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SUNDAY 21st January 2024.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time– Year B.

Sacrament of Confession.

St. Mary's Saturday 4.15 - 4.45pm; We are encouraged to celebrate Confession often, at least once a month. **St Joseph's 11.40. am**

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God direct our actions according to your good pleasure that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works

REFLECTION.

We are not asking God to bless what we want to do but to direct our actions, in other word our first prayer is “Lord make my will be your will” Nineveh got to stay on the map because Jonah followed Gods plan (eventually.! Hope for us all) So many good things because Jonah said yes to God. We have more to gain. In Jesus name, we can “abound in good works” We can’t abound in good works without God directing our actions. We have a choice Do we walk in the good works that God has for us or follow our own plans and the ruins of others.

Mark’s gospel is told with great urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action and events occur in rapid succession. Time is of the essence The Kingdom of God is here and now.

Would life be different if we more fully shared the sense of the immediacy of god’s Kingdom

WHAT SCRIPTURE SAID LAST WEEK.

Monday “No! New wine fresh skins” Tuesday “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath” Wednesday “Stretch out your hand” Thursday “The devils shrieked you are the Son of God” Friday” Jesus appointed twelve they were to be his companions” Saturday” Jesus went home”

THIS WEEK.

Monday Mass at 9.30.a.m. Tuesday. Requiem Mass in St Joseph’s 9.30.a.m (. No Mass at St Mary’s) Wednesday Mass at 9.30.a.m. Thursday Mass at 9.30.a.m. Friday Requiem Mass at St Mary’s at 9.30.a.m.

John Harkins. John was born in New St Duntocher in 1928, and married in St Patricks Old Kilpatrick in 1958 to Elizabeth. his wife. whom he was laid to rest beside on Thursday last.at Old Kilpatrick. There is also an effigy of a Knight Templar buried in that cemetery. John worked in the steel industry and also on the construction of the Erskine Bridge. He was 95 and a man of great faith.

Fr Michael Savage. R.I.P was born on 22nd January 1959 and for the last few years has been in the care of the Sisters of Nazareth suffering from Parkinson’s Disease. He retired in 2019 from active ministry. Michael was an accomplished artist and heavily involved with the Schoenstatt Movement and had a deep love of Our Blessed Lady. God bless him for his years of dedicated ministry as a Priest. His brother is a monk in Pluscarden and his sister an Abbess in England.

Georgina MacKinnon funeral takes place on Tuesday in St Josephs. Georgina was 84 yrs. and was looked after by her loving daughters and sons. May she rest in Peace.

Jackie Tamburini. was raised in St Stephens Parish A young woman who helped to raise her siblings and had many friends. Thanks to all the staff at Kingsacre who looked after Jackie this past while. We pray for her family in their grief.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY runs from 18th -25th January ending with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The chosen theme You shall love the Lord your God. .and your neighbour as yourself. Thursday is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. and some of our children will join us for Mass that day

FOLKS PRAYED FOR.BLESSED VISITED LAST WEEK.

Families who have lost loved ones, Marion Stewart Jessie Docherty. Edinbarnet care home. St Peter's the Apostle SLT Teachers & Pupils. Primary schools, Fr Savage funeral. Golden Jubilee Hospital. Morning Mass parishioners. We have been listening to the Book of Samuel which tells the story of a young man of faith David who kills the giant Goliath, using 5 smooth stones and a sling. And for good measure cuts off his head just to make sure. The 5 stones are often depicted as Faith, Courage, Obedience, Prayer and Gifts of the Spirit. We are called to use these when we are faced with our own Giants who block our path. These Giants can be Grief, illness Death, Hatred, Resentments and Pride. Are they in your way in your battle?

SOCIAL ACTION GROUP Are collecting a variety of clothes for the Wayside Club, which help the homeless and those in dire need of clothing. There are leaflets in the porch Please deposit them in the old baptistry area at the back. The appeal is till the end of January. Please do not leave foodstuff at the Chapel House door. Meeting of Social Action Group Thursday 25th January. 7.p.m

PARISH FINANCE. 14/1/2024

First collection St Joseph's £221.72 & £ 98.23

St Mary's First collection £1.143.79 and Church building Fund £ 550.93 Many thanks for your continual support to the Parishes.

PARISH STALLS. Can be found in both parishes Browse for cards, mass cards, Anniversary cards and many more religious items. There are a variety

of cards & gifts for Confirmation & Communion and gifts can be ordered. See Marie at stall

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This is the journey whereby we receive Adults into the Catholic Faith. 3 people have expressed desire to be received. Has a member of your family or a friend Talked to you about this.? Please hand in names and contact details to Fr. Thank you

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S 2024. Tuesday 27th February 7.pm. Primary 7 Confirmation in St Eunans. Reconciliation 26th March at 6.30.pm. Pr 4 First Eucharist 4th May at 10.a.m. Thanksgiving Mass on 12th May at 12 noon.

ST MARY'S CHILDREN 2024 Tuesday 20th Feb. at 7.pm. Pr 7 Confirmation. Thursday 21st March. PR 3 Reconciliation. Saturday 11th & 18th May First Eucharist

POPE FRANCIS FAITH AWARD

COMMENDATIONS to Anthony Donaghy. Liam Keegan. Lucas Tapley Juliette Ward. Riley McCann.

PASTORAL AREA COUNCILS the next step is to set up a pastoral area council between our 4 parishes St Stephens' St Mary's St Joseph's St Patrick's, to be identified before end of January to look at a shared mass timetable by May, to implement by the summer

ST MUNGO'S FESTIVAL 2024. You can see all the events for this year's Festival on our site buff.ly/3WsB2dj. All events are free.



R.I.P. Jackie Tamburini Danny O'Neill. Dominic Cullen (U.S.A). Margaret McGill. Sean Neeson

ANNIVERSARIES. John & Mary Farmer. Isobel Duncan (2nd). Billy Durnan (50yrs). Charlie Martin. Janette Colford. Sarah McPeake. John Gill. Elizabeth Harte (25yrs). Mary & Charles Diamond. Stephen Diamond. Hughie, Margaret & James Quinn. Alex Boden. Rose Watson (1st). Tom & Deirdre Rodgers.

TEAS & TOAST. COFFEE & BUNS resume today Sunday in the Hall after 10.a.m. Mass. 14th January Why not make a new year resolution to come in and relax a while.

