



The Romero Project – Parish Update

Renovation work has now begun on the room which will house the First Class Relic of Oscar Romero in preparation for his canonisations. The Holyrood Madonna will be given a more prominent place in the Church and be on display permanently.

On Sunday 14th of October, at the 10.45am Mass, the Oscar Romero shrine will officially be dedicated to Oscar Romero to coincide with his canonisation on the same date.



LAURISTON JESUIT CENTRE

In preparation for the canonisation of Oscar Romero, The Lauriston Jesuit Centre, will be hosting a showing of the film 'Romero – A True Story' on Sunday 7th October at 6.00pm in the Romero Room. Certificate 15.



St Augustine High School will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 2nd October from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. The Headteacher will give a presentation at 4.30pm followed by a tour of the school. All are welcome to come along.

Let's Get Together - In aid of St Columba's Hospice: On Saturday 20th October at 7.30pm there will be a unique concert featuring 3 Edinburgh Choruses, in aid of St Columba's Hospice. The Rolling Hills Chorus, Gilmerton Singers & The Forth Valley Chorus will be performing in Central Hall, Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP. Tickets are £12 each (£9 for concessions. For more information please contact angus.jamieson@gmail.com.

Getting Married at the Sacred Heart Church: All couples who would like to be married in the Sacred Heart Church should contact Andrew Cassidy on 0131 229 9821 or email pastoral@lauriston.org.uk as soon as possible to discuss this further. We ask that you give a minimum of 6 months notice to allow sufficient time to complete marriage preparation and all of the relevant paperwork.

Bethany Christian Trust Winter Appeal: The Bethany Christian Trust's winter Care Shelter is emergency accommodation for people who would otherwise be sleeping rough in Edinburgh. Last winter the Care Shelter provided 8,260 bed spaces and welcomed 722 individuals over the 28 weeks of service provision. **Could you help this winter?** The Care Shelter will open on Monday 24 September 2018 and run for 32 weeks until the night of Sunday 5 May 2019. From Monday 3 December 2018 to Sunday 5 May 2019 the shelter will be based at the old St Aidan's Church at Stenhouse. This will provide greater consistency, an improved service and allow for a larger capacity so that hopefully no one has to be turned away. If you would be interested in helping this year please call 0131 454 3120 or email ruthlongmuir@bethanychristiantrust.com.



Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Or do you know someone who would like to join the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Andrew Cassidy on 0131 229 9821 or email pastoral@lauriston.org.uk. Our RCIA programme begins on Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the small hall.

The next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on **Monday 24th September at 7.30pm**. Minutes of the previous meeting in July are now available outside the sacristy.

Justice & Peace and Green Group: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th September at 6.30pm. We are delighted to announce we will be joined at this meeting by Fr Basil Clark (Vicar Episcopal for Caritas, Justice & Peace) and our Parish Priest Fr William Pearsall. All are welcome to join us to discuss and activate our programme of prayers activities and events.

Please join us in the hall after the 10.45am Mass for tea and coffee. All are welcome, whether for one visit or one of many.



Volunteers Needed Urgently: The parish is in urgent need of a volunteers for door duty on a Saturday morning between 11am – 2.00pm. We would be very grateful if someone could assist us and we would provide plenty of tea and coffee.

Stella Maris Mass Monday 24 September, 7.00pm. Bishop Stephen Robson