



## St Ninian's Parish House

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time – Year A**

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**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:**

**[stniniandtriduaana1@gmail.com](mailto:stniniandtriduaana1@gmail.com)**

### **Daily Mass**

The church will now be open for people to attend Mass at **10 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. All the rules regarding social distancing, wearing a mask etc that we follow on Sunday still apply. There is currently no need to book for daily Mass.

### **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](mailto: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 into church at all Masses that weekend and we would ask that you consider contributing in whatever way you can. Thank you.

### **SCIAF – WEE Boxes**

If you were unable to donate your WEE Box collection during Lent, there is a second chance to hand them in or to donate your WEE BOX money direct to SCIAF during September at [www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox). Your boxes can be handed into church NEXT weekend 19/20 September. All donations received will qualify for UKAID Match. Thankyou.

### **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.

## Beirut

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This article was in the Scotsman earlier this week. It is a really heart-warming story giving the lie to all the slurs visited upon refugees and migrants.

“A seven strong team of Syrian refugees, who have travelled from Aarsal are attempting to rebuild areas of Beirut, one door and one window frame at a time, thanks to the help of Scottish charity Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA).”

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/scots-charity-and-syrian-refugees-helping-rebuild-beirut-2961878>

## Parish Garden

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The **Eco-garden** is open on Sundays 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.

On Tuesday morning during creation time we invite you to join us in the garden after mass. There will be a short meditation at 11.30 to end the hour.

Carole Herbstritt 07757352433 Cath Norman 07849924232

## WHY AN ECO-GARDEN?

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### Episode 2. Bio-diversity

In *Laudato Si* we read, “Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever.” All these created species, Pope Francis says, have value in themselves, but also may be an important resource for humanity in the future. These species are disappearing almost entirely because of human activity.

In recent decades, farmers have used pesticides and herbicides to eradicate pests and weeds from their crops. But, though supposedly safe, the pesticides have affected other species-pollinators, such as bees- which are now in sharp decline. At the same time, herbicides kill the wildflowers on which bees and many other species of insects, birds and small mammals depend for food.

So, in our Eco-garden, we grow a great mix of plants, including wildflowers – weeds!- and native species attractive to bees, butterflies and other insects and birds. In this way we hope to encourage bio-diversity. We don't let the weeds take over however, but keep them under control by various non-chemical means.

We are also planting flowers which we hope can be used in the church. Flowers we buy have often travelled a long way – and one of the causes of climate change is the vast amount of transportation of goods across the world, especially when it is by air. This includes the transportation of flowers. Sometimes as well, people have very bad working conditions.

### To Do

1. Think about having some wildflowers in your garden, or plants that are particularly attractive to bees. If not, notice and appreciate wildflower patches in parks or other people's gardens.
2. Notice when you buy flowers or fresh fruit and vegetables where they come from. Can you choose to buy ones grown in Britain, or in Scotland even? Or if not Fair-Trade certified.

## Please Pray for Fr Piotr

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

## **PRAYING FOR LIFE**

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You're invited to join other Christians for 4 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

[edinburgh40days@gmail.com](mailto:edinburgh40days@gmail.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh)

## **An Update about Kuba**

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An update from Kuba's mum Karina - Kuba has had his operation and is recovering at his grandparent's home in Poland. The operation went well and he will be returning to the hospital for a check-up visit on the 11th September. Kuba will have to learn to walk again so he faces a long time of rehabilitation. Karina thanks everyone who contributed with prayers and money for Kuba. Please continue to pray for Kuba - Karina says he is in pain but is enduring this very bravely.

## **Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline**

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(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

## **Safeguarding Contacts**

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

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd**

E: [safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk)

**National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell** 0141 332 7177

E: [tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk](mailto:tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.**

## **Newsletter**

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Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email [cmulvenna@btinternet.com](mailto: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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## **Mike Knox RIP**

The Memorial Mass for Mike Knox will take place in St John's, Portobello on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm. All places have now been fully booked at St John's but there is still availability at HolyRood School and St Catherine's, Gracemount. If you wish to attend please book your place at [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com).

Copies of the Memorial Booklet for him can also be obtained from that emails address.

The Mass will also be livestreamed on <https://youtu.be/K1fJK7z3I-k>

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There were technical problems in the livestreaming of Mike's funeral but a link of the recording of the Requiem Mass and Burial is available below.

<http://stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news/mikeknox/>

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**Live Streaming of Mass:** to enable our Sick and Housebound to have access to Mass we are live streaming all our Masses on **YouTube** at **Ss Ninian and Triduana Church – Edinburgh** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe3s0H-F34kn7TVdGapC6Kw/live>

## **Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35 – I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, “Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times”? Jesus answered, “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

“And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servant. When the reckoning began they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. ‘Give me time’ he said, ‘and I will pay the whole sum.’ And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. ‘Pay what you owe me’ he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, ‘Give me time and I will pay you.’ But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him, ‘You wicked servant,’ he said ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?’ And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.”

### *The Gospel of the Lord*

#### **Reflection – Forgiveness and Mercy**

*Adults:* When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

*Children:* When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?