

ASSISTED PARISHES FUND:

The retiring collection at all the masses today in every parish of the Archdiocese is for the Assisted Parishes Fund – the means by which we share our resources with those parishes in the Archdiocese who might otherwise struggle. Thank you for your generosity.

ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY:

Thank you for your continued donations to the Society through your offerings at the Crib. The crib will be taken away after today's Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and we will give you a note of the total collected in next week's bulletin. Have you ever considered adoption? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please contact us on 0141 332 8371. E-mail: info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk
Website: www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

GOLDEN GENERATION:

Also known as the Senior Citizens' Club will resume their meetings on Wednesday 29th January at 12.30 in the Church Hall. New members will receive a very warm welcome.

LEVEL 2 TRAINING:

Attendance at Level 2 training is mandatory for all PVG volunteers. Please check the notice boards for details of available training opportunities and sign up by contacting the Safeguarding Team Jillian Whalley or Georgie Lanagan on 226-5898 or email Safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk to register. Only volunteers who register can attend the training. Please note a session is available at Christ the King which will be handy for many parishioners. A note of all the available dates for Safeguarding training sessions can also be found by following the Safeguarding link on the diocesan website at www.rcag.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

17-24 July 2020, by air from Glasgow. Seven nights full board: £948 for Hotel Padoue, Hotel Solitude or Hotel Eliseo. £799 for hotel Agena. £495 for seat only. Enquiries: Independent pilgrims – call Joe Walsh Tours on 0141 530 5060 or e-mail info@jowalstours.co.uk Assisted pilgrims – call Elizabeth McKee 0141 558 0994 or write to 125 Cortmalaw Crescent, Robroyston G33 1TD.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY SERVICE:

A service will take place on 9th February 2020 at 4pm in St Peter's Church, 46 Hyndland Street, Partick, G11 5PS. The main speaker is Professor Anthony Reddie, Director of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture, a leading scholar in the field of black theology and editor of *Black Theology*. All welcome. Refreshments will be available in the hall.

SCIAF VOLUNTEERS:

SCIAF is looking for volunteers to help during Lent. Could you do a short talk about our Wee Box Big change appeal at a parish during Lent? Please contact Louise MacLeod at 0141 354 5555 or getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk to find out more. Thank you.



For some time now we have been unable to run the children's Liturgy due to a lack of leaders. This service is greatly missed by both parents and children. Please, please consider giving your time to this very valuable parish service. No special training is required except the statutory

Safeguarding Training which will be provided.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:

Here is the timetable for the celebration of Sacraments for children in Saint Helen's for the coming year:

- **Confirmation:** Children in P7 are due to be confirmed at Holy Cross Church on Monday 17th February, they should attend preparation classes at Holy Cross Church on Saturdays 1st, 8th and 15th February from 10am-12.00pm. Any children being confirmed at this celebration must register with Mgr. Paul so that their names can be put forward to Holy Cross for the Ceremony. (*please note that children at OLA Primary or Saint Conval's will have their own arrangements since they are part of a different cluster*)
- **Reconciliation:** First Confession for children in Primary 3 will be on Saturday 21st March, with preparation sessions in the parish for the three preceding Saturdays. Again, please come in to the Sacristy and register your child.
- **First Communion** will be on Sunday 24th May at the 11.00 am Mass, again with preparation sessions on the three preceding Saturdays

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR:

There are still a few copies left of the Western Catholic Calendar which gives up to date information about the parishes. They are on sale at £3.20 from the stall.



SICK

We remember all the sick of the parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ken Brannan, Vera Kane, Agnes McEachen, Helen Henderson, Gerry Miller, Thomas Quinn, John Farmer, Rose Green

ANNIVERSARIES

Anna O'Donnell, Danny O'Brien, Tony McCollum, Bob Thompson, Danny Thompson, Helen McCabe, Margaret Thompson, Frank Hackett, Margaret Doogan, Michael McKenna,

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

STEWARDSHIP



Thank you for your consistent financial support of your parish:

19/01/2020 offertory	£2,086.28
26/01/2020 offertory	£2,217.07

And thanks also to the many who also support with their time and talents!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male

must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm; 9.00 am,
11.00 am and 5.00 pm

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Rosary at 9.30 am, Morning Prayer at 9.50 am and
Mass at 10.00 am

CONFESSION:

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am
Saturday 6.15 – 6.45 pm
Thursday 7.00 – 7.30 pm

ADORATION:

Wednesdays from after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm

ROSARY FOLLOWED BY NOVENA:

Thursday at 7.00 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Masses on holy days of obligation are at 7.30 am,
12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
IN THE TEMPLE



FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23(24):7-10

Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.