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***The Year of the Priest
Sunday 30th August 2009
Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year [B]
The Year of Mark***



SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY [anticipated Mass of Sunday] : 6.00 p.m.

SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.00 a.m.

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday after Morning Mass
Saturday from 5.30—6.00
On request any other time

**Fr Bernard O'Connor OSA will celebrate Mass on
Thursday and Friday of this week.**



COLLECTIONS

Sunday 23rd August

£971.89

THANK YOU

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will resume again on Wednesday from after mass until 4.30 p.m.

Please pay a visit to the Blessed sacrament during the day.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word continues for children up to Primary 4 [those who have not yet received the Sacraments of Initiation]

YEAR OF THE PRIEST

The next celebration will be Mass, in honour of Mary, Mother of Priests, in St Anne's Church, Thomas Street, Carnoustie, on Monday 7th September, at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

WELCOME

To Fr Bernard O'Connor OSA who will be in Scotland, at Kinnoull, next weekend, leading a retreat. He will celebrate Mass here at 9.30 on Thursday & Friday while I am at a CHAPS Conference. He looks forward to renewing friendships.

BINGO

There will be a PRIZE BINGO in aid of Wellburn on Sunday 27th September at 7.00 p.m., in St Mary's [Lochee] Church Hall. Admission is £1.00, including refreshments

WELCOME

Welcome again to Fr Edward Vella, from the Diocese of Gozo [Malta] who will celebrate our Masses this weekend as I cover St Ninian's on Saturday and Carnoustie & Monifieth on Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Mhari McGregor & May Clark*, recently deceased; for *Rose Cabrelli, Mary Helen Donachie, Margaret & John Palmer, Robert Findlater, David Donnett, Irene Gormley, Ellen Doig, Mary Malone, Ella Whyte, Michael Cassidy, Canon Gerry Keegan & Canon Charles Adamson* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Pray also for: *Canon Connolly, Sheila Noble, John & Jenny Davidson, Alison Duncan Nan Grant, Thea Atkinson, Jenny Robertson, Gloria Thomson, Agnes Ivany, Mary McIrvine & Irwin Robertson* who are sick or in hospital.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

TO CARFIN

in honour of St John Ogilvie

Sunday 6th September

3.00 p.m.

Mass with Cardinal O'Brien and the Bishops of Scotland

Preacher

Rt Rev Joseph Toal,

Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

The Bishop of Lourdes, Rt Rev Jacques Perrier will be guest of honour on this special occasion and he will give a reflection on the Lourdes Jubilee Year of 2008.

VOCATIONS NEWS - SEMINARY APPLICANTS YEAR

Those who may be considering applying for seminary and wish to take part in the Seminary Applicants Year should contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Canon John Harty. The Seminary Applicants Year is a year-long programme of prayer and discernment which is required of those preparing for the seminary and wishing to study for the diocesan priesthood. For more information see www.priestsforscotland.org.uk

The Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on Thursday 17th September at 7.00 p.m., in St Andrew's Cathedral. The preacher will be Fr Martin Pletts.

BACK PACK APPEAL

Mary's Meals is a campaign set up to provide school children in countries such as Malawi, Uganda and Liberia with at least one decent meal a day and currently feeds around 300,000 children. Many of these children lack the basic equipment for school which our children here take for granted. The Back Pack Appeal aims to provide these kids with a school-bag and the essential items needed for school e.g. pencils, exercise books crayons etc. If you would be interested in helping with this appeal and would like to know more please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or phone Brida Tennant(826870), Pat Gray(580819), Ben Johnston (858129), Fiona McHugh(827657) or any of the ladies who do tea on Sunday after 11.00 Mass.

Catholic Papers are on sale at the back of the Church, including the latest edition of Open House.

In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer:

Archbishop Conti lends voice of support to Lockerbie decision
While in Knock Cardinal O'Brien comments on difficult times for the Church
US Bishops fight against Obama's healthcare bill over abortion fears
Being a Christian is hard says Pope
Bishop Jaques Perrier of Tarbes and Lourdes coming to Carfin and Edinburgh
Pluscarden Abbey holds sacred music symposium

I was recently asked why there are never any jokes in the newsletter these days..... Well...

The elderly priest, speaking to the new priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked. The front of the church fills first."

The young priest nodded and the old one continued, "And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock' n roll gospel choir. We are packed to the balcony." "Thank you, Father," answered the young priest, "I'm pleased you're open to the new ideas of youth."

"Well," said the elderly priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru Confessional." "But Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions have nearly doubled since began that!" "I know son," replied the old man. "But that flashing neon sign, "Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell," can't stay on the church roof!"

GIFT AID - TAX YEAR 2008/09

We have recently received a cheque for £7,653.49 from the Inland Revenue as our Gift Aid Returns for the past tax year. This has come from a total of 83 parishioners contributing £27,135, allowing us to recover £6,783.75 and a further £869.74 in transitional relief. Firstly and most importantly, many thanks to all those who Gift Aid their Weekly Offerings. Thanks to Brida and Margaret who administer the system for the parish. Please consider completing a simple Gift Aid Declaration if you pay Income Tax. There must be more than 83 Tax Payers in the parish.

LIP SERVICE OR REAL LIVING?

Let us not look down too haughtily on the Pharisees who clashed with Jesus over what constituted true worship with God. The majority of them were the best of people, who devoted their lives completely to guiding souls to God. It would be easy and comforting to simply dismiss them as a group of pious hypocrites. We should assume their sincerity in being shocked and outraged at the way Jesus departed from Jewish tradition. To make matters worse he told them they had missed the whole point of religion, which was to worship God with a sincere heart. Because they had made external observance, the supreme test of goodness, their religion had sunk to the level of mere lip-service. Their worship was worthless, an empty shell, nothing more than a bundle of pious practises.

Our Lord is pointing out something he wants us to notice. Christ's words to the Pharisees are a challenge and we can hardly deny that they apply to us also. The attitude of the Pharisee lurks within all of us, so a warning about it is never out of place. Jesus is appealing to us to be on our guard against merely external compliance with ritual. If we are to keep our worship of God in true focus we must call attention to what we are doing. Jesus is telling us that while man looks to appearances, God looks to the heart and cannot be deceived. He is demanding that our innermost thoughts as well as our outward actions stand up to God's scrutiny. We are to be continually searching out what God wants of us, purifying the way we live, and practising our religion. It is surprisingly easy for our prayers and Mass-going to sink into an empty ceremony, for our worship to become heartless and without love.



The big temptation is to not to ask what our motives behind coming to Mass today were — to fulfil our Sunday obligation, to be seen, to parade our latest style or to worship the Lord with real devotion in our hearts? Could we be among those who take down a belief every Sunday morning but have it tucked away carefully as soon as we come home from church. There's no denying that some members of every Sunday congregation fall into the category of mere spectators. Remember, going to Holy Communion is good

provided we are striving to become more Christ-like in our daily lives, which receiving the Lord is all about.

Wearing a religious medal or going on pilgrimage does not necessarily make us good Catholics. Joined hands are no substitutes for sincere prayer, coming from the heart. It is very easy to depart from God's will and appear religious at the same time, but lip-service, however well performed, falls short of worship. To be more than Sunday Christians, the love of God must flow into our daily lives and into our work place.

