



## St Ninian's Parish House

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 32<sup>nd</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 is 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.

### **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**

Due to the current Covid restrictions **the garden is closed** to visitors both on Sundays and Wednesdays.

We look forward to re-opening when permitted to do so.

### **TO ALL MY DEAR FRIENDS IN ST NINIANS**

Well our dear Hughie, or Shug to his mates, is laid to rest and it's still very hard to take in! I don't think the adequate words of GRATITUDE have been invented yet to allow me to express to each and every one of you the debt of thanks that is in my heart! I'm sure I got through it thanks to your unfailing support, prayers, cards, flowers, emails, texts calls and visits. You have all been so near and truly I miss seeing you every week. Please continue your prayers for all the family and be sure that I keep each one of you and your families very close in mind and heart. I'm very lucky to have so much time and peace which allows me to pray at length for you all. God bless xx JOSEPHINE

## **Archdiocesan Diploma in Catechetics**

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Next month (November) the Archdiocesan Catechetical Commission will launch an online Diploma in Catechetics. It will be aimed especially at any of our lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but it will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and who wants to deepen in their understanding of Catholic theology.

- The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, whom I have appointed as Archdiocesan Catechetical Advisor.
- It will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each and will be taught in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). Assessment will take the form of an oral interview via Zoom at the end of each module.
- It will be taught by a variety of religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters.

There will be an introductory online session for anyone interested in finding out more about the Diploma on **24 November 2020** and the course will begin officially on 12 January 2021. There will be a nominal cost for the Diploma (£100 per person) which can be paid by the parish for any parish catechists. Financial assistance is available for anyone in financial difficulty.

In these days of enforced social isolation and of limited possibilities to bring people together, I think this is an excellent initiative and I would very much like to see as many people as possible participate in it. Please bring the Diploma to the attention of your people and please encourage them to think about taking part.

Details are on our social media and website. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Sr. Anna Marie at [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

### **Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Pope Francis' 4<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor.**

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Using words of the book of *Sirach* 7:32-36 "Stretch forth your hand to the poor"

- Stretch out your hand to the poor,  
so that your blessing may be complete.
- <sup>33</sup> Give graciously to all the living;  
do not withhold kindness even from the dead.
- <sup>34</sup> Do not avoid those who weep,  
but mourn with those who mourn.
- <sup>35</sup> Do not hesitate to visit the sick,  
because for such deeds you will be loved.
- <sup>36</sup> In all you do, remember the end of your life,  
and then you will never sin.

One practical way to stretch out your hand to the poor is by supporting the Wilson Memorial Food Bank.

### **Food Bank Wilson Memorial**

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The Food Bank at Wilson Memorial is operating – under Covid conditions! They are busier than ever and require donations of all sorts. We will be collecting items for the food bank so please if you can, buy a few extras in your weekly shop and put them in the box at the back of the church.

### **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**

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

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**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.

## Special Collections

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Sunday 22 November is **Catholic Education Sunday** and so, in line with diocesan guidelines, there will be a special collection on that day. A box for donations will be available as you enter church for mass that weekend. Thank You.

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## Respond to Scottish Government consultation to stop home abortions!

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The Scottish Government is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of sending dangerous abortion pills to women to undergo abortions at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Scottish Government's questionnaire to stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the questionnaire. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/Scottish-Consultation](http://www.spuc.org.uk/Scottish-Consultation)

## Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot

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Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, **right up to birth**, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. **All of these conditions can be corrected.**

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

## Interfaith Week

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This Sunday **8th November**, as we begin the season of Remembrance, please join Christians across Scotland in ecumenical prayer with Church leaders at 7pm. (See attached sheet.)

## **Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13 – The bridegroom is here. Go out and meet him.**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.’ At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, ‘There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.’ They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.” So, stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.”

*The Gospel of the Lord*