Retreat House AGAP Film and Faith Club will meet at 1.00 pm for a Matinée and for a second screening at 7.00pm on Thursday, 2 February 2017 at St Mungo's Retreat House next to Saint Mungo's Church, 52 Parson Street, Townhead, G4 0RX. This month's film is "Unbroken" (2014). New members welcome. Totally free! Big screen and speakers. Tea/coffee and chat. Due to large numbers attending, please register your place beforehand either on the website: www.agap.org.uk/events/ or email: info@agap.org.uk or call: 0141 552 5527.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU to serve as a priest? Please get in touch to find out more about discerning your vocation. Monthly evenings of discernment take place with the next one scheduled for Friday 10th February

For further information, please call Fr Ross Campbell on 0141 339 4315. Email: Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk

CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS

(Ron Rolheiser)

Hans Urs Von Balthazar once wrote: "After a mother has smiled for a long time at her child, the child will begin to smile back; she has awakened love in its heart, and in awakening love in its heart, she awakes also recognition."

Awakening love and recognition within a child's heart is, however, tied to more than just the mother's smile. Just as important as her smile is her voice. Mothers don't just cuddle babies and smile at them, they speak to them and it is this that is most critical in bringing a child to human awareness.

We come out of the darkness and chaos of unconscious infancy only when we are called out by voices which cajole, caress, reassure and forever keep luring us beyond ourselves. Very often, during the early critical months of a child's life, it is the mother's voice that does a lot of this. Thus, it is no accident that the first language we learn is called "our mother tongue" for it was its sounds that caressed us and ultimately lured us out of unthinking darkness and uncontrollable chaos.

Perhaps no image is more valuable than this one to help us understand the real purpose of the word of God in our lives. Christ came, as God's incarnate word, to bring us life, light and love. Christ came as the word to do for us what our mother tongue does, namely, to shape us in such a way that we can move beyond the fear, darkness and chaos that prevent us from entering the world of love, thought and self-expression.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Rev Peter Smith

Recently dead: Agnes Brannan

6 Months' Mind: Joe Gillan

Anniversaries: Margaret O'Brien, Joseph Keenan, George McManus, Anna Boyle, William Wilson