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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C, 20th November 2022

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

I rejoiced
when I heard them say:
Let us go to God's house.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on him who comes in
the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish,
we are so happy that you could join us today to
celebrate the Sunday of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe.

Today we honour Christ as King. He is king of
many things, in fact of all things, but today let us
think about Christ as King of light. His kingdom
is a kingdom filled with light, and all who are
a part of this kingdom are called children of
the light. Our second reading declares that the
Father, "...has taken us out of the power of dark-
ness and created a place for us in the kingdom of
the Son that he loves."

Light is a purifying agent. Just as sunlight
bleaches out stains, Christ's light purifies the
parts of our lives we may avoid looking at - such as,
how well we take care of our physical and men-
tal health, our use of money, care of the needy.
This is not to saddle us with unnecessary guilt,
but merely to encourage us to live fuller, richer
lives - lives that can stand being in the light. It
is highly possible that some of us might be hid-
ing some part of our lives from the light - some
part we would rather keep in darkness. We don't
say that kind of thing to ourselves. We don't see
ourselves as people who are out to deceive others.

But, at the same time, there might be some
hidden feelings, desires, or thoughts that we just
never bring into the light. Maybe we don't even
look at that part of ourselves, and that's why it is
still in the darkness. Sometimes we hear that the
purpose of life is to build God's kingdom. That's
true in one way, but the deeper truth is that we
are already living in God's Kingdom: the King-
dom of Light and of Love is here. Staying in the
darkness is not an option.

We pray that we will, more and more, allow
God's light into our lives and bring God's light
to others.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!

Fr Bogdan SDS

22 November Memorial of St Cecilia

Saint Cecilia lived in the second cen-
tury and tradition says she died about 177
AD. Cecilia was born in a wealthy Roman
family and was a Christian by birth. Her
family gave her in marriage to Valerius, a
pagan nobleman. Cecilia promised to re-
main a virgin, and she was successful in
persuading Valerius to respect her virgin-
ity on their wedding night.

Later, Valerius was converted to Cathol-
icism along with his brother, Tiburtius.
These two brothers dedicated themselves
to burying the Christian martyrs, which
was illegal. They were arrested and sen-
tenced to death for refusing to renounce
their religion. Cecilia continued the work
of converting people to the Christian faith
and of burying the Christian dead, even
though it was against the law. Hundreds
were baptized through her witness and
strength of faith. Her refusal to worship
false gods and her burying of the dead led
to her arrest.

Saint Cecilia was brought to trial and
sentenced to death. It took several days for
her to die, and it is said that she converted
many people who came to care for her as
she was dying. Saint Cecilia was buried in
the Catacomb of Saint Callistus.

She is remembered today as the pa-
tron of musicians, composers, instrument
makers, and poets. There is a story that
Saint Cecilia was said to have heard heav-
enly music inside her heart when she was
forced to marry the pagan Valerian. Dur-
ing her wedding, Cecilia sat and sang to
God in her heart. Thus, she was declared
to be the patron of musicians. Musical
compositions, poems, art, and festivals
have grown out of this story. Saint Cecilia
reminds us of the ways that our music and
art can lead us to praise God.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of
Irene White and all those
whose anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Priest's Musing

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.

4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.

5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.

6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.

Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels in life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Catholic Education Week

We will celebrate Catholic Education Week from 16th November (the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland) until 30th November (the Feast of St Andrew). The theme this year is: "Communion, Participation, Mission". The Head Teacher Mrs Marie-Claire Futamata from St John's Academy in Perth will join us on Sunday 27th November with a brief presentation. Please welcome her into our Parish Community.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

*Jesus our Teacher, in your love for us,
help us to develop our own talents
so that we may become like you
and lead lives of goodness.*

*Bless all learners and all teachers.
May our Catholic schools continue to serve our
families, our communities
and our country.*

*Help us, through our learning,
to believe in you
and to celebrate the life of your Church.*

*Help us to grow in holiness
as we grow in friendship with you
and try to become saints.*

*We make this prayer
in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen*

Thank You!!!

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Last Sunday's Collection:
13th November — £624.02.
Donation for Parish Expenses — £500.00.

Next Sunday's Second Collection:
- for the Poor Mission Fund.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**Monday 21st November
Memorial of the Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday 22nd November
Memorial of St Cecilia**

**Wednesday 23rd November
34th Week of the Year**

**Thursday 24th November
Memorial of St Andrew
Dung Lac and Companions**

**Friday 25th November
34th Week of the Year**

**Saturday 26th November
34th Week of the Year**

Foodbank Appeal

Perth & Kinross Foodbank has been operating for more than 7 years and is heavily reliant on donations of food and drink from churches, other organisations and members of the public. During the COVID lockdowns, these sources largely dried up, leaving the foodbank struggling to cope with demand. The current energy/cost of living crisis has led to increased numbers of people being forced to access the foodbank and the need for donations is greater than ever. A box for donations has been placed in the church porch. Please give as much as you can. Many thanks!

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the students from St Mary Magdalene's Parish will be held on Thursday 1st December at 6pm. Please pray for our Candidates who will be presented to Bishop Robson at the Confirmation Mass may the Holy Spirit strengthen their faith and that their hearts might always be places where the gifts of the Holy Spirit will grow.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass