

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (4th May – 9th May)

Video Streamed Mass usually at 3pm on Parish Facebook

Monday Mass in Private
For the Parish Priest

Tuesday Mass in Private
Marion MacRae RIP

Wednesday Mass in Private
Requiem Mass of Mary Ritchie RIP

Thursday Mass in Private
Bella MacNeil RIP

Friday Mass in Private
Donor's Private Intention

Saturday Mass in Private
Elaine MacKay RIP

Sunday Mass 10th May (5th Sunday of Easter - A)

Easter Sunday 12 noon Mass in Private
Margaret MacDonald RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement, in Morar)

Housebound visits this week..... no visits due to Lockdown

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Elaine MacKay; Margaret MacDonald 10.05.1964; Marion MacRae (died recently); Mary Ritchie (died recently); Bella MacNeil; Margaret MacDonald; Sandy MacKellaig 28/04/1926; Maimie Trybis 08.05.2009; Bob Trybis 19.01.2004; Joe Duffy 23.04.1995; Catherine Duffy; Anne MacDonald (Dalnabraec).

Eternal rest...



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Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

3rd May 2020

*R) The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*



GOOD
SHEPHERD
SUNDAY -
SUNDAY, 3
MAY 2020

Pope Francis, Rome, Saint John Lateran, 8 March 2020, the Second Sunday of Lent.

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, [I chose to write a letter to all those priests](#) who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to the Lord's call. On that occasion, I chose four key words – *pain, gratitude, encouragement* and *praise* – as a way of thanking priests and supporting their ministry.

Gratitude

According to Pope Francis, God accompanies and guides us; he

prevents us from running aground on the shores of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters. Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. "Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call" ([Letter to Priests](#), 4 August 2019). We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

Encouragement

When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (*Mt 14:27*). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: *encouragement*. What frequently hinders our journey, our growth, our choosing the road the Lord is marking out for us, are certain "ghosts" that trouble our hearts. When we are called to leave safe shores and embrace a state of life – like marriage, ministerial priesthood, consecrated life – our first reaction is often from the "ghost of disbelief". Surely, this vocation is not for me! Can this really be the right path? Is the Lord really asking me to do this? Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us and save us.

Pain

Every vocation brings with it a responsibility. The Lord calls us because he wants to enable us, like Peter, to "walk on water", in other words, to take charge of our lives and place them at the service of the Gospel, in the concrete and everyday ways that he shows us, and specifically in the different forms of lay, priestly and consecrated vocation. Yet, like Saint Peter, our desire and enthusiasm coexist with our failings and fears. If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the

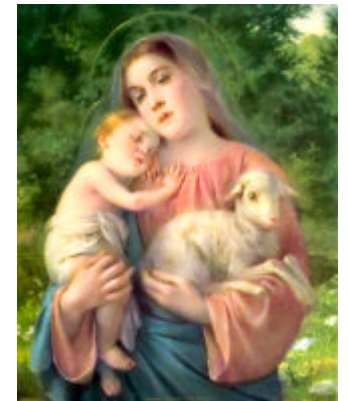
hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink. On the other hand, despite our frailty and poverty, faith enables us to walk towards the Risen Lord and to weather every storm. Whenever fatigue or fear make us start to sink, Jesus holds out his hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour. Take heart, do not be afraid!

Praise

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

Month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, this year in particular in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).



This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Jesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.

Litany of Loreto

This litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary was composed during the Middle Ages. The place of honor it now holds in the life of the Church is due to its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House at Loreto. It was definitely approved by Sixtus V in 1587, and all other Marian litanies were suppressed, at least for public use. Its titles and invocations set before us Mary's exalted privileges, her holiness of life, her amiability and power, her motherly spirit and queenly majesty.

The principle that has been followed in their interpretation is the one enunciated by the same Pius IX: 'God enriched her so wonderfully from the treasury of His divinity, far beyond all angels and saints with the abundance of all heavenly gifts, that she...should show forth such fullness of innocence and holiness, than which a greater under God is unthinkable and which, beside God, no one can even conceive in thought.' Hence, whatever virtue and holiness is found in angels and saints must be present in Mary in an immeasurably higher degree.

