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Sunday 22nd November 2020 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – Last Sunday 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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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

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.

World Day of the Poor Appeal - Wilson Memorial (Craigentiny)

Foodbank

A huge thanks to everyone on behalf of the foodbank. There were at least 25 - 30 bags of tins, biscuits, sweets, toiletries of all kinds, toothpaste and toothbrushes and nappies/baby wipes. It was a truly great response. There were also a number of donations to the SSVP. Your generosity makes a massive difference to the lives of those who sadly have to rely on foodbanks for things that many of us take for granted. The invitation from Pope Francis for the World Day of the Poor was:

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32).

As individuals and as community this is what we have sought to do.

SCIAF Appeal

Water is the most essential element for life, but for many people around the world clean and accessible water is a dream beyond anything they can hope for. Dirty water kills the poorest first. And right now, to help tackle the coronavirus, everyone needs clean water more than ever.

"Water is the most essential element for life" Pope Francis

No parent should have to give their children water so dirty it could kill them. But that is the reality many parents face every day. They have to trek for hours to collect dirty and bacteria ridden water they know will make their children sick. When their children drink this water they'll miss valuable time at school because of stomach aches and diarrhoea. In the worst cases they'll die.

These families urgently need your help. Please give the life-changing gift of clean water this Christmas by donating to our appeal.

Visit the website: www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/547-christmas-water-appeal/donate

Special Collections

There will be a special collection this weekend for **Catholic Education Sunday**. A box for donations will be available as you enter church for mass this weekend. Thank You.

COVID-19

Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on www.archedinburgh.org

Diploma in Catechetics

Want to know more about the Archdiocese's new Diploma in Catechetics? Join a 30min Zoom event at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 November. There's no registration, but we've got a new link as it will now be in a webinar format: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81865730471> This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Alternatively, for more info email: sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Life of Faith talk - Zoom

The final Life of Faith talk with Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM is this Monday (23 Nov) for parishioners in the Edinburgh Deanery. You can choose to attend at 2pm or 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery you can take part in this session. To register, email Sr Anna Marie sranna.marie@staned.org.uk, telling her which date/time you want to attend.

Archbishop's Advent Talk

Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk entitled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Please register at bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent

Parish Catechists

Are you involved in sacramental preparation of children in your parish (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation)? You are invited to attend a Zoom event to launch the Archdiocese's new sacramental workbooks and materials. It takes place on Saturday 28 November at 2pm. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at archsecretary@staned.org.uk

DIY Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard

Take part in this Zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government consultation on early medical abortion at home. You'll learn how to make the best possible response to stop unsafe DIY abortions in Scotland. Register at bit.ly/DIYabortion

Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46 – He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited, in prison and you came to see me.’ Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; thirsty and gave you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?’ And the King will answer, ‘I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.’ Next he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited.’ Then it will be their turn to ask, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?’ Then he will answer, ‘I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord

The Final Judgment – Matthew 25:31-46

Adults: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Children: How can you show that you honour Jesus as the king of your life?



Christmas Eve ~ Thursday 24th
Family Mass at 5.30 pm
Midnight Mass at 9.00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Friday 25th
Mass at 10.15 am

Due to the current guidelines we remain restricted to
a maximum of 50 people at each Mass.

Clearly the restrictions will have a major impact on the number of people who
can attend and as you are aware this number has been rising over the past
couple of years.

**We will be discussing how best to organise booking at our PPC on Monday
night and if you have any thoughts or suggestions please let us know.**