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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]
Sunday 26th August 2012

This week:

Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00

Monday: Mass at 9.30 [with School]

Tuesday: Funeral Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Joan Halliday]

Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

No Eucharistic Adoration till September

Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Wedding Mass at 1.00 p.m. [Keith Chalmers & Stephanie Sandeman]

Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday before Vigil Mass and on request at any time except Sunday

Next Sunday is the 22nd Sunday of year B

THANKS to Fr Edward Vella for his time here in August. He left a message of thanks for your kind welcome and warm hospitality, and hopes to be back next year.

Please consider buying a Catholic Paper, especially the Scottish Catholic Observer, which is available at the back of the Church.

**Last week's collection was £1060
of which £600.50 was Gift Aid.**

A Memorial Mass for Brother Bede will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritas Vincent Logan in the Our Lady of Victories [St Mary's, Forebank] on Wednesday 29th August, at 7.00 p.m.

Teas and Coffee are available in the Hall after 11 o'clock Mass each Sunday. All welcome. Profits to SCIAF.

Please pray for: Deacon David Forsyth, Joan Halliday [Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m., celebrated by Mgr Hendry], Margaret Robertson, Peter McCann & Margaret Lesslie **recently deceased.**

Pray also for: Canon Gerard Keegan, Canon Charles Adamson, Barbara Henderson, Helen Donachie, Guiseppe Baldini, Denis Maloney & Ella White **whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

Pray also for Tom Menzie in hospital and all who are ill at home.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 11 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Children from P1 to P4 are welcome.

Our school will have Mass to mark the start of the school session on Monday morning [Feast of St Monica], at 9.30 a.m.

We pray God's blessing on the year ahead as primary 7 lead the Liturgy for us.

Diocesan Vocations Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, on Thursday 13th September, at 7.00 p.m.

National Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland, will be on Sunday 9th September, at Carfin Grotto. Celebrated by Cardinal O'Brien with Bishop Stephen Robson, Auxiliary Bishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh as preacher.

St Columba's Parish, Dundee SVDP will celebrate their 50th anniversary with Mass on Friday 31st August, at 7.00 p.m. Members of the SVDP Conference invite you to join them on this special occasion.

**A Message for
Marriage Sunday - 26 August 2012
from
The Bishops' Conference of Scotland**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

In all things, we as Catholics look to Jesus Christ as our model and teacher. When asked about marriage He gave a profound and rich reply: "Have you not read that the Creator, from the beginning, 'made them male and female', and said: 'This is why a man must leave father and mother and cling to his wife and the two become one body.'" (Matthew, 19: 4-5) In the Year of Faith, which begins this October, we wish to place a special emphasis on the role of the family founded on marriage. The family is the domestic Church, and the first place in which the faith is transmitted. For that reason it must have a primary focus in our prayerful considerations during this period of grace.

We write to you having already expressed our deep disappointment that the Scottish Government has decided to redefine marriage and legislate for same-sex marriage. We take this opportunity to thank you for your past support in defense of marriage and hope you will continue to act against efforts to redefine it. We reaffirm before you all the common wisdom of humanity and the revealed faith of the Church that marriage is a unique life-long union of a man and a woman.

In circumstances when the true nature of marriage is being obscured, we wish to affirm and celebrate the truth and beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony and family life as Jesus revealed it; to do something new to support marriage and family life in the Catholic community and in the country; and to reinforce the vocation of marriage and the pastoral care of families which takes in the everyday life of the Church in dioceses and parishes across the country.

For that reason, in the forthcoming Year of Faith we have decided to establish a new Commission for Marriage and the Family. This Commission will be led by a bishop and will be composed mostly of lay men and women. The Commission will be charged with engaging with those young men and women who will be future husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and with those who already live out their vocation to marriage and parenthood in surroundings which often make it hard to sustain and develop the full Catholic family life we cherish.

We wish to support too, those who are widowed, separated and divorced and all who need to feel the Church's maternal care in the circumstances in which they find themselves. The new Commission will promote the true nature of marriage as both a human institution and a union blessed by Jesus. The Commission will be asked to develop an online presence so that prayer, reflection, formation and practical information on matters to do with marriage and family life can be quickly accessible to all. It will also work to produce materials and organise events which will support ordinary Catholic families in their daily lives. During the course of the coming year we will ask for your support for these initiatives.

Our faith teaches us that marriage is a great and holy mystery. The Bishops of Scotland will continue to promote and uphold the universally accepted definition of marriage as the union solely of a man and a woman. At the same time, we wish to work positively for the strengthening of marriage within the Church and within our society.

This is an important initiative for all our people, but especially our young people and children. We urge you to join us in this endeavour. Pray for your own family every day, and pray for those families whose lives are made difficult by the problems and cares which they encounter. Finally, we invite you to pray for our elected leaders, invoking the Holy Spirit on them, that they may be moved to safeguard marriage as it has always been understood, for the good of Scotland and of our society.

*Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien,
President of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland.
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