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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Jesus' preaching event ends in hostility and a threat of violence- hints perhaps of the journey ahead of him. Like Jeremiah he must "brace himself" and face rejection and opposition steadfastly. The word must be preached, however unwelcome. "Love does not come to an end", even when that love is rejected, for such is the love of God which "endures whatever comes".

Mass Times this week		
Monday 1 st February	No Mass	Week 4 Year C
Tuesday 2 nd February		Feast: Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday 3 rd February		Week 4 Year C
Thursday 4 th February		Week 4 Year C
Friday 5 th February		Memorial: St Agatha
Saturday 6 th February		Memorial: St Paul Miki & companions
Saturday 6 th February	6pm Vigil	Week 5 Year C
Sunday 7 th February	10am	

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

Funeral arrangements will be covered by priests from St Aloysius.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

RECENT COLLECTIONS

24th January £459.50

Forthcoming Collections: Education Sunday

This Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. Education Sunday – theme for 2016

During Catholic Education Week we reflect how we are “Learning to be Merciful”. This learning takes place in homes as well as schools, in workplaces as well as churches. We must all be “witnesses to mercy”.

Education Sunday – appeal for teachers

Please take seriously today’s appeal for more Catholic teachers to work in Catholic schools to ensure that our children receive formation in faith.

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 7th February at St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley, principal celebrant Bishop John Keenan.

YOUTH EVENT: ‘Wonder & Awe’ in the Cathedral on Friday 5th February from 7-9pm. For info, e-mail 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.

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-13th March at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For further details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

LENT IS NEARLY HERE! We seem to have just finished with Christmas and now we must turn our minds to Lent. Ash Wednesday is 9th February. Lent is about Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and how these Public Acts encourage us to foster our personal relationship with God. In this Year of Mercy perhaps we can reflect on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy: those actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.



The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are these kind acts by which we help our neighbours with their material and physical needs:

- feed the hungry,
- give drink to the thirsty,
- clothe the naked,
- shelter the homeless,
- visit the sick,
- visit the imprisoned,
- bury the dead.

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbours with their emotional and spiritual needs:

- counsel the doubtful
- instruct the ignorant
- admonish sinners
- comfort the afflicted
- forgive offences
- bear wrongs patiently
- pray for the living and the dead

Food for thought? Is there something you can do for someone this Lent as well as something you can “give up”?

The WEE boxes from SCIAF will be distributed next Sunday and certainly enable us to carry out the Corporal Works of Mercy in other countries.

THE MASS OF OUR CELTIC ROOTS 2016

St Aloysius', Garnethill 4.00pm today, 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. Music aplenty! All are welcome.

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.



Ladies Night –took place on Friday, January 29th, at the St Vincent Bowling Club. Thanks to all who turned out to support the parish. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's bulletin.



**In today's society, in which forgiveness is so rare, mercy is ever more important.
Pope Francis**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Joe Gillan, Pat McGrotty, Eileen McGill

Anniversaries: Peter Barker