

# St. Patrick's Parish

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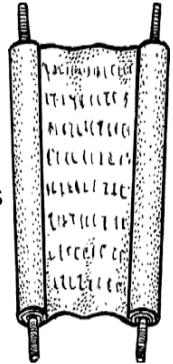
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24<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Ezra's purpose in reading the Law and Luke's purpose in writing his Gospel have many parallels. Both seek to hand on the story of God's saving action and fidelity and to inspire and sustain the response of faith. God's word is fulfilled in Jesus, anointed with the Spirit- and is still fulfilled today. **Do we hunger for the inspired words of the biblical writers? Do they still move us as they did their first hearers?**



## Mass Times this week

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass	Feast: Conversion of St Paul
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		Memorial: Ss Timothy & Titus
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January		Week 3 Year C
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January		Memorial: St Thomas Aquinas
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January		Week 3 Year C
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January		Week 3 Year C
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	6pm Vigil 10am	Week 4 Year C
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January		

## YEAR OF MERCY- FREE CANDLE!



There is a candle for each family available from the stall at the back of the church. Please take one home and use it to remind you of this joyful Year of Mercy. It's like forgiveness and mercy- given freely! Please also take one for the sick and housebound.

**No Mass** during the week in January. Masses are available at  
Cathedral: 8.15am, 1pm, 5.15pm  
St Aloysius: 8am, 12.30pm, 5.45pm  
St Peter's: 10am

**Rosary and Morning Prayer** each day in the church house at 10am

**SUNDAY MASSES** in January and any funeral arrangements will be covered by priests from St Aloysius.

### **RECENT COLLECTIONS**

17<sup>th</sup> January                £295.30

A £150 donation was made by those who attended the parish trip to Wales. Many thanks!

### **Forthcoming Collections: Education Sunday**

Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith.

### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm**

**ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE LOURDES HOSPITALITE** will be hosted this year in Paisley Diocese. Mass will take place at 12 noon on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley, principal celebrant Bishop John Keenan.

**YOUTH EVENT: 'Wonder & Awe'** in the Cathedral on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 7-9pm. For info, e-mail [youth@rcag.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcag.org.uk) or phone 0141 226 5898.

### **ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY.**

Donations to the Crib support this society and its valuable work of the assessment of adoptive parents and the placement of children who need new parents. Are you thinking about adoption? If you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, then St Margaret's would like to hear from you. Please call 0141 332 8371. [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk).

**THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 11th-13<sup>th</sup> March at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For further details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email [rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk)

## PARISH FUNDRAISING

Funds raised are split 50/50 between the Parish and the Mission Project in Nigeria.



Our **cake and candy** stall will be on the second Sunday of each month.



**MANY THANKS** to local shopkeeper, Jaz, who donated his small change collection to the parish.

**Ladies Night** –this takes place next Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm-11.30pm on at the St Vincent Bowling Club. Tickets £5 available this Sunday. Please come along for a night of fun and support your parish.



This month's **prayer intention** from **Aid to the Church in Need** for Persecuted Christians.

Heavenly Father,

you know by name all those who suffer in your name.

We ask that you comfort and strengthen Christians in Pakistan, and that you grant particular protection to women and girls.

We also ask you to provide love and solace to converts to Christianity

who can often experience rejection from their families or even physical violence.

May we in Scotland be encouraged by their example and may we never take for granted the freedom we have to follow you.

Compassionate creator, please forgive those who persecute Christians, reach out to them with your grace and your love. Amen.

## **THE MASS OF OUR CELTIC ROOTS 2016**

St Aloysius', Garnethill 4.00pm Sunday January 31st 2016  
Marking the Celtic Connections Festival with choirs and instrumentalists at St Aloysius for a joy-filled sung Mass. Mgr Paul Conroy of Sacred Heart, Bridgeton will preside and Fr John Gannon of St Albert's will preach. The St Mungo Singers, the choir of St Mungo's, Alloa, and singers of the Archdiocese, with members of the Scots and Irish Gaelic communities with piper, harpist, the St Mungo Ensemble and a Quarter from St Andrew's and St Bride's High School will lead the assembled congregation. All are welcome.

## **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT- DO YOU HAVE IT?**

Imagine a man and a woman who are deeply, passionately, and completely in love. Such a relationship can be a modest indicator for what happens in the Trinity, of how the Father and the Son generate the Spirit, and what results from this generation.

The Father constantly creates and gives life.

The Son receives life from the Father and gives it back in gratitude.

This then (as is true in all relationships wherein gift is received lovingly) makes it possible for the Father to give even more to the Son.

As this flow of life, this giving and receiving, goes on, gratitude intensifies and an energy, a spirit, the Holy Spirit, is created.

This Spirit, since it is generated by gratitude, naturally is a Spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, and chastity. It is then too a spirit that is naturally incompatible with idolatry, adultery, violence, gossip, factionalism, jealousy, rage, and infidelity.

When we meditate on how the Holy Spirit is generated, we are under less illusion as to what it means to live in the Spirit. To believe that we are living in the Spirit when our lives are not permeated by, and radiating, gratitude is to be dangerously deluded.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Anniversaries:** David Keenan, Joseph Keenan, Anna Boyle, George McManus, Paul McBride.

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