

300 CLUB DRAW: WINNERS: WEEK 4: Sunday 22nd January 2012
£100 Prize: No. 332: Stephen McArdle, 11 Eastwood Drive, Newmains.
£25 Prize: No. 274: Joseph Meechan, 198 Bonkle Road, Newmains.

PARISH INCOME: Sun. 22nd. January 2012. Offertory £ 811.00 Stall £50.00

NEARLY NEW SHOP: Shop is open on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri from 9am till 1pm.

WESTERN CALENDAR: There are a limited number of Western Calendars, The Year Book of the Dioceses of Glasgow, Motherwell and Paisle, on sale at the Stall now priced £2.90.

PARISH 140th. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Next meeting is on Monday 30th. Jan. after Novena Devotions in the Parish Centre (8.15pm).

RCIA: Candidates and team will be joining in St Brigid's Evening Celebration this week.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN BAPTISED IN 2011 : This will take place today at the 12noon Mass.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: The approx cost of the Pilgrimage is £750. I still have plenty of places available. This is based on sharing a twin room, includes coach transfers from Newmains to Edinburgh and Bordeaux to Lourdes. There will also be one full day excursion and one half day trip.. There are still some places available but I ask you not to wait too long.

ENROLMENT MASS for the children receiving these First Reconciliation and First Communion will be on Sunday 5th. February at the 12noon Mass.

MEETINGS FOR PARENTS: First Confession Tuesday 7th. February at 7.00pm in the Church. First Communion parents' meeting is on Tuesday 21st February, again at 7.00pm.

SICK: James Trainer, Samuel Cullen, Esther Banks, Annette Martin, Mary Brown, Rita Milne, Cheryl Dougan, Huu Taa, Rena Lafferty, John McCann, Lourenco Hornay, Sr. Elizabeth, Kenny Weir, Margaret Davidson, Andrew Shevlin, Anne Meharry, Ray McAtear, John Tamburrini, Liz Harvie, Kenneth Slavin, Gordon Stewart, Michelle McKenna Evelyn Kane, Denis Walsh, Joni-May Stephens, Ella Hamilton, Kathleen Dingwall, Rena McLaughlin. Jim McAllister, Alison Miller and her baby Elizabeth, Martina McFarlane, Mary Rossi., Rosemary Cavanagh, Frankie McCairn, James Murphy, Charles Smith (Greenock), Kim McLean (Helensburgh).

R.I.P. : Stephen Smillie (McMahon Drive), Ann McGuire (St Patrick's, Shotts). Jean Wilson (Abernethyn Road),

MONTHS MIND: Marion Devine, Clayton Calderhead, Margaret Huntstone, Agnes Hailey, Michael and Margaret Burns, John and Frances Hailey, Lily Gibbons.

ANNIVERSARIES: Canon John W. Boyle, Canon Tom Barry, Fr Jimmy Small, Fr Isaac McLaren, Mhairi Torbett- Adam, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Thomas Connelly, John Hailey, James McKenna, Mary Gillick, Pat and Nan Thomas,

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH

NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC 011041)
(1871 - 2011)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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PARISH BULLETIN SUNDAY 29th. JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY MASSES.

VIGIL SAT. 5.30pm.

SUNDAY MORNING 9.30am and 12noon.

(Children's Liturgy at 12noon Mass)

WEEK-DAY MASSES

MON. - FRI. 9.30am.

SAT. MORNING 10.00am.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS: MONDAY 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: Thurs. 7 - 7.30pm. Sat. 10.30am and 6.30pm - 7pm

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 10am - 3pm

FEASTS: Tues. 31st. **St. John Bosco:** Born in Northern Italy in 1815, he was ordained priest for the Diocese of Turin, where from his early days in the Priesthood he dedicated himself to working with young people, especially boys. He founded the Salesian Order to spread this work. They continue the spirit of St John Bosco to the present day. He is a patron saint of youth and also of teachers.

