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Sunday 20th September 2020 – 25th 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:

stniantriduana1@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

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.

SCIAF – WEE Boxes

If you were unable to donate your WEE Box collection during Lent, there is a second chance this weekend to hand them in or to donate your WEE BOX money direct to SCIAF during September at www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox. 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.

Parish Garden

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

Our Use of Water

Some years ago, back in the 1980's, I took part in an ecumenical justice and peace group and we set ourselves a self-awareness task over the season of Lent to measure our use of water. The idea was to record each time we used water during the day. There was a practical aspect too, as we were to impose a 'self-tax' of 5p for each use of water and donate this to a suitable charity. The extent of use was surprising as we realised how we took for granted the turning on of the tap on numerous occasions during each day.

Pope Francis comments on 'the issue of water' in Chapter One of his encyclical, 'Laudato Si' – paragraphs 27-31. In paragraph 30 he states:

"...access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival....Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services among the poor."

So perhaps a self-tax on water use could contribute in a small way towards that goal by logging water use and donating the proceeds to a relevant charity such as 'Water Aid'. That could be done for the remaining 2 weeks of Creation Time and it would be interesting to collate results and comments and publish that in the newsletter (e-mail below). Suggested rates could be 5p for a minor use and 10p for a major use. The results might be quite surprising and a good awareness raising exercise.

You could even save up towards a target of £60 to twin your toilet with one in a poor community – includes a certificate to hang in your loo, showing a photograph of your overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so that you can look up your twin's location on Google Maps!

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Water Aid: www.wateraid.org/uk

Toilet twinning www.toilettwinning.org

Fr Syriac

For those who were unable to be present at Fr Syriac's final masses, the gifts he received were a photograph book of Scotland, a leather book mark with a Celtic cross and the words *Faith, Hope and Love* engraved on it, a copy of the Novena that had been prayed by many parishioners, cards and a cheque for £1800 from the donations made by parishioners.

Please Pray for Fr Piotr

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

PRAYING FOR LIFE

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 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

An Update about Kuba

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

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

Safeguarding Contacts

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

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd

E: safeguarding.officer@stened.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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**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 20: 1-16 – Why be envious because I am generous?**

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’ So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then about the eleventh hour he went and found more men standing round, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ‘Because no one has hired us’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You go into my vineyard too.’ In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’ So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. ‘The men who came last’ they said ‘have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’ He answered one of them and said, ‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earning and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?’ Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.

### *The Gospel of the Lord*

#### **Reflection – God’s Generosity**

*Adults:* What lessons do you draw from today’s Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

*Children:* Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?