



St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



5th Sunday of Year B
7th February 2021

This week the Church celebrates

Wednesday Saint Scholastica



Scholastica-Benedict



CERESO BARREIRO 99

Funerals



John Divers, RIP Thursday

Susanne Semple, RIP Friday

Month's Mind Mass for Archbishop Tartaglia
on Saturday at 9.30am - live-streamed

Please pray for...

those who have died recently: Fred Reid;
John Divers; Susanne Semple; Agnes Cobain

and on the anniversaries of: Cathie Cairney;
George McKenna; Kathleen, Jessie & Jim Hughes;
Marie Carney; Freddie Shiach; Margaret McConnell;
Annie Cullen; John & Shunie Reid; Hugh Buckley

*Please email any names
that you wish to be added to the bulletin*

Sunday Masses

Churches are currently closed

St Mary's 5pm Vigil & 10am Live-streamed
St Joseph's No Mass

Weekday Mass in Saint Mary's
Monday - Saturday: 9.30am
Live-streamed only:

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1st Reading **Job 7.1-4,6-7**

2nd Reading **1 Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23**

Gospel Reading **Mark 1.29-39**

Plan ahead: make Mass make sense

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Year B

1st Reading **Leviticus 13.1-2,44-46**

2nd Reading **1 Corinthians 10.31 - 11.1**

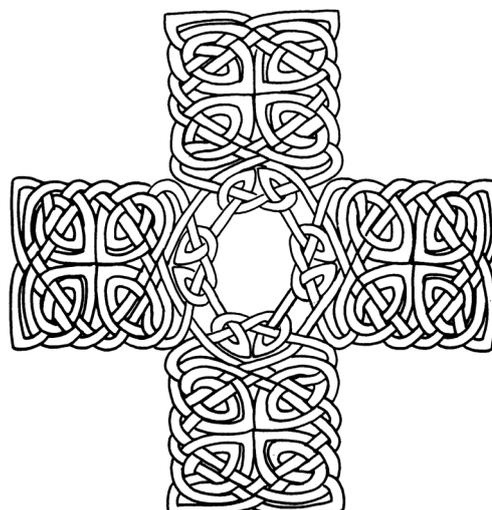
Gospel Reading **Mark 1.40-45**

Lent

Ash Wednesday
Easter Sunday

17th February
4th April

One of the parish Catechists will be offering weekly reflection/prayer sessions via ZOOM. These will be based on selected mysteries of the Rosary and associated scripture passages. If interested, contact Mary at mary5a@ntlworld.com.



Made with Love (JMJ)

would like to thank the parishioners of St Mary's and St Joseph's for their donations to us during Advent. We were able to help over 450 families within Clydebank by giving them a £25 co-op voucher and also a £10 Aldi voucher. We work with all the Head Teachers within the Clydebank schools who identified families.

We gave the vouchers with a Christmas Card for the schools to distribute. We were also able to buy some toiletries for the older children in the High Schools to give them a gift. Your donations helped us buy the shop vouchers and toiletries. Families were grateful for the vouchers. It meant that they could buy food or top up their electricity.

We continue to support families through the school network and we will do this with whatever funds we have. We rely on donations and grants and that is why we really appreciated every donation from St Mary's and St Joseph's parishioners. Edinbarnet School and St Joseph's School have started a Pantry to help families. We are going to support them with donations of food. If you would like to donate contact Christine Totten on 07837 839257.

If you would like to see the other work that we do or would like to make a donation see www.madewithlovejmj.co.uk for more information.

Pope Francis said on twitter

There is no time for indifference. Either we are brothers and sisters, or everything will fall apart. Fraternity is the new frontier for humanity on which we need to build; it is the challenge of our century.