Wed. 1st. Feb. . **St. Brigid:** Our Patron Saint, born at Faughart in Co. Louth in later part of 5th. Cent. Tradition tells of a meeting between the young Brigid and St. Patrick. She dedicated her life to the service of the Church, in the beginning her father was opposed to this, but later accepted her will and himself became a convert to the Faith. She is forever associated with the great double monastery she founded in Kildare in 525 which became a powerhouse for the Faith in those early days in Ireland. She died and was buried there but her remains were re-interred with St. Patrick and St. Columbkille in Downpatrick. See below for our celebrations for the Feast Day.

Thurs. 2nd. **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas Day.**

Fri. 3rd. **St. Blaise:** 4th cent Armenian Bishop, martyred in 315. He is Patron Saint of those with throat ailments. The Blessing of St Blaise will be given after Mass.

ST. BRIGID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS: Morning Mass at 9.30am led by the children of St. Brigid's School. The School invites us all to a coffee morning with some entertainment afterwards. In the evening The Diocesan Choir will join us here for an evening service with Benediction in thanksgiving for the 140 years of our history. This will be at 7.30pm. There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

READERS: Today: **Vigil:** Chris Drage. **9.30am:** Martin O'Leary **12noon:** L.Cunningham.

Next Week: **Vigil:** Dominic Dale **9.30am:** Martin Connelly, **12noon:** Mary Jamieson.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Today: **Vigil:** Ann Muldoon, Danny Muldoon.

9.30am. James McParland, Martin Connelly **12noon.** Mary Jamieson, Ann McLaughlin.

Next Week: **Vigil:** Angela Reardon, Sr. Maria Goretti.

9.30am. Denis Burns, Marianne Ballantine. **12noon.** Liz Brown, Lorraine Cunningham.

REFLECTION: The movie was to be a true story of one woman's struggle against the military authorities in a corrupt South American country. But the director and leading actress were in dispute about the interpretation of the character's role. The scriptwriter had not made it clear. So the studio authorities called in a variety of people who had worked with the real character or who had studied her life and actions. Eventually they decided to consult the woman herself, now living quietly in Australia. She was the only real authority on what had motivated her. She was the author of her own story, her life. As a result, the script was changed, and the actress went on to play the role with real conviction, her authoritative performance winning her an Oscar.

When Jesus taught in the synagogue, his authority was derived not from the power of holding a religious office, nor from mere expertise. For he was no ordained priest, nor a scholarly scribe, and, although Luke's Gospel reports that even at a young age he had astounded the teachers in the Temple, he was not an academic.

The authority that Jesus possessed, then and now, is from his being one with the author, the creator, of the very truth he propounded. Also his words and his acts were one and the same. As his teaching could fill the mind and heart with the wonder of God's love, so his acts could restore broken people to wholeness.

In today's Gospel Jesus uses his words alone to subdue the forces of evil that have taken possession of the man. Recently the voice from heaven at Jesus' baptism had acknowledged Jesus' identity. Here another supernatural being does the same. Jesus' authority is drawn not from this world but from the divine. Although there were many teachers of the law and interpreters of scripture at the time, and many exorcists and healers, none was invested with this direct authority.

And yet, even while Jesus restores health and wholeness, hostility and conflict are ever present. Here the unclean spirit immediately recognises Jesus and, in the act of leaving its human host, causes the man to suffer convulsions. The competing authorities of good and evil are ranged against each other from the start.

Hostility between them is a constant theme in Mark's Gospel, although we know who ultimately triumphs. The people in the stories are challenged to take sides: the disciples, the authorities, the people in the crowds, the listeners. So are we. When we hear the uncompromising position Jesus takes against evil, we are asked where we stand on that. Do we tolerate it, for an easy life? Do we give in, and behave in ways more in keeping with Satan than with Christ? Do we face our own demons and, with God's grace, expel them from our lives? Are we prepared to hear a new teaching, to be shaken by the radicalism of Jesus' message, or do we prefer to go through the motions of habit and conformity? How can we take on the mantle of being other Christs in our

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