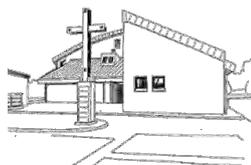




St. Joseph's Faifley

St. Mary's Duntocher



6th Sunday of Easter B
9th May 2021

This week the Church celebrates

Friday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Work in St. Mary's Church

Major work will start to the Church in June and will last for most of the month. The total cost of the work will be approximately **£40,000**. Currently there is in the region of **£35,500** in the Building Fund Account. It is hoped next week to provide a start date. There will be a number of health and safety issues, that we will need to adhere to, while the work is taking place. Once the external work has been completed and there is no further internal damage, the building will need to be painted. An initial budgeting quote would suggest this will be in the region of **£15,000**. Donations to the Building Fund will be gratefully received.

Please pray for...

those who have died recently: Jean Carney;
Annie Cairney (1 month)

and on the anniversaries of: Tommy Dolan;
Suzanna Gallacher; Davey Carey; Bill & Annie Wallace;
Joan, Philip & Willie Gill; Donald & Bridget Hamilton;
Sadie Gallacher; Joseph McPeake; Jack Wright.

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

Sunday Mass

St Mary's 5pm Vigil 10am
St Joseph's 4pm Vigil Noon

Weekday Mass in Saint Mary's

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
Church open (No booking required) - 50 max

Livestream: There are some technical issues which have occurred over the last week. The livestream will return once these issues have been resolved.

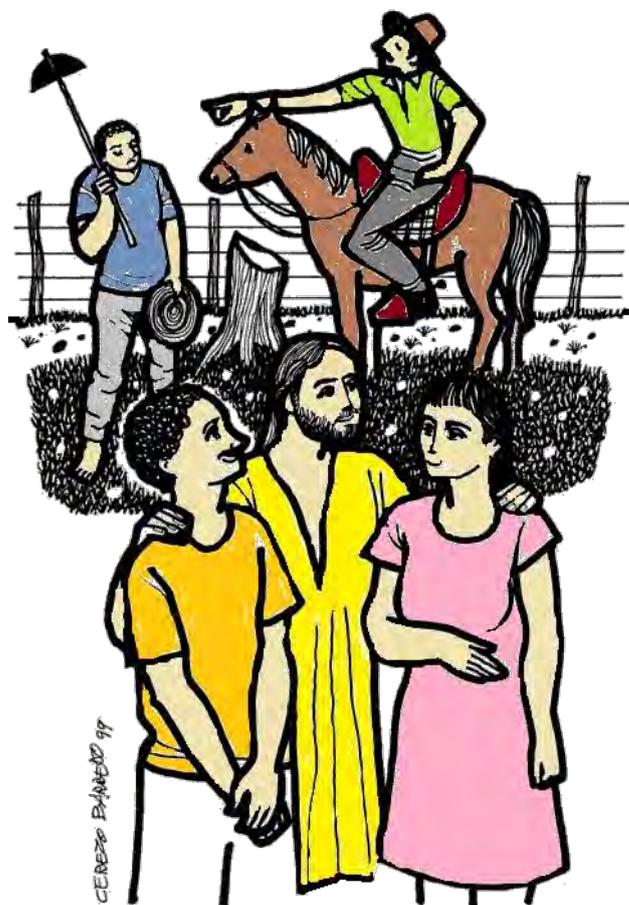
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1st Reading **Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48**
2nd Reading **1 John 4.7-10**
Gospel Reading **John 15.9-17**

Plan ahead: Make Mass Make Sense

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter B

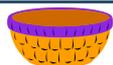
1st Reading **Acts 1.15-17,20-26**
2nd Reading **1 John 4.11-16**
Gospel Reading **John 17.11-19**



The Bottom Line

There are no Gift Aid envelopes this year

Thank you for your generosity:



St Mary	Gift Aid	Collection	Donation	Total
1st	£10	£291		£301
April	Banked♦			£2387
2nd*	£0	£660	£160	£820
April	Banked♦			£3967
St Joseph		£674		£674
April	Banked♦			£150

To support us and reduce cash handling by our volunteers, you can pay through your bank to:

Royal Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 831710

St Mary's Parish Account 00253583

St Mary's Building Account 00254571

St Joseph's Parish Account 00253591

If you can help with Gift Aid, we'll take care of that, though we might just need to give you one call.