Lord, have mercy on us.	Christ have mercy on us.	Mother most amiable,	Pray for us.
Lord, have mercy on us.	Christ hear us	Mother most admirable,	Pray for us.
Christ, graciously hear us.		Mother of Good Counsel,	Pray for us.
		Mother of our Creator,	Pray for us.
God the Father of heaven,	Have mercy on us.	Mother of our Savior,	Pray for us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mercy on us.	Mother of mercy,	Pray for us.
God the Holy Spirit,	Have mercy on us.	Virgin most prudent,	Pray for us.
Holy Trinity, One God,	Have mercy on us.	Virgin most venerable,	Pray for us.
		Virgin most renowned,	Pray for us.
Holy Mary,	Pray for us.	Virgin most powerful,	Pray for us.
Holy Mother of God,	Pray for us.	Virgin most merciful,	Pray for us.
Holy Virgin of Virgins,	Pray for us.	Virgin most faithful,	Pray for us.
Mother of Christ,	Pray for us.	Mirror of justice,	Pray for us.
Mother of the Church,	Pray for us.	Seat of wisdom,	Pray for us.
Mother of Divine Grace,	Pray for us.	Cause of our joy,	Pray for us.
Mother most pure,	Pray for us.	Spiritual vessel,	Pray for us.
Mother most chaste,	Pray for us.	Vessel of honor,	Pray for us.
Mother inviolate,	Pray for us.	Singular vessel of devotion,	Pray for us.
Mother undefiled,	Pray for us.	Mystical Rose,	Pray for us.

Tower of David,	Pray for us.	Queen assumed into Heaven,	Pray for us.
Tower of ivory,	Pray for us.	Queen of the Holy Rosary,	Pray for us.
House of gold,	Pray for us.	Queen of families,	Pray for us.
Ark of the Covenant,	Pray for us.	Queen of peace,	Pray for us.
Gate of Heaven,	Pray for us.		
Morning star,	Pray for us.	Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,	Spare us, O Lord.
Health of the Sick,	Pray for us.		
Refuge of sinners,	Pray for us.	Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,	Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Comforter of the afflicted,	Pray for us.	Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us.
Help of christians,	Pray for us.		
Queen of angels,	Pray for us.		
Queen of patriarchs,	Pray for us.	Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,	That we may be made worthy of the pr
Queen of prophets,	Pray for us.	Let us pray- Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy	
Queen of apostles,	Pray for us.	servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by	
Queen of martyrs,	Pray for us.	the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be	
Queen of confessors,	Pray for us.	delivered from present sorrow and enjoy everlasting	
Queen of virgins,	Pray for us.	happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen	
Queen of all saints,	Pray for us.		
Queen conceived without original sin,	Pray for us.		

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SCOTLAND DRAWS UP PLANS FOR POTENTIAL REOPENING OF PARISHES

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The Catholic Church in Scotland is to approach the Scottish Government with plans for the phased reopening of parishes, according to a senior bishop.

It will establish a working group of outside advisers to draw up a strategy that would allow buildings to open again and Masses to return.

Discussions

The strategy will include social distancing, with the possible removal of pews and the suspension of the Sign of Peace, use of Holy Water at the back of churches and temporary discontinued use of hymn books and news bulletins.

Some of these measures were already in place ahead of lockdown as the Covid-19 pandemic grew in Scotland.

Bishop John Keenan, of Paisley Diocese, said the Church has been in discussions with the Scottish Government over issues such as funerals, which have been restricted to immediate family of the deceased.

An independent group will now be formed to draw up a strategy but Bishop Keenan said some changes to normal practice will be needed.

Finance

“We are not going to ask for our churches to be open when we don’t think it is safe,” he told the PA news agency.

“One priest in a big church looked at social distancing – he had a church of 500 and he said that the maximum you could get in was 60, maybe two to a bench for instance.”

He said parishes have been hit financially by the closures.

“Our diocese, we are OK for the first part of the year but the longer it goes on the tougher it will get,” he said.

Funerals

“Most Catholics still want to give money to the Church on a weekly basis if we would give them means to do so.

“Some have been furloughed or lost jobs so they might not be able to but a lot have been contacting their parish priest to ask how to donate.

“I think ultimately we will be fine because if we put in place natural and easy means where people can donate they will do so.”

Other plans include giving those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic an opportunity to say goodbye, as they may have been restricted from being present in the hospital or at the funeral.

