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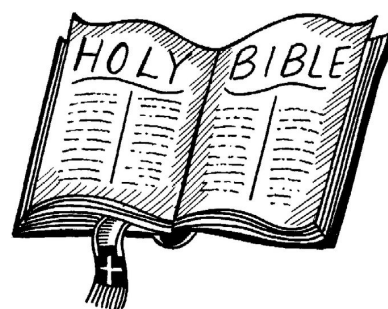
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Solemnity of Jesus Christ Universal King

24th November 2024

New Lectionary

On a recent Sunday, in our second reading at Mass, we heard the words of the letter to the Hebrews: "The Word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword, but more finely." (Hebrews 4:12) Allowing God to speak to us is one of the most important parts of any Mass, indeed the Second Vatican Council reminded us that Jesus "is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church." (Sacrosanctum Concilium 7)



Every time you come to Mass, or other services in church, an important place is given to readings from the Bible. From the beginning of December, the First Sunday of Advent, you might notice some slight changes in those readings. The Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland are adopting a different translation of those Bible passages. We will still hear the same readings but the translation from the original Greek and Hebrew will be different in places. This will apply to what we hear and also to what we read in the missalettes.

Over many years since the 1960s we have become familiar with The Jerusalem Bible translation. Why do we need a different translation? There is no such thing as a perfect translation. Every translation has its advantages and its shortcomings. Some seek to capture the original text in contemporary, modern, even simple language. Others seek to stick more closely with a word for word translation so that we hear in our own language what the original writers wrote. This is the method generally used in the new translation. Both these methods have their limits and shortcomings. No translation or method will ever be beyond criticism.

There is no suggestion that we should abandon other translations of the bible for our own reading and prayer. This introduction of the new lectionaries provides us with an opportunity that can enrich our spiritual lives. While some very familiar texts may be changed, the purpose of communicating the message of the scriptures remains the priority. Indeed, many passages will seem more appealing for those changes, causing us to contemplate the Word of God in a more helpful and challenging way. We may have become a little over-familiar with some passages and hearing them afresh in a new translation might bring new insights for hearers, readers and preachers alike.

Can I take this opportunity to thank those in our churches who carry out the ministry of Reader. The Church teaches that when the readings are proclaimed at Mass, it is God himself who speaks to God's people. Yours is a true ministry which is to be valued. I hope you will use this ministry to grow in your own love of the Scriptures.

Finally, St Jerome, who himself seventeen hundred years ago translated the Bible into the language of the people, wrote that 'ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' I encourage you to read the daily readings or a chapter of the Gospel each day at home to come to know the Bible more deeply.

I am sure that the new Lectionary can provide us all with encouragement and challenge in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, helping us to know the history of God's plan and presence in our lives, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the way we live our lives each day.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Patricia Brien; Rose Cooke; Gerry Watt.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Mark Patrick (Kent); Harry Freel; Tommy Cunningham; Kane Family (Carfin).

Heavenly Father, we come before You with heavy hearts, seeking Your comfort and peace. We ask that You grant eternal rest to our departed loved ones. May their soul find peace in Your loving embrace. Comfort those of us who mourn, and help us to remember the joy and love they brought into our lives. Guide us through our grief, and remind us of Your promise of eternal life. Amen.

Journey Through Advent 2024

The Advent Prayer Group will once again meet this year to journey through the holy season of Advent. The group is small, and they meet in St Catherine's on a Wednesday after 9.30am Mass (**starting 27th November**) to reflect on the Sunday readings. Everyone is welcome to come along and join.

'There's a Welcome in the Mat and a Cuppa in the Pot'

St Mary's Social Committee

St Mary's Social Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Afternoon Tea. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with food, fun and fizz!

A special thank you to everyone who came along to the tea, those who donated raffle prizes, our helpers on the day and our talented bakers! We are lucky to have so many parishioners contributing to make the event such a success. A magnificent sum of £1200 was raised from ticket sales and raffle.

Thank you to everyone who supports the monthly Coffee Mornings. This year £1000 has been raised from coffee morning donations.

Fr John-Paul would like to thank the Social Committee for their tremendous efforts in fundraising this year, but also too, in helping develop the social aspect of parish life. The revenue from the Social Committee fundraising events are pivotal to our parish growth, and we thank the girls for their outstanding efforts and commitment to the parish. We also recognise the wonderful group of helpers and bakers they have, and all those who support the Social Committee's events, thank you to each and everyone of you.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,096.00
Standing Orders:	£ 183.50
Votives:	£ 125.00
Stall:	£ 105.00

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Thank you *for your*
continued generosity



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>23rd/24th November</u>		<u>7th/8th December</u>	
5.00pm	R. McConnell	5.00pm	A. Haetzman
10.30am	J. Russell	10.30am	E. McCabe
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly
<u>30th Nov/1st Dec</u>		<u>14th/15th December</u>	
5.00pm	J. McBride	5.00pm	C. Jackson
10.30am	A. Servers	10.30am	M. McCusker
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>23rd/24th November</u>		<u>7th/8th December</u>	
5.00pm	M. Keenan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	C. Callaghan		J. McBride
10.30am	P. Cunningham	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	K. Lawrence		A. O'Neill
	J. McFarlane		N. Keenan
<u>30th Nov/1st Dec</u>		<u>14th/15th December</u>	
5.00pm	F. McBride	5.00pm	C. Scott
	R. Sinton		S. Callaghan
10.30am	G. Duddy	10.30am	V. Hilland
	A. O'Neill		M. Thompson
	J. McAlavey		B. Farrell

St Mary's Coffee Morning & Christmas Raffle

The next Coffee Morning will take place on **Sunday 8th December** after 10.30 Mass. The Christmas Raffle Draw will also take place at this event. The girls will start selling raffle tickets for this event at Masses from 9th and 10th November.



Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **next weekend**.

Bags of groceries can be handed in to the sacristy or to a Passkeeper, and any monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an enveloped cleared clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.



Christian Aid - Greyfriars

Greyfriars Parish Church are holding a Christmas Carol Service on **Sunday 8th December at 7pm**, to support Christian Aid Scotland.

Entry is FREE but donations will be accepted for Christian Aid. Mince pies and coffee will be served afterwards. All welcome.



Irene Littlejohn Thank you

Jimmy and Irene Littlejohn would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and messages of support received during Irene's recent stay in Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

300 Club: Sept/Oct Winner

Week 1st Sept: **300**

Week 8th Sept: **80**

Week 15th Sept: **59**

Week 22nd Sept: **21**

Week 6th Oct: **155**

Week 13th Oct: **177**

Week 20th Oct: **297**

Week 27th Oct: **25**

Just a reminder that monies can be placed in the offertory basket, along with your offertory collection, clearly marked with your name and 300 Club. Monies can also be handed into the sacristy or chapel house or paid standing order:

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If you would like to join the 300 Club please call Kathleen and leave a message 01555 662234

Christmas Show

The Choir of St Mary's invite you to *An Afternoon of Christmas Joy* in St Mary's Clubrooms on **Sunday 15th December 2024 at 3pm**.

Tickets are available from choir members and are priced at £7 each. All monies raised will go to the Wayside Club in Glasgow - supporting those who are homeless this Christmas.

The bar will be open and raffles will be drawn...

Diocesan Events

Bishop Toal will celebrate the Annual Education Mass in Motherwell Cathedral (ML1 1PP) on Monday 25th November at 7pm. All are welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

Mass for Life in St Bernard's, Shawhead (ML5 4NQ), on Thursday 28th November, at 7pm. It is on the Eve of the Vote on Assisted Dying in the House of Commons, so it will be good to gather in prayer for the outcome we hope for.

Security Measurers Phase 2

As previously reported in the bulletin, for some time now we have experienced antisocial behaviour in the church grounds and damage has been caused to the church and Clubrooms. It was decided that new security fencing and gate would be erected at the stairs and side of the Clubrooms to deter young people gathering and protect the property. We are delighted to announce that the security fencing and gate are now erected and the Social Committee have suggested using some of their fundraising money to cover these costs (£3,120). We are very grateful to the Social Committee for this gesture and very much thank all those who support their events - this shows that all money raised goes back into St Mary's and is crucial to the maintenance and advancement of our parish. Phase 3 (planting a laurel hedge along the west wall of the property) will also be completed this week.

Weekly Parish Schedule

Daily Mass & Devotions from St Mary's are broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.

Sunday 24th November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King (St Mary's)

Monday 25th November *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 26th November

- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 27th November

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.00am** Advent Prayer Group (St Catherine's)
- 7.00pm** *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

Thursday 28th November

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 7.00pm** Annual Requiem Mass
- 7.30pm** The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Friday 29th November

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 30th November *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (St Mary's)

Sunday 1st December *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (Holy Trinity)
- 12.35pm** Light Bite (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (St Mary's)



St Mary's Annual Requiem Mass

This year we are delighted that the Choir of St Mary's will provide the music for our Mass; it is very fitting as members of the choir sing at each funeral in the parish. The Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 28th November at 7pm**, please make a special effort to attend this Mass and pray for your departed loved ones. This year we remember in a special way:

<i>Moira Healy</i>	<i>Susan Gibb</i>	<i>Seamus Coll</i>	<i>Marion Wright</i>
<i>Maureen Boyle</i>	<i>Estelle Higgins</i>	<i>Kevin Reilly</i>	<i>Maureen McCulloch</i>
<i>Frank Pellow</i>	<i>Baby Luca Gunning</i>	<i>Evelyn Quinn</i>	<i>Therese Kennedy</i>
<i>Frances Neil</i>	<i>Liz Reilly</i>	<i>Brian McCardie</i>	<i>Betty Reilly</i>
<i>Paul Reilly</i>	<i>Sr Anne L'Estrange DC</i>	<i>Mary Tilford</i>	<i>Susan Campbell</i>
<i>Diane Curran</i>	<i>Roz Briggs</i>	<i>Margaret Maxfield</i>	<i>Frank Snow</i>
<i>Helen Anderson</i>	<i>June Hutton</i>	<i>Bill Smith</i>	<i>Linda Tierney</i>
<i>Kathleen Macmillan</i>	<i>Sr Angela Hanevy DC</i>	<i>Corrine Walkinshaw</i>	