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SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2019

29th Sunday of the Year - Year C - Mission Sunday

In the parable of the unjust judge, Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to lose heart. The judge is approached by a widow - she represents the powerless ones. It is presumed that she has right on her side. But the judge is not interested in the rights of a penniless widow. If he is to intervene it must be worth his while. However, when she persists in her plea, he finally relents but only to get rid of her.



The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If an amoral judge can be moved by the persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful ones who cry out to him continually. The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer or will they throw the towel in and abandon the faith just because their prayer isn't answered immediately?

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 ...

Mission Sunday: Extraordinary Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer you the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to their work in mission countries and are a concrete way in which you can support the universal Church.

Weekday Masses: On each weekday there will always be a Mass somewhere in the cluster. Sometimes there may be two or three depending on clergy availability. Please also be aware that the weekday Mass schedule can change at the last minute as various pastoral needs crop up that Fr Simon has to respond to. Please be patient - Fr Kenneth will be back soon!

RCIA: This coming week the group will meet on Thursday at 7.00pm in St Peter's, this week we will be starting to look at Judaism.

CIC Class: Our sacramental preparation classes for those children who don't attend a Catholic primary school will start on Saturday 26 October from 10.15am - 11.00am in St Andrew's church hall. Please contact Karen in the parish office if you want to register your child.

Youth Club: The Youth Club will meet again on Sunday 27 October from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn where the children will enjoy a Halloween Party.

Can you help? A reminder that the Mary's Meals appeal will be here next week. You can assist by donating any unwanted clothing (including bags/belts/shoes) and household textiles (towels/curtains/bedding - excluding pillows & duvets) and soft toys. Their volunteers will be visiting St Peter's 9.30 Mass and St Andrew's 11.30am on Sunday 27 October. They are not able to uplift bric-a-brac and cannot collect any donations in the evenings or from home addresses.

The One World International Family Night: Will be held in the Lanthorn on Saturday 2 November from 6.00pm - 10.30pm. Tickets now on sale as follows St Philip's (Alex 07851 373 165); St Theresa's (Daniel 07946 199 406); St Peter's (Judith 07428 761 323); St Andrew's (Kas 07908 491 058); Polish Community (Anna 07549 875 811). The One World Group are looking for raffle donations for the event and they can be given to Maureen Rolfe.

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal: Brochures are now available. Please choose to fill either a family or elderly box. Items should be new and should not include food, medicines, books, tea/coffee. Boxes will be collected from the Lanthorn on 10 November.

Food Hygiene Training: We are arranging a food hygiene training course to take place one evening in the near future (exact date to be confirmed) and would like more people to come forward to do this so we are covered. Please hand your name into the parish office if you are interested.

Healing Service: Led by Fr Jeremy Bath and to be held on 21st October 2019 at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas RC Church, 34 West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ, starts at 19.30. Come and experience the healing power of Jesus. All welcome.

Next Sunday's Readings (27.10.19): Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

Recently Deceased: Ellen Shiels, Vincent Moran, Helen Donnelly, Mariusz Kubiak, Theresa Devlin **Anniversaries (October):** Peggy McGillivray, Alan Broom, baby Malgorzata Bednarczyk, John McGahan

ST PETER'S ...

Rosary Group: Meet on Wednesday at 10.15am in the side hall. Knit & Natter starts at 12.30pm.

Confessions: There will be no Confessions in the parish on Saturday 26th as Fr Simon needs to be elsewhere.

Ghana Project: Tonight, Fr John will chat about his Ghana project at the 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass. Next Sunday, we will welcome him to the 9.30am Mass. I am delighted to let you know since we kick started this collection we have already raised over £700. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Vincent Moran RIP—Vincent's remains will be received into the church on Friday at 9.50am followed by requiem mass at 10am. This will be followed by committal at the crematorium at 11am.

Last Sunday's Collection: £843.59; **Church Stall:** £69.47; **Donation from Knit and Natter:** £50.00

ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: £456.56;

Bonus Ball: £112.00 **Bonus Ball**

Winner: 05/10/19 No. 58,
12/10/2019 No. 58.

ST PHILIP'S ...

Last Sunday's Collection: £471.97;

200 Club: TBC; **Sanctuary Candle:**
Protection for Pope Francis.

ST ANDREW'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall this weekend, 19 & 20 October. The autumn/winter catalogue is now available.

Warning: Please be vigilant with valuables. There has been handbags, wallets and money stolen from St Andrews over the last two weeks. Please do not give any money to anybody that asks. Get their name, address and telephone number and someone from SVDP will contact them to provide appropriate help if needed.

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £2795.00. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £878.29

Building Fund: £201.97; **Sanctuary Candle:** Bill McLaughlin

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and gave you a drink? Jesus replied, 'in as much as you did this for the least of mine you did it to me.'" (Matthew 25)

Some time ago I found myself thinking about what happens to children who would normally get breakfast at School. I approached our wonderful and large SVP group at St. Peter's and asked them to think about setting up some kind of 'café' in the mornings of a school holiday week. But then we realised that most of the members of our SVP group have full-time jobs! However, undeterred I felt we should pursue the idea. And this last week it came to be.