Authorities

Bishop Keenan said: “Every priest I would say has buried someone with Covid.

“We are conscious that once the lockdown is over we’ll need to provide means for the family to grieve.”

In a message to parishioners, Archbishop Leo Cushley, of St Andrews and Edinburgh Archdiocese, said: “We’re doing what we can as bishops to speak to the Government and the authorities so that we are exploring how to move forward, what the next steps will be and how to open our churches as soon as we possibly can do so, doing it safely and doing it well.”

A Scottish Government spokesman said: “We are in regular contact with all of Scotland’s faith leaders and communities in order to understand their concerns and needs during this time, however, current guidance remains to stay at home and only travel where it is essential so there are currently no plans to reopen places of worship.

“We will engage in further discussion before communities might safely begin to consider reopening places of worship for services at the time it is safe to do so.”

Scottish Catholic Observer

Sisters launch Spiritual Adoption program in response to Covid-19



The Daughters of St. Paul in the United States begin a Spiritual Adoption program, matching Covid-19 patients and frontliners with people who pray for them.

By Sr. Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp

Just like many others in the U.S., the Daughters of St Paul are on lock down. That has not stopped the sisters from performing their communications ministry. First they began to call people who frequent their book centers. Now, they are launching a digital Spiritual Adoption program for Covid-19 patients and frontliners.

Sr Tracey Dugas spoke with Vatican News about how the program began and how people can join.

Actively reaching out

Sr. Tracey explained how the sisters have adapted the way they reach out to people due to the Covid-19 restrictions which have closed the doors to their Pauline Book & Media Centers. “We began a telephone outreach”, she explained. “We're just giving clients a phone call, you know, that human touch”. It’s been surprising, not only that people are home, but that they answering their phones, Sister continues. “The beautiful thing about it is we just want to know how people are because they are a value to us and we care about what they’re living”.

Spiritual Communion

The sisters began to realize that “there was a definite need to be present to God's people throughout the days and the weeks ahead. So we created #SpiritualCommunion, which is just various opportunities that people have to either engage in live videos with the sisters, just various ways for people to connect through presence, the wisdom, the prayer of the sisters for them”, Sr Tracey explains.

As women religious, “We have this opportunity to go to the Lord, to actively intercede, to help people focus on the positive”. The sisters have now figured out how to go digital with this hidden aspect of their lives.

Spiritual Adoption program

Spiritual Adoption grew out of this #SpiritualCommunion initiative. “We realized that over time there was this growing need for people to connect. There were tons of people out there who are on the front lines. They themselves have a sense of the overwhelmingness of the situation, whether they're doctors or they’re nurses, they’re on the front lines. It's bigger than they are”.

But more than that, the sisters also sensed that healthy people in lockdown were seeking something too. “So many people are in lockdown and they themselves have this feeling of ‘There’s gotta be something I can do to really partner with those who are kind of standing in defense or standing on the front lines for me’ ”.

Then a number of the members of one the sister’s families contracted Covid-19. As she began to accompany each one long distance, she began to realize that there were many more people in need of the same spiritual companionship. First, she enlisted the prayers of her fellow Daughters of St. Paul, then “she thought of this beautiful idea called ‘spiritual adoption’ ”.

Through the program, people who want a prayer partner, people who want to find a prayer partner for a third party, and people who want to pray are matched by the sisters. “So they're like truly connected and they each have an active role in this spiritual accompaniment”, Sr Tracy says.

How to join the program

Anyone who wants to connect through Spiritual Adoption can do so at www.pauline.org/spiritualcommunion. People can also connect through their Facebook page where they can view live videos or interviews with the sisters.

The bottom line is connecting the human with the divine, Sr Tracey emphasizes. The connection is meant to give the message that “we are not alone. Even if we're physically isolated, the Lord, through intercessory prayer, allows us to truly support each other in ways that are beyond this world, supernatural. That’s the power that we need”.

GIFT AID: We have now received our Gift Aid claim. Thank you so much for helping this way.

PARISH CEILIDH: Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, I have decided to cancel the planned Parish Ceilidh in June. Once the Coronavirus threat is over, we will reschedule. I am sorry about it as an anonymous donor already provided us with beverages for the event. They are safely stored in the Chapel House.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: There are a lot of people not well at the moment and require our constant prayers and support.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



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