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Sunday 2nd August 2020 – 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time – Year A

Regular updates on what is happening in the parish due to the coronavirus are being emailed to those who are on the Parish Distribution List (these emails come from Admin St Ninians).

Because they are a group email some email providers block them or class them as spam so please check your junk folder if you have not received them.

If you wish to receive the updates you will need to be on the Parish Distribution List, and you can join by emailing:

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Reopening the Church for the Celebration of Mass

Our church is now open for Mass. However, we need to ensure everyone is safe and physical distancing maintained at all times. We are also aware that some may prefer to continue to shield at home for health reasons.

We are limited to **50 people in total** who can attend Mass and we usually have a Sunday attendance of 120.

Thus, there are fewer spaces available than is normal. Obviously, not everyone can attend at the same time and so we have **4 options for you to choose from**.

This is what attendance at Mass will be like for the foreseeable future:

- You will be asked to wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands when you arrive.
- You will be allocated a seat by the Pass keepers.

The services will also be different from what you are used to:

- Mass will be shorter.
- There will be a shorter sermon.
- There will be no singing and no altar servers.
- Communion. The Sacred Host will be distributed at the end of the Mass so that you will be directed to leave your seat, receive Communion, and then be guided to leave the Church.
- There will be no teas and coffees in the hall after Sunday Masses.

Parish Pastoral Council

One World Group

In these difficult times, the One World Group members continue to pray the Rosary (Joyous Mysteries) in their homes at 7.30 pm each Monday evening. Please join us. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please let us know. You can contact me as below in the 'newsletter' section.

Parish Garden

The **Eco-garden** will be open every Sunday after the 10.15 mass until 11.30 (weather permitting). There is limited seating due to social distancing, though a household can sit together. You are welcome to bring a flask/soft drink or just to enjoy some company.

The gardeners will be working on **Tuesday** mornings (rather than Wed) from this week onwards over the summer period. Again, you are welcome to come and enjoy the peace of the garden between 11am and 12noon. As we are keeping the church gate locked please let us know when you are coming or are at the gate.

Carole Herbstritt 07757352433 Cath Norman 07849924232

At the end of the newsletter there are some lovely photographs taken in the garden.

Update Parish Pilgrimage: 11- 13 September 2020

Alas we will have to cancel our annual trip for this year to Holy Island, Durham and Newcastle. Neither the hotel nor the places we were hoping to visit can guarantee that safety arrangements would be in place in time for our Intended visit. The good news is.... we will go next year!!

75th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

At 7pm on Thursday, August 6, 2020, Pax Christi Scotland will hold a vigil to mark the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There will be a zoom meeting which you are invited to join. Please note that you must register in advance for this meeting as below.

When: **Aug 6, 2020 19:00** London

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZclcumtpjMsGta1_gvLQE0YSy5jZV2vRT-J

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

There are also the following events below marking this anniversary:

[Origami Peace Cranes online workshop with Shoji Masuzawa](#)

August 6, 10am - 11am

[Via zoom - please book on eventbrite to receive the link](#)

Learn how to make origami peace cranes in an online workshop with Shoji Masuzawa and hear how 140,000 peace cranes will take centre stage in a new contemporary art exhibition exploring the cultural legacy of Hiroshima

[Please spread the word by saying you are 'going' or 'interested' on Facebook](#)

August 6, 7.15pm - [The Priest's Tale featuring Michael Mears](#) telling the story of Father Wilhelm, a German Jesuit priest living in Hiroshima at the time of the first atomic bombing. Streamed live from the theatre of London's Sands Film Studio with violin accompaniment by Chihiro Ono. This event is

co-hosted by ourselves (Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre or by Pax Christi, Scotland) and any donations will help raise funds for our peace cranes exhibition.

Marking the 75th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki:

[The Doctor's Tale](#)

August 9th, 7.15m - 9.15pm

[Michael Mears has dramatically adapted](#) this account of Nagasaki 1945 by a young doctor, Tatsuichiro Akizuki, working in a small hospital in Nagasaki at the time of the second atomic bomb, detailing how he and his small staff, with very limited supplies, survived that day and the following weeks. Japanese actor, Leo Ashizawa will give a livestreamed reading of this story, with support from Michael Mears and with live musical accompaniment by Chihiro Ono.

Update on Kuba

You will remember Kuba who we have been praying for and fund raised for? Karina, Kuba's mum informed the Polish parishioners that they finally managed to fly to Poland on Sunday, 5th of July. Next week they will have medical consultations in Warsaw, and Kuba must have a current examination which is needed for the surgery possibly by the end of that week. Doctor Paley from America is planning to be in Poland from 22 of August and then after visiting him, he will set the date for Kuba's surgery. Kuba feels good and he and his family thank everyone once again for all the support and help.

Please Pray for Fr Piotr

Fr Piotr has been in contact. He has had some problems with his heart but is recovering and resting in Poland. He hopes to be back in Scotland on 15th August. Please continue to pray for his him.

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

Safeguarding Contacts

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Newsletter

Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email cmulvenna@btinternet.com

If you know of anyone who would like the newsletter emailed to you each week, please let me know by emailing me as above.

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## **Gospel, Matthew 14:13-21 – They all ate as much as they wanted**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So, as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves." But they answered, "All we have with us is five loaves and two fish." "Bring them here to me," he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

### *The Gospel of the Lord*

#### **Reflection – Acting with Courage**

*Adults:* To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ's love this week?

*Children:* Jesus fed the crowds today. How does he offer you spiritual nourishment?

The pictures from the garden are below.