In conjunction with Melissa Byrne, Family Link Worker at St. John Ogilvie's Primary school we piloted a 'Breakfast Club' (eventually we'll give it a real name!) at St. Peter's for some of our families to provide a wee bit of extra support in the holiday periods. (This wasn't advertised in the parishes as it was a pilot scheme to see what the response might be). On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.30 til noon a small number of parents and their children were welcomed in to the Side Hall of Peter's by a very willing team of Volunteers from our parishes and Melissa herself. The Team have deemed it a fantastic success at many levels ... parents with very active children getting a breather and a cup of coffee whilst their kids were kept busy with games (and general running around) with the volunteers in the Main Hall of the church building, 'inter-generational' activities – all good for the emotional well-being of everyone involved, some parents and children who perhaps wouldn't normally have a 'church' connection meeting parishioners and being fed and watered by them, Melissa herself becoming part of a team in an activity she would normally co-ordinate on her own. It was wonderful to see and be part of such a simple and practical expression of love and given with such kindness and generosity by those who offered to help. In short, relationships were created that benefitted everyone involved and we now hope that this will be a regular feature of the important pastoral 'outreach' work from St. Peter's. We're now going to plan ahead for the Xmas period. Perhaps it's something you might consider getting involved in? All volunteers must, of course, go through the usual checks to be able to work with children in the parish. This is another reason we've asked for volunteers to come forward to get a Food & Hygiene Certificate to help with onsite catering. And if you do – simply let Karen in the Parish Office know that you'd like to get involved.

Meanwhile, in 14 days or so 'he'll' be back ... (not that I'm counting the days) and then I'll be ORFF for a fortnight. And just to save me telling it over and over again I'm going to Carlisle where I have family who are going away for a month leaving a nice, empty house with a log fire! Cosy evenings await and no phone constantly ringing ... BLISS!

Fr S

WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, czytanie z Księgi Wyjścia mówiące o tym jak Amalekici przybyli, aby walczyć z Izraelitami w Refidim, pokazuje jak ważna jest wytrwałość w modlitwie: *gdy Mojżesz trzymał ręce podniesione do góry, Izrael miał przewagę (...)* Gdy zdrętwiały Mojżeszowi ręce, Aaron i Chur podparli jego ręce. Jak wygląda nasza modlitwa? Czy jest wytrwała? Czy odmawiamy razem w naszych rodzinach różaniec? Czy pamiętamy na modlitwie, że **Naszą pomocą jest Zbawiciel świata. Naszą modlitwę powinniśmy „dokarmiać” Biblią, bo: Wszelkie Pismo jest przez Boga natchnione i pożyteczne do nauczania, do przekonywania, do poprawiania, do wychowania w sprawiedliwości.** Czy pamiętamy każdego dnia, że *Żywe jest słowo Boże i skuteczne, zdolne osądzić pragnienia i myśli serca.*

Wdowa z Ewangelii, przychodząc często do sędziego z prośbą: *Obroń mnie przed moim przeciwnikiem* – odniosła sukces przez swoją wytrwałość! Jezus przypomina mnie i tobie: *A Bóg, czyż nie weźmie w obronę swoich wybranych, którzy dniem i nocą wołają do Niego, i czy będzie zwlekał w ich sprawie?* Tak wielu ludzi nie pamięta o modlitwie dziękczynienia i błagania w naszym świecie. Pytanie Jezusa jest także pytaniem o żywą wiarę w naszych sercach: *Czy jednak Syn Człowieczy znajdzie wiarę na ziemi, gdy przyjdzie?* **Październik to miesiąc modlitwy różańcowej, którą możemy i dziękować i prosić! Prośmy też o błogosławieństwo dla Polski i mądrość dla wszystkich sprawujących władzę!** – ks. Piotr

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 20 Oct	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Fola & Ben Amamize</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Jimmy Graham RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>Ruby Carroll RIP</i>	29th Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 21 Oct	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Margaret O'Rourke</i>	Monday 29th week of the year
Tue 22 Oct	No Service	6.00pm Mass SH <i>Lewis Jam</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Helen Donnelly RIP</i>	No Service	Tuesday 29th week of the year
Wed 23 Oct	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Peter + Joseph Campbell</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS <i>Isabella Forbes</i>	Wednesday 29th week of the year
Thu 24 Oct	No Service	No Service	9.30am Mass JS <i>Ruby Carroll RIP</i>	No Service	Thursday 29th week of the year
Fri 25 Oct	No Service	10am Funeral Mass <i>Vincent Moran RIP</i>	No Service	No Service	Friday 29th week of the year
Sat 26 Oct	5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Broadley Family</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Elizabeth O'Hara</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS	No Service	Saturday 29th week of the year
Sun 27 Oct	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Allison Fernandez-Douglas RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>John McGuinness</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>Theresa McGinlay</i>	30th Sunday of the Year - Year C