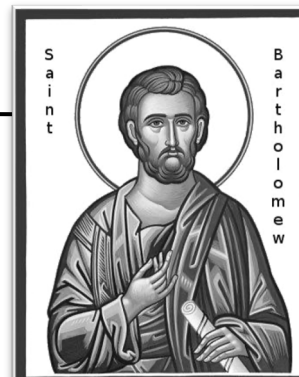


MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Moira Buchan, Thomas Cameron

ANNIVERSARIES : Linda Kelly, Kathleen Sweeney

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Andy Murray, Tiago Olim, Joe Capra, Molly Gallagher, Marie Joyce, Isobel McGuigan, Lewis Reeper, Lucas McGeever



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VOCATIONS SUNDAY

60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

ENCOUNTER - DISCIPLESHIP - MISSION

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, and since then we celebrate each year on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness.

He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people.

There is nobody who is not being called.

What is God calling you for?

(Pope Francis has written a letter to the whole Church urging prayer and support for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This letter is included as an insert in this week's bulletin. Please take this home with you and take time to read and reflect on Pope Francis's message)

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

30th April 2023

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Ian Bathgate sx

ASSISTANTS

Fr. Eugenio Montesi sx

Fr. Willie Hattie sx

Fr. Robert Sowa

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SUNDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

11:00am and 5pm

St. Margaret Mary's

6pm (vigil) and 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

9:30am, Mon / Wed / Fri

St. Margaret Mary's

10:00am, Tues / Thurs / Sat

FIRST READING : Acts 2:14, 36-41

'God has made him both Lord and Christ'

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 22

RESPONSE : *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING : 1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

GOSPEL : John 10 : 1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

1st Collection £403.34
Assisted Parishes £319.25



There will be a Diocesan 2nd collection TODAY for Ecclesiastical Students.
Thank you for all your contributions and support.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

First preparation class for First Holy Communion took place yesterday and the final one is scheduled for Saturday 13th May, 11:00am -12:15pm. Our parish First Holy Communion classes are taking place on

Saturday 20th May, 10:30am
(and NOT 11:00am as previously advertised)

Please keep all the children in your prayers as they take another important step on their faith journey.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE (extract from Archdiocese Facebook Post)

It's time to face facts. Time to work together. Time to plan for a new and better future ...

With an appeal to 'put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch' Archbishop Nolan has launched the 'Looking to the Future' initiative, designed to equip the Church in Glasgow to be a vibrant community of outreach and support in coming years.

Representatives of parishes gathered in the Cathedral last weekend to hear the challenges and learn of what is expected of them in terms of planning for the future.

Five 'Deanery Councils' have been set up to find local solutions to local challenges. These councils will be made up of a priest and lay person from each parish, and over the next two months will be asked to make an initial recommendation on three areas.

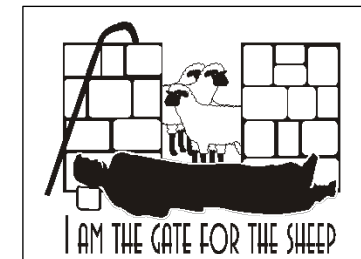
- How can each deanery best evangelise in its local area?
- How can parishes in a local area collaborate better?
- What would be the best use of resources of buildings and priests in each local area?

Our parish representative on the Deanery Council is Rosemary Gallagher. We offer our thanks and support to Rosie as she takes on this task on our behalf.

REFLECTION

From today's Gospel of John :

Jesus uses the metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep to describe his relationship with his followers. He claims to be the gate for the sheep and the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for them, contrasting himself with those who are thieves and brigands, who come only to steal and destroy.



The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that Jesus Christ leads us through the gate of salvation. In the first reading Peter calls all to conversion. The psalm reminds us that God is always caring for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The second reading tells us that when we stray, we can return to the Lord. And in the gospel Jesus promises to lead his people to safety and warns us to be cautious about who we follow.

FUNDRAISING GROUP

Meeting of the fundraising group has been scheduled for Wednesday 3rd May, 7pm, in the parish hall.

CARFIN PILGRIMAGE

A 16-seater bus has been hired for the pilgrimage to Carfin on Saturday 13th May. The pilgrimage includes Rosary procession, Mass, and Adoration, among the intentions of the pilgrimage is prayer for Peace.

The bus leaves from 2nd bus stop in Castlemilk Drive at 6.15 pm returning at approximately 10 pm. A donation has been received that enables the cost to be £6 return, payment is required in advance.

Please put your name on list at back of the church if you wish to come along on 13th May.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN AFFECTED BY DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

Next meeting of this confidential and peer support group will take place on Friday 5th May in St Patrick's church hall, Dumbarton from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. New members will be made very welcome by this group.

The group is peer led and confidential. We have a variety of ways that women can reach out before the meeting :

Twitter : @GAWomenSupport

Facebook : Faith Living (Archdioceses of Glasgow)

Email : glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com