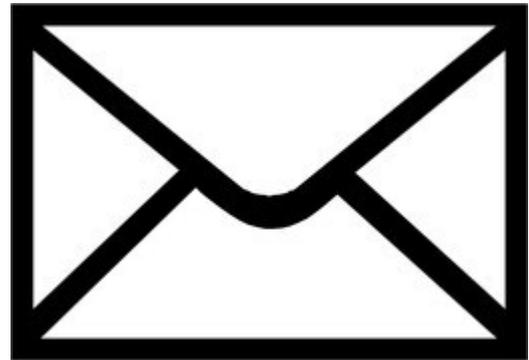
St. Mary's Gift Aid Envelopes

Due to the continuation of the Covid 19 virus we will not be providing any Gift Aid envelopes from April 2021. Should you wish to continue to support the parish, you can set up a standing order as per details below.

Parish Account: Royal Bank of Scotland;
Sort Code 83-17-10; A/C N° 00253583;
St. Mary's RC Church, Duntocher,
Archdiocese of Glasgow.

St. Mary's Building Fund: Royal Bank of
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All the time stuff

◆ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

2nd Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

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Reflection for Sunday 5B, 7th February 2021

Adverse weather and a lot of uncertainties have made the last couple of weeks difficult for many people. There are the usual questions: will it ever end, or will life ever return to normal? Most of us have probably now realised that the normal will be a “new normal” in time. The pandemic will, hopefully, end but when none of us know when that is likely to be. Many people are feeling exhausted mentally, psychologically and emotionally as their lives continue to be restricted in so many ways. For others, the lack of human contact and simply not being able to meet family and friends have proved to be a challenge. People are trying to cautiously look forward positively as the vaccine continues to be rolled out. Secondly, the thought of spring being on the horizon is a small light at the end of the tunnel. The human stories that put others before themselves are numerous, the most famous being Sir Tom Moore, (Captain Tom) who died earlier this week. His walks around the garden became a symbol of the human spirit, in a time of chronic need for the whole of humanity, to see that light could conquer darkness. Other stories and acts of kindness will also have taken place throughout the world and many local communities will have been able to pay tribute their own local heroes.

Many people, too, are struggling in their faith and are finding it difficult to see light at the end of the tunnel. The season of Lent is also on the horizon and, once again, many will have to suffer a certain emptiness as they struggle to do what they have traditionally done, no doubt for years, in Lent. Their support systems of faith are suffering from fatigue and they are looking for a new focus and sense of purpose. Their struggles maybe silent but they are not hidden and often their faces tell a painful story a broken faith that is suffering. Actions, as they say, speak louder than words. They say that often the culture of encounter and encounter with silence are more powerful expressions of faith than any human word or phrase. Perhaps these words from Tomas Halik, a priest from the Czech Republic, who has lectured throughout the world in philosophy and sociology may inspire us to keep our lives of faith alive and active at this time:

“Maybe our faith, too, was overwhelmed with lots of things, which had the nature of that “something” – our personal notions, projections, and wishes, all all-too-human expectations, our definitions and theories, the world of our stories and myths, our “Credulity.” Maybe we have not yet had our fill of all that and we want more: Give us more faith, more certainty and assurance in the face of life’s complexities!

But Christ says: “Have the faith of God,” not the “human” kind that could become lost among the ideologies and philosophies of our times. A “God kind of faith” means one that is minuscule, almost imperceptible, from the point of view of this world!

God who is preached and represented in this world by the One who was crucified and rose from the dead, is the God of paradox: what people consider wise, He considers folly, what people regard as madness and a stumbling block is wisdom in His eyes, what people see as weakness, He considers strength, what people consider great He sees as small and what they find small, He regards as great.

Are we, even in the blasts of the gale that continue to blow away so much of our religion – whether we have in mind the onslaught of atheistic criticism or the tempest of our doubts and inner crisis of faith, or the “spirit unfriendly” climate of the times – capable, the end, of discerning the liberating gust of the Holy Spirit just as the Israelites, thanks to their prophets, were able to discern “God’s lesson” in their defeat and “God’s servant in their enemy Nebuchadnezzar?”