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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm, 10 am, 12Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon – Sat 10am

CONFESSIONS: 30 min before the mass in the Sacristy

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain.

Marriages: Please speak to Fr Ghislain. Please note 6 months' notice is required.

Sunday 3rd January 2021- Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60,1-6

Responsorial Psalm. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Letter from Bishop William Nolan

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If slogans could change the world then the world would indeed be a better place.

In the midst of the covid pandemic we heard the slogan: Build Back Better. Expressing the desire that, when we come out of this, we don't want to go back to the way things used to be, but we want to make the world a better place. Many charitable organisations prefer to slogan: A Just and Green Recovery. A reminder that, for a better world to be achieved, all people need to be treated justly and fairly. "Green", of course, reminds us that the environmental crisis we faced before covid still remains to be dealt with.

In order to overcome to coronavirus we have had to make changes to our lifestyle which a year ago we would not have thought possible. Now, as we work for a better future, we have to recognise that the way we have lived our life in the past has to change, if we are to see that people are treated with justice and that the world, we live in is treated with care.

As we begin a new year and as we celebrate the day of prayer for justice and peace, we need to ask ourselves: how prepared are we to make the changes necessary to our own lifestyle? Otherwise, our desire for a better world remains but a wish. Society cannot live the way it lived before and expect that the hungry will be fed, that the homeless will be housed, that refugees will be welcomed, that weapons of war will be put aside, that grievances will be settled by discussion, and that peoples and nations will live in peace. And, of course, the world, our common home, cannot continue to be exploited and polluted without a care for tomorrow.

Today is a day of prayer, for we need to pray. For better world begins in each of our hearts. May God touch our hearts and deepen our love for the brother and sister we do not know and have not met, yet who needs our help. May God help us appreciate the gift of creation that he has given us. A gift to be shared by all God's children, whether in this generation or generations to come.

Many people in Scotland are engaged in the work of justice and peace because they recognise that to change the world for the better is not a solo effort- we need to work together. We need to encourage others, including those who govern our country, to be concerned for the welfare of all our brothers and sisters and to be committed to look after our common home. We need to encourage by our word, but above all by our example, so that together we do build that better, just and green world.

With my prayers and best wishes for peace and justice in the coming years.

+William Nolan Bishop of Galloway President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Justice and Peace

Right Bishop Letter, 31st December 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As 2020, with its trials and disruption to so many areas of life, draws to a close I wish you all a Happy New Year and pray with you that 2021 may bring relief and betterment, especially to all who have suffered through the months of the pandemic. With the possibility of receiving the vaccine we can certainly hope that our physical health will be protected and the normal activities which we have missed so much can return, while recognising the need for extra vigilance and care as the virus appears to be spreading again with so much virulence. Let us continue to pray fervently for God's protection for all our dear ones and our world.

I thank all those who have worked through the past six months to make our churches safe and welcoming for those who have managed to return to participate in the Church's public worship. A special word of thanks therefore to all our volunteers - cleaners, stewards, organisers, technicians, musicians and cantors - for the time and effort you have given in opening our churches and ensuring that Holy Mass and other services can be celebrated under current restrictions. I thank the clergy for their caring and enthusiastic ministry in service of their parishioners and communities through this time when so much of our normal priestly and diaconal work has been curtailed and adaptations required which have not always been easy to accept or put into practice. As we look ahead with renewed hope for our Parishes and our Diocese, we pray that we can learn from our present experience and ensure that we continue to be communities of strong faith and Christian charity.

I thank you for your continued material and financial support for the Church. Inevitably with fewer people attending Sunday Masses and the loss of most of the income from halls and other activities, our finances have suffered, and it will be hard to recover. It has been heartening to hear that many people have continued to contribute even if they have not been able to attend Mass, and as we enter a New Year with only 20 permitted at each Mass, I call upon your generosity in supporting the Church through cash and on-line donations or bank transfers. Some parishes will have had reserves to fall back on in recent

months but that it is not the case everywhere and every parish will need your on-going financial commitment.

