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SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

22nd Sunday of the Year - Year C

Jesus criticises those who thrust themselves forward and who engineer their way to the top. That's not the way to gain honour in the kingdom. Honour in the kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honour on those who are humble.



If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share it. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Here we also see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted.

Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Fr Kenneth Writes: "Thanks to all for their prayers and good wishes. The operation went well and I was discharged from hospital on Sunday afternoon. Keep me in your prayers as the recovery period begins."

Weekday Masses: Please remember to keep an eye on weekday Masses as they may be subject to change over the coming weeks.

PPC: Will meet on Wednesday 4 September at 7.00pm in St Margaret's.

RCIA: The new session starts on Thursday 5 September at 6.45pm in St Peter's. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along to the meeting.

Holy Family Lay Associates: The St Andrew's & St Peter's group will meet on Thursday 5 September at 7.30pm in St Peter's side hall. Everyone is welcome.

St John's Hospital Mass: Fr Simon will celebrate Mass in the hospital on Friday 6th. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrate Conference: Will be held on Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 September in Glasgow. Something for all the family. For more information, check the website www.celebrateconference.org

Relics of St Thérèse: The relics will visit Scotland this September and the Archdiocese will host them at the Cathedral from the evening of Saturday 7 September until Monday 9 September. Pilgrims are invited to attend a Holy Hour and Prayer Vigil on Saturday 7th at 7.30pm and Solemn Mass on Sunday 8th at 12 noon.

Family BBQ: Tickets are now on sale for the Family BBQ on Saturday 7 September from 1.00pm - 3.00pm in the Lanthorn. Tickets cost £5/£3/£10. Donations of raffle prizes are needed and can be given to any member of the Social Committee. The money raised from this event will go towards Kevin Farquhar's Malawi project.

Youth Club: Will start up again on Sunday 8 September from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn and will meet every two weeks. Children in P4-P7 welcome to go along.

Safeguarding Training: Anyone who volunteers for regulated work within our parishes must have a PVG processed by the Church and are asked to complete training on a regular basis. New training was introduced in 2018 and a number of PVG volunteers have completed Induction Part 1. Opportunities to complete Induction Part 2 of the training are now available; this is essential in order to complete the training course. A reminder to PVG volunteers who last completed training prior to 2016, you should now complete Induction Part 1 and then progress to Induction Part 2. Induction Part 1 training will take place on Tuesday 17 September at Our Lady & St Bridget, West Calder (training will be in the Community Centre behind the church car park) from 7.00pm-8.30pm or on Friday 27 September at St Peter's, Livingston from 7.00pm-8.30pm. Induction Part 2 training will be on Friday 13 September at St John's, Fauldhouse or Tuesday 15 October at St Peter's, Livingston both from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

Men's Retreat Day: This will take place at Nunraw Abbey on 12 October. If interested, contact Brian Rolfe (Tel: 07538 153 582 or email: march2ndjuly19th@gmail.com)

Next Sunday's Readings (08.09.19): Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10. 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.

Recently Deceased: John McGuinness Anniversaries (September): Peter Cochrane

ST PETER'S ...

Second Collection: Today for ongoing property maintenance.

Rosary Group: Meet on Wednesday at 11.00am in the side hall.

Knit & Natter: Won't meet on Wednesday as the ladies are going for afternoon tea. Anyone who would like to join them, please speak to Moraig.

Altar Servers: Fr Simon would like you all to stay on after Mass next Sunday so we can sort out your albs.

Children's Liturgy: If possible, can the leaders stay behind next Sunday to see Fr Simon at 11.00am.

Last Sunday's Collection: £902.65; **Church Stall:** £49.90

ST ANDREW'S ...

Children's Liturgy: Will restart today at 11.30am Mass. All children welcome but please note that all under school age children must be accompanied by an adult. Rotas for catechists are now ready and can be collected from the sacristy.

Sunday Teas: There is still a slot available. If anyone is interested, please speak to Veronica Phair or contact the parish office.

Woollen Hats: Are on sale after the Vigil Mass in aid of Mary's Meals.

Help!: Does anyone know how to use a floor buffer machine and would be willing to help the cleaners once a month?

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £4,062.95. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £853.06; **Building Fund:** £213.55; **Candles:** £174.10; **200 Club:** No 5 & No 16; **Sanctuary Candle:** Daniel Farrel Snr RIP

ST THERESA'S...

Coffee Morning: On Saturday 21 September from 10.00am - 12 noon in East Calder church hall in aid of the mental health ward at St John's Hospital

Last Sunday's Collection: £392.58;

Bonus Ball Winner: No 38 St Theresa's

ST PHILIP'S ...

Today: As well as welcoming Fr Simon to celebrate the Eucharist, we welcome Greg McDowall, Acting Head Teacher at St Margaret's Academy, who is here to speak with us.

Fairtrade: Stall today, Sunday 1st.

Holy Family Lay Associates: Will meet on Monday 2nd at 2.00pm in the Lanthorn.

Family Fun Night: Will be on Saturday 14 September at 7.00pm in the Lanthorn. Tickets available after Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection: £468.49; **200 Club:** TBC;
Sanctuary Candle: God's guidance for a son



My name is Pawel Osinski, I am a seminarian from the order called The Society of Christ. In October, I will begin my second year in Seminary based in Poznan, Poland.

Although I now live in Poland, I spent the last 15 years of my adult life in Scotland. I arrived in 2002 initially for one year. At the beginning, I worked in Inverness for a charity called L'Arche Community (L'Arche is a French word for 'the ark') with people with learning disabilities and their carers. One of the goals of L'Arche is creating homes with a family-like atmosphere for people with disabilities.

After my first year with L'Arche, I felt I couldn't leave so I extended my stay. After two or three years I became a manager of one of the houses then a manager of another one. I really enjoyed this type of work.

Life in L'Arche was about supporting and assisting people with learning difficulties in their daily lives: we shopped, cooked and shared meals together, using it as an important way of bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging between people with and without learning disabilities. Even though we often belonged to different Christian denominations, we had regular daily prayers and we lived in peace and respect for each other. Also, we helped our residents to participate in worship in their local churches. Some of our residents learned skills for independent living, as well as taking part in arts and crafts workshops. After spending seven years in Inverness, I moved down south to Edinburgh and continued working for L'Arche in Leith. I lived in three of their houses and was a manager of one of them.

After 2012 I wanted to live more independently and left L'Arche. I rented a flat in Edinburgh and got an administration job at RBS. I had always wanted to work for a large corporate bank so this was my dream job. I was an administrator for different bank systems and also a deputy manager in one of the teams. It was at this time I got involved in several Polish church groups playing in a band and attending different courses and Bible Studies where I met many interesting people.

However, I experienced a very difficult time: a few of my friends decided to leave the Catholic Church to create their own non-denominational church. I was left with many questions in my mind and I experienced a deep crisis. I was forced to go deeper in faith and to seek greater understanding of the Church, of who I am and what I believe. Soon I began receiving answers to many of my doubts and questions. My faith deepened and I began to see many things from a new perspective. My prayer life changed and I was interested in Catholicism like never before.

Surprisingly for myself, I began to be attracted to priesthood even though I never considered it before. I realised that I should allow God to act and if this is His will to let me follow this way. This process took about three years. At the end of 2017 I began formation in the Society of Christ in Poland. I felt that I was a Pole living abroad and the Society works among Poles living abroad often running bi-lingual parishes in the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, UK, and many other countries.

Perhaps some young people from your parishes should consider vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please pray for vocations in your personal prayer and in your families.

Seminarian Pawel Osinski, The Society of Christ





Gdy Jezus zauważył, jak zaproszeni goście wybierali sobie najlepsze miejsca przed ucztą, powiedział: «Jeśli cię kto zaprosi na ucztę, nie zajmuj pierwszego miejsca, by czasem ktoś znakomitszy od ciebie nie był zaproszony przez niego. Wówczas przyjdzie ten, kto was obu zaprosił, i powie ci: "Ustąp temu miejsca!"; i musiałbyś ze wstydem zająć ostatnie miejsce. Lecz gdy będziesz zaproszony, idź i usiądź na ostatnim miejscu. Wtedy przyjdzie gospodarz i powie ci: "Przyjacielu, przesiądź się wyżej!"; i spotka cię zaszczyt wobec wszystkich współbiesiadników. Każdy bowiem, kto się wywyższa, będzie poniżony, a kto się poniża, będzie wywyższony». [Łk 14, 8-11]

Pokora jest cnotą potrzebną zwłaszcza ludziom bogatym i wpływowym. Chroni ona przed pychą, pozwala doświadczyć Bożego miłosierdzia, umożliwia poznanie tajemnic Boga, skłania do oddawania Mu należnej czci.

Pokora pozwala ustrzec człowieka przed błędnymi dociekaniem, które są skazane na niepowodzenie. To dzięki pokorze człowiek podoba się Bogu, który pokornym chętnie objawia swoje tajemnice.

W pierwszym czytaniu z Mądrości Syracha czytamy: „O ile wielki jesteś, o tyle się uniżaj, a znajdziesz łaskę u Pana. Wielka jest bowiem potęga Pana i przez pokornych bywa chwalony. Na chorobę pyszałka nie ma lekarstwa, albowiem nasienie zła w nim zapaściło korzenie. Serce rozumnego rozważa przypowieści, a ucho słuchacza jest pragnieniem mędrca.” [Syr 3, 18 + 28-29]

Wzorem uniżenia i pokory jest nasz Pan – Jezus Chrystus, który uniżył samego siebie, przybrał postać sługi, umywał nogi swoim uczniom i poniósł poniżającą śmierć za nasze grzechy. Uczmy się Go naśladować.

Kl. Paweł Osiński

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 1 Sept	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Rose Fairley RIP</i>	9.30am Mass MM <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass JB	9.30am Mass SH <i>Ramsell Salazar RIP</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>People of the Parish</i>	22nd Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 2 Sept	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Monday 22nd week of the year
Tue 3 Sept	No Service	6.00pm Mass SH <i>Mary McDonnell RIP</i>	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Memorial of St Gregory the Great
Wed 4 Sept	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Barry Beaotts</i>	No Service	No Service	Wednesday 22nd week of the year
Thu 5 Sept	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Gina Ritchie</i>	No Service	No Service	Thursday 22nd week of the year
Fri 6 Sept	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Irene Gill</i>	No Service	No Service	Friday 22nd week of the year
Sat 7 Sept	5.30pm Vigil SH <i>Bill McArthur</i>	9.30am Mass SH 6.30pm Polish PK	No Service	No Service	Saturday 22nd week of the year
Sun 8 Sept	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass IW <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass SH 5.30pm Mass SH <i>Jim Baxter</i>	9.30am Mass IW <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>Rose Fairley RIP</i>	23rd Sunday of the Year - Year C