

## **Fratelli Tutti.**

### **Lacking a plan for everyone.**

*Amid the fray of conflicting interests, where victory consists in eliminating one's opponents, how is it possible to raise our sights to recognise our neighbours or to help those who have fallen along the way? A plan that would set great goals for the development of our entire human family nowadays sounds like madness. We are growing ever more distant from one another, while the slow and demanding march towards an increasingly united and just world is suffering a new and dramatic set-back.*

*Pope Francis.*

### **Thought for the week.**

*“Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother and took care of him”.*

*Pope Francis.*

### **Communication about Easter.**

The first minister has announced that all-being-well communal worship could be allowed to restart around the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, Easter Monday. She also mentioned the possibility of this date being brought forward by a few days to allow the celebration of Easter and Passover. It is most likely however, that we will have to observe the current protocols concerning personal protection and restricted numbers.

### **All Parishioners.**

*We take this opportunity to thank all members of both Parishes for their kindness, their collection envelopes, and support that continue to arrive on a weekly basis. We remind you that, as part of our Lenten journey, we will celebrate a moment of prayer on Thursdays and Stations of the Cross on Fridays, both at 7pm.*

### **Sunday Collections.**

St Margaret Mary's = £179.00

St Bartholomew's = £186.00

Many thanks to all who have posted envelopes and donations through the letter box

### **Bulletins available in St. Bartholomew's porch.**

#### **Sunday Mass Readings.**

**Lv13: 1-1, 44-46.**

**Ps 31.**

**1 Cor 10: 31- 11-1.**

**Mk 1: 40-45.**

### **Justice and Peace.**

The national justice and peace network (NJPN) has organised its annual conference in July, to be held at the Hayes conference Centre, Swanick, Derbyshire on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

Organisers feel the issues of the conference should not be postponed for another year. Though planned as an in-person event, if present constraints prevent the conference going ahead in person NJPN will present the programme in a similar form as a bookable online conference.

The theme is: “**2021: life on earth – a moment of truth.**” As climate change, the biodiversity crisis and Covid19 make clear, ecological conversion is becoming a matter of life and death. Decisions need to be made this year at the November COP 26 climate summit in Glasgow, and in the context of recovery from the pandemic, are critical for salvaging a sustainable future. Inspiration will be taken from the encyclicals “Laudato sí” and “Fratelli tutti”.

[www.Justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference](http://www.Justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference)

*Recently Deceased* : - Elizabeth Maher, Rosemary Scolin, Sarah Gallagher, Betty Brannan, Dominic McCabe, Eoghan Warner, Peter Donnelly, Robert Thomson, Dean Ryan.

*Anniversaries / Months' Mind* - William & John McFadden, Packy Kelly, Alan & Bernadette Mclean 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Lizzie Flood, Alan & Bernadette McClean, Bobby Lowrie, Teresa McNeece, Isabelle Eadie, Jackie Kerr, Harry Cusack, Bridget Patricia Sowa, Sarah McCourt, John and Jean Thompson, Margaret Mary Miller, Peter Berry, Rita Burke, Elizabeth and Thomas Thomson, Susan Docherty, Charlie Duffy.

*Special Intentions* – Esperanza Cusack, Liz Maker, Ollie Webster, Tommy McKell, Mary Nichol, Jean Docherty.

### SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL.

This Lent, the SCIAF wee box appeal focuses on the ongoing crisis in South Sudan where a generation of children with disabilities are locked out of education and trapped in a cycle of poverty. Together with SCIAF, we can help these children to access the education and support they need to contribute to a brighter future. *Please consult:* [sciaf@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:sciaf@sciaf.org.uk). Wee Boxes can be obtained from the church porch at St. Bartholomew's.

### Pax Christi.

On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January an international treaty came into force. The possession and deployment of nuclear weapons will become illegal in more than 120 countries which have signed up to the new treaty so far. The nine countries now possessing nuclear weapons will have to be careful where and how they move them. That is a new logistical problem. More important, the message is now clear. Two thirds of the world think it's illegal to have them all. In the UK it makes little sense. We boast of having independent nuclear weapons. What an illusion! We do make those mass murder warheads, but we have to borrow missiles on which to put them from the United States. It's as independent as a family car on which one has to rely on some distant neighbour for the wheels. Pope Francis has shone a very powerful light on the immorality of nuclear weaponry. He has gone far beyond rejecting the use of such weapons, as other Popes have done before. In November 2017 at a meeting in Rome he went much further: *"if we take into account the risk of an accidental detonation as a result of any error of any kind, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession is to be firmly condemned"*. Pope Francis tells us that "security" based on nuclear weapons is an immoral illusion. Real human security is about food, health human rights and opportunities for all.

*Bruce Kent.*

## ***St. Bartholomew's – St. Margaret Mary's***

### ***The Catholic Community of Castlemilk***

***Under the care of the Xaverian Missionaries.***

### **2nd Sunday of Lent Cycle B – 28th of February**

*The Parishes of St. Bartholomew and St. Margaret Mary (Designated Religious Charity, Number SC018140) are parishes in the Archdiocese of Glasgow.*

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#### **Mass times.**

Masses will be live-streamed every day. Mon/Wed/Fri at 0930am, Tues/Thurs/Sat at 10am. The presiding Father will decide the venue. Saturday evening 6pm and Sunday morning 10:30.

**Parish Priest** Fr. Ian Bathgate sx

**Assistants:** Frs. Eugenio Montesi sx, Willie Hattie sx, Robert Sowa.

**Deacon:** Rev. John Cairns

#### **Safeguarding Coordinators:**

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#### **Upcoming Funerals.**

Sarah Gallagher. St Margaret Mary's 10 am. 3/3/21

Caroline Houston. Linn Crematorium 11/03/21.

Online  
Mass from  
each Parish  
streamed  
respective  
Facebook  
pages.