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PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Brendan's

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PENTECOST
28th May 2023 Cycle A



"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak."

Sunday:
11.00am Mass
6.30pm Knightswood Fellowship of Churches Ecumenical Service

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
9.10am Morning Prayer
11.00am Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick followed by Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament.
3.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Tuesday:
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
7.00pm Deanery Assembly at St. Gregory's, Wyndford
7.30pm May Devotions: Rosary, Litany & Benediction

Wednesday: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

Thursday: Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
2.30pm Mass in Victoria Gardens Care Home
6.30pm Choir Practice
7.30pm Divine Mercy Devotion, Rosary & Benediction

Friday: Opt. Memorial of St Marcellinus and St. Peter, Martyrs
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
12noon Mass of Christian Burial for Fr. Henry Parkinson RIP
3.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Saturday: Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation
10.45am to 11.00am

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading; Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

The disciples spoke in the language of every nation. At Pentecost God chose this means to indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit: whoever had received the Spirit spoke in every kind of tongue. We must realise, dear brothers, that this is the same Holy Spirit by whom love is poured out in our hearts. It was love that was to bring the Church of God together all over the world. And as individual men who received the Holy Spirit, speaks in the language of every people. Therefore, if somebody should say to one of us, "You have received the Holy Spirit, why do you not speak in tongues?" his reply should be, "I do indeed speak in the tongues of all men, because I belong to the body of Christ, that is, the Church, and she speaks all languages. What else did the presence of the Holy Spirit indicate at Pentecost, except that God's Church was to speak in the language of every people?"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

The place where Christians gather to celebrate their faith in Christ is called a church. The root meaning of this word is 'gathering' or 'assembly'. In this passage Paul makes it clear that, as we assemble, we are all called to a unity in Christ and that the principal sign of Christ's presence in His Church is the unity of the believers. We all have different gifts and so easily we can use these gifts for our own glory. We know that, from the very beginning there were power struggles as individuals and groups sought to impose their ideas and beliefs on others. We should not be afraid of these divisions but we should not allow ourselves to be drawn into them but should always strive to live and act together as one in Christ. The Ecumenical Assembly in our parish is a singular opportunity for us to pray and work for unity in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Sequence: Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

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Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

**As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive
the Holy Spirit**

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came after Jesus had ascended into heaven. On Ascension Day he instructed the disciples to, "return to the city until you are clothed with the power from on high." What is the effect of this power from on high? In choosing this Gospel passage, the Church is taking us to the very heart of the Gospel message: "Repent of your sins and believe in the Gospel." The watchword is forgiveness and the fruit of forgiveness is peace. Just as the power of mercy flows from the heart of Jesus into us, so also that power must flow into others otherwise we will become like the Dead Sea. When we refuse to show others mercy the channel is blocked and we become stagnant and smell from within, giving off obnoxious odours to all around.

RIP

Fr. Henry Parkinson, Fr. Rose Kelly, Rose Gilchrist and Eileen Bailie,

ANNIVERSARIES

Chic Mc Ginley and Marion Thomson

THE WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Wk 14.05.23

Collection-£421.10

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Wk. 21.05.23

Collection-£419.94

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Ascension -£201.03

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Second Collection this week for Scottish Catholic Media This collection should have been taken up last week when the Catholic Church was celebrating World Communications Day.

RIP: In your charity, please pray for the peaceful repose of souls of those who have died in Christ:

Fr. Henry Parkinson The Reception of Remains and Vigil at Saint Michael's, Dumbarton on Thursday 1st June 2023 at 6.30 pm. The Funeral Mass will be on Friday 2nd June 2023 at 12 noon.

Obituary : One of Glasgow's oldest Irish priests has died at the age of 91. Fr Henry Parkinson had served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Glasgow since the summer of 1972, having previously been a member of the Kiltegan Missionary Order. Ordained for the Kiltegan Fathers in 1957, Fr Parkinson left his native home in County Limerick to serve for 10 years in Kenya where he worked in various missions before being appointed to head St. Patrick's Teacher Training College, Mutane,

Kitui, Kenya. In 1968 he came to Glasgow and was appointed as curate at St Andrew's Bearsden. , Assistant Priest at St. Peter's, Partick. , as Assistant Priest at St. Michael's, Dumbarton, then Administrator of the parish and finally Parish Priest from 1989-1996.

Also **Frances Smith** of Revoch Drive. Her Vigil will be on Thursday, 8th June at 5.30pm and her Requiem Mass on Friday, 9th June at 9.30am. Interment thereafter at Western Necropolis.

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathies to those who mourn and grieve for the loss of the one they love.

DEANERY ASSEMBLY on 30th May in St Gregory's Parish Hall at 7.00pm. Myself and Grace Mbomson will represent us.

OFFICIAL DEPARTURE We have all waited a long time for this moment but the Archbishop has now officially announced my retirement as parish priest and the appointment of Fr. Ezra Dauda as Administrator of the parish. The 'change-over' becomes effective on Thursday, 1st June. I know you will all make him very welcome.

I have very much enjoyed my almost eight years of service in the parish and leave with the warmest of memories of a welcoming and most warm and friendly community. St. Brendan's can truly be called the 'Family of God'. I hope and pray that under the stewardship Fr. Ezra you will continue to grow in "wisdom, grace and truth" and that you will not lose your open and friendly spirit.

You will always be remembered in my prayers and I ask for a share in yours. I know you wanted to organise a 'Presentation' but your love and your prayers are all I need and all I seek. I am not 'emigrating' too far and I am sure we will still meet from time to time. Let me depart with that song which was very dear to the children of St. Brendan's school: 'The Irish Blessing'

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you
In the palm of His hand."

ECUMENICAL SERVICE We welcome the Knightswood Fellowship of Churches to our parish this Sunday evening to celebrate Pentecost together. The service is at 6.30pm. Afterwards we will offer hospitality. Above all please come along and pray.

As in any family, the disunity amongst Christians is the biggest challenge which Christ faces as he seeks to bring the world together in a communion of love. Please be generous with your time and engage in our mission to evangelise, to 'spread the Good News' by helping with and participating in this most important work of mercy.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK The sacrament is intended for those suffering from a serious illness or fragility due to age may receive the sacrament. The effects of the special grace as explained in the Catechism of the Church best illustrate its purpose .

Special Grace -

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;

Union with the passion of Christ : the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Saviour's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.