Of course, if you do home banking, that works just as well... and more comfortably

Donations

Thanks to all those put donations through the door of the presbytery. It would be a great help if you could put on the envelope what the donation is for.

Parish overheads continue even during a period such as this.

May Devotions

Tuesday at 7pm led by Deacon John. No booking necessary. Rosary, Benediction and pre-recorded music from Jim McGinlay

Justice and Peace Scotland

"The motivating concern for the poor - who are, in the very meaningful term, "the Lord's poor" must be translated at all levels into concrete actions, until it decisively attains a series of necessary reforms."

Pope St John Paul II, Sollicitudo rei Socialis, para 42

Pope Francis said on twitter

We are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we" encompassing all of humanity.

Look

All the time stuff

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831
Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday
St. Mary's 2nd Collection: Building Fund

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SORRY, BUT NOT FOR A WHILE

Children's Liturgy Clubs Hall activities and catering

Scottish Charity SC0 18140

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Reflection for 6th Sunday of Easter B, 9th May 2021

We seemed to have experienced four seasons in one day recently from hailstones in the morning to a bright summer warm evening. It is hard to make sense of everything, as we continue to feel the impact of the pandemic in our lives. There are also countries where the Virus is totally out of control. Few of us would have expected to have seen pictures of snow which had fallen heavily in parts of Scotland at the start of May. We may feel a bit confused by all this, as it all appears a little strange. We could feel the same about prayer. As people of faith, we can find prayer a bit of a struggle. All too often, we are content to say or recite prayers. The challenge, however, is to make time for prayer. What does prayer involve? Sometimes, we can have some crazy ideas about prayer that can be a bit dangerous if we are not careful. Put simply, prayer is about our conversation with God, with whom we can talk and, hopefully, listen to as well. The danger, for us, is that prayer can become a monologue when we do all the talking and none of the listening. If we can listen to God, then we need to be silent. Silence is not something that comes easily to us. It makes us uncomfortable. Some of the most powerful encounters with God are often found in silence. The encounter with silence often speaks a thousand words. We might want to find a guidebook or a strategy that would outline a map to a life of prayer. We would hope it would make our life of prayer that bit easier. The chances are that we need a route map to prayer in our daily lives. The crossroads of faith can bring experience and encounter together in a life of prayer. Therefore, we should take some encouragement from these words of Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, a Jesuit priest who has written on prayer and how we might be able to apply it in our daily lives regardless of our circumstances or our life of faith.

“One of the greatest mystics of all time, St. Ignatius of Loyola, believed that the prayer exercise called the “Examen” should be the most important quarter-of-an-hour of a person’s day, and yet today most Christians have never even heard of it. Why is the Examen so valuable? St. Paul exhorts us to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). I’ve learned that the closer I get to Christ, the more I really long to be with him always. It’s not that I desire to be kneeling in a church or sitting in a comfy prayer-chair all day. I love the buzz of my life – the endeavour of human activity – too much to be sitting in contemplation all the time. No, what I long for is to have Christ join me in all the adventures and tedium of my active day. I love Christ so much that I want to share every minute of it with him.

My faith tells me that God is everywhere at all times, and that Christ is in my heart and embedded in all of creation - regardless of how conscious I am of his presence at any given moment. That’s wonderfully consoling, but I want more! I want to feel his presence all the time. I want to feel him not only when I leave the nitty-gritty of my life and go to Church; I want to feel his presence always! And I want to share with him even the smallest details of my life; the irritating email I just received and the pleasant smile of the woman at the post office; the dread in my heart for the difficult meeting I’m about to step into and also the delight of biting into that perfectly sweet and crunchy apple during my break. I want to talk to Christ about the stupid thing I just said to my boss and also the little victory I had in getting that boring multiday task completed. Sure, I want to share with Christ the really big things: my grave sins and my overwhelming consolations, and I will share those big things during my meditation and when I go to Mass or confession. But the closer I grow to Christ, the more I want to share with him the seemingly insignificant changes as well. I know that he’s there, in the midst of it all, and I long to tap into his presence right there in the mud and muck, the pencils and French fries of my uncomplicated yet incredibly ordinary life. This is why the Examen is so awesome and powerful. It brings my nitty-gritty to God and God to my nitty-gritty.”

Mark E. Thibodeaux, s.j, “**Reimagining the Ignatian Examen,**” pages vii/viii.