I thank those who have made special contributions to the Church during the emergency. Some of these have been in response to particular appeals, others in recognition of a need for which a helping hand has been quietly offered. As Bishop I would greatly appreciate any help that the Diocese can receive in fulfilling our responsibilities, particularly in the care of the clergy and in the education of those preparing for ministry. If extra support can be given by generous benefactors, it will help relieve the amount requested from the parishes in the year ahead. If anyone can assist, I invite you to contact me either by phone at 01698 841848 or by email at bishoptoal@rcdom.org.uk and I will gratefully discuss this with you.

Although it is necessary to write about the Church's material needs, I am very much aware that our priority is always spiritual, and our gratitude is mainly for what we receive from our participation in the Church's worship and mission. Our faith is the Lord's gift to us, and as Catholics we have a strong awareness that our faith is sustained and nourished by the sacramental and devotional life of the Church. We enjoy coming together in the practice of our faith, especially for the Celebration of the Eucharist, and we have felt deprived at times through 2020, so our heart-felt wish and prayer is that we can soon

come together again in the fullest way possible to honour God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to seek his blessing upon us. With this desire for the Lord's protection let us enter the New Year offering ourselves and all our endeavours to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ,



Thank you from Fr Ghislain

Thank you for the warm and touching Christmas cards you sent to me. Your generosity is much appreciated. wishing you a happy and healthy new year.

Justice & Peace Special Collection

On this weekend of 2nd/3rd January, there is a Special Collection for Justice and Peace

Last Sunday collection: £510.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Bookings

As North Lanarkshire has been moved up again to Level 4 of the current COVID 19 restrictions all masses are again restricted to 20 people.

As a result, people wishing to attend mass will have to book on a weekly basis to allow everyone a fair chance of attending mass.

To book your seat please call 07931896085 after 6pm or book via our Facebook page. We will not be able to roll over bookings and you will have to make a booking for another mass by calling the number above.

We ask that if you have not booked a seat then please do not come to the Church as only 20 people will be allowed in and anyone not on the register will have to be turned away.

If you have booked a seat and cannot attend for whatever reason, then we would ask that you give plenty of notice so that someone else can be given the opportunity to attend mass.

If you are fortunate enough to book a seat for this weekend's masses and you call to request a seat at the following week's mass, you will be put on a reserve list to ensure that the maximum amount of parishioners get the opportunity to attend mass.

This is the only fair way to do this and we hope that any disappointment will be measured by your understanding of the need to protect all our parishioners.

We will continue to stream daily mass and Sunday mass at 10am so if you are unable to attend mass then you can hopefully join us online.



Monday	10am	Mass
Tuesday	10am	Mass
Wednesday	10am	Mass
Thursday	10 am	Mass
Friday	10am	Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.45am 10am 12noon 5pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlan, Isabelle Marshall

Months Mind: Lawrence Molloy, Bill Paul, John Trower, Matthew Thomson Snr, Gary Thomson, Mary McKeown, Mr Jack Gill, John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, Anne Marie Deigan, James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, John & Pat Rennie, John Catherine, Jim, Michael & Teresa McAlinden, Vincent, Etta, Lisabeth McKeown, Thomas Love, Agnes Love, Margaret Pereth, Boniface Pereth, Isabel Murphy, Agnes Love Jnr, Mary Alice Love, Brian McIntosh, William & Annie Charnley, Anne & Peter Chanley, Michell Henderson, Peter, Mary, Henry, Catherine, & Madge Wallace, George, Margaret, Henry & Catherine McAnally, Margaret McCann, Kathleen & Frank Coventry, Elizabeth & James McParland, Danny Watson Snr & Jnr, Mary & Tom Kelly, John Clarke.



Anniversaries: John Docherty, Matthew Thomson Jnr, James McCarron, Terence Doran McKenzie, Thomas O'Rourke, Kathleen (McDonagh) O'Hear, John & Catherine Rennie, James Carr, Ben Ferrie, Peter McCann, Charles McAnally, Maggie Britton

Please also remember the souls who have no one to pray for them