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Sunday 9th August 2020 – 19th 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

This past week Edinburgh Tool Library brought back the shortened pew which provides a seat in the meadow garden.

In April this year we started work on the wilderness. (see at end of newsletter – originally taken by Ian Torrance in March 19) Thanks to Peter and Carol White we have made great inroads. Come and see the progress!

Lockdown ditty

(to tune of The 12 days of Christmas backwards and a bit of poetic licence)

In 20 weeks of lockdown this is what we've found:

Twelve rusty cans
Lots of stinging nettles
140 bottles
Juicy wriggling worms
Stones by the million
Purple bird feeder
6 hanging baskets
5 bags of rubble
4 broken buckets
3 prickly brambles
2 water hydrants
And an upended shopping trolley.

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

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd

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National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell 0141 332 7177

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Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.

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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## **Fr Syriac**

As announced last weekend Fr Syriac will be leaving the Parish at the end of August and we would like to inform you of the following arrangements.

### **Presentation**

The Parish Pastoral Council will make a presentation to Fr Syriac at the end of each of the Masses on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

If you wish to make a contribution to this, we would ask that you put any donation in an envelope marked 'Fr Syriac' and put it in the Offertory Collection Box when you enter the church.

If you do not have an envelope there will also be a box available as you leave the church.

### **Novena to St Francis**

In addition, we invite all parishioners to say a Novena of Prayer to St Francis in thanks for the gift and ministry of Fr Syriac. The Novena will be from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. We will present the Novena to Fr Syriac at his final masses and the booklet will contain the name of all parishioners who have said the Novena. If you are, for whatever reason, unable to say the Novena please let us know.

Next week a booklet with the Novena will be issued to all parishioners.

## **Cards**

Finally, any cards with any personal messages you may like to include may be left at the church when you come for Mass over the next few weeks.

*The Parish Pastoral Council*

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Gospel, Matthew 14:22-23 – They all ate as much as they wanted

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. "It is a ghost" they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." It was Peter who answered. "Lord", he said "if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come" said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. "Lord! Save me!" he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and helped him. "Man of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection – Faith in the Lord

Adults: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat??

Children: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times??

