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Sunday 6th September 2020 – 23rd 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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Booking for Mass

Our booking system for weekend Mass is working well overall and many thanks to everyone for their cooperation. Please remember that if you do not attend one weekend it is **essential** that you phone to book when next you wish to come to Mass otherwise your 'place' will be allocated to someone else. Also ensure that you make clear if your booking is for more than one person. To book text/phone to 07710 720 774 or email des@mercattours.com

Help to clean the pews after each Mass is also appreciated. It only takes a few minutes if a fair number are involved in the task.

Special Collections

Since mid-March, when we went into lockdown and our churches were closed as a result of COVID19, there have been no special collections taken up. As previously reported the current funding of the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF) is not sustainable and there is a need to increase income in order to continue to support our Priests in their retirement. The next special collection for this purpose is due to be taken up on 13 September. A collection box, clearly marked for this purpose, will be available on the way in to church at all Masses that weekend and we would ask that you consider contributing in whatever way you can. Thank you.

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) over the summer period. Again you are welcome to come and enjoy the peace of the garden between 11am and 12noon. Carole Herbstritt 07757352433 Cath Norman 07849924232

WHY AN ECO-GARDEN?

Episode 1. The wonder of nature.

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis encourages us to re-discover a love and appreciation of the natural world which God has given us. St Francis describes nature as God's other Book of Revelation. Nature sustains us by giving us food and drink but everything is inter-connected so that insects pollinate the flowers, so enabling them to seed and reproduce providing fruit and vegetables for us. Waste is re-cycled and the soil renewed by other creatures such as dung beetles and worms and pollution avoided.

A garden helps us to appreciate these natural processes, as well as the beauty and pleasant smell of the flowers, hum of insects, and the intricacy of each living thing.

PRAYING WITH NATURE

Find a quiet place, if possible, outdoors, in a place of nature, a park or a garden, or in the eco-garden

Be aware of what you can see.
Notice the air you breathe
Be aware of the touch of air on your face,
Notice any smells,
Be aware of any sounds near, and far away.

Rest in this awareness for another 5 minutes.
Thank God for the gift of the natural world.
Try to do this exercise each day this week.

Please Pray for Fr Piotr

Please continue to pray that Fr Piotr will make a full recovery following his heart problems.

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

Safeguarding Contacts

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>
Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd
E: safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk

National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell 0141 332 7177
E: tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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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The Sister Parishes of St John the Evangelist, Portobello, and St Mary Magdalene, Bingham, are seeking an open-hearted and experienced administrator to come and join the parish house team on a flexible, part-time basis (20 hours per week) to support our two Parishes.

The Administrator will facilitate the day-to-day administrative operations working closely with the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Team. The role also involves some financial tasks such as supplier payments, basic bookkeeping, and transaction input to the accounting system. Informal enquiries and to receive full details of the role and how to apply are available from Fr. Jock Dalrymple [jockdalrymple@postmaster.co.uk](mailto:jockdalrymple@postmaster.co.uk) T: 0131 669 5447

Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 7 September with interviews anticipated week commencing Monday 14 September 2020.

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Mike Knox RIP

I know everyone will be shocked and greatly saddened at the sudden death of our beloved friend Mike Knox. He suffered a severe heart attack on Tuesday morning but, after treatment in the hospital at Dar es Salaam, he passed away peacefully in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

His funeral Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of Moshi Diocese at 11am (our time) next Tuesday 8th September in Tanzania. He will be buried in the grounds of the Sacred Heart Centre which he built on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. The link is for the Mass is <http://stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news/mikeknox/>

All of us will have tales of happy memories, humorous moments or spiritual encounters from our contact with Mike. So that we can all appreciate him to the full, we suggest that, if you wish, you write a short paragraph saying what you remember most about him, what you would like to thank him for, or what you think he achieved. These thoughts will then be collated into a short booklet and distributed at the end of the Mass in Edinburgh and/or electronically.

A token, but nevertheless sincere tribute to a most wonderful friend, counsellor and teacher. Contributions should be sent as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday 9th Sept by email to des@mercattours.com

You are also invited to participate in a Memorial Mass for Mike which will be celebrated on **MONDAY 14th September at 7pm**

Since numbers are limited to 50 in each church due to the Covid 19 regulations, we are using various sites to allow as many people as possible to attend. You may also just wish to view the Mass at home and the link will be advertised in parish newsletters as soon as it is available. You are asked to bring your own phone/ipad and a set of ear phones with you since the Mass will be live streamed from St John's Portobello to different locations and you will thus be able to log on and join in.

You are also requested to bring a candle with you which will be lit during the Mass in memory of Mike and a symbol of his entry into eternal life.

Wear something bright and lively. A Bermuda shirt perhaps?

It is **absolutely essential** that you book a place if you intend to participate.

To Book send an email to frank@mercattours.com and you will be informed of the location.

Season of Creation

This year we will again be celebrating the Season of Creation at all our Sunday masses. The Season focuses on God as Creator of the vast cosmic universe, God's revelation in Creation, and our calling to care for God's creation, protect its rich diversity and address the urgent, destructive crises threatening its health and future.

This year's theme is **Jubilee for the Earth**.

Climate change, currently one of Earth's most pressing crises, is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God's Earth. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must care for those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people.

During this season Pope Francis invites us to reflection and action and we warmly invite you to participate in a Reflection and Action group that will meet online each Tuesday during the Season of Creation.

The meetings will be in two parts:

- Prayer and Reflection on the previous Sunday's Readings and the related questions that will be in the Newsletter.
- Looking at what practical steps we could take individually and as a parish.

The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th September 7.00 - 8.00pm**.

Please email stninantriduan1@gmail.com if you would like to join us or if you would like a copy of the reflection material we will be using.

Livestreaming of Mass

We went live with our new system yesterday (Friday) but unfortunately issued the wrong link and some people were unable to view the mass.

Sincere apologies for that; if you would like to view yesterday's mass please see click below for the recording.

<https://youtu.be/eUnh3nDBYCM>

We hope we have now identified the correct livestream link which is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe3s0H-F34kn7TVdGapC6Kw/live>

Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20 – If he listens to you, you have won back your brother

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.”

“I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.”

“I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection – Helping Others Grow

Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

Children: How can you help another person do the right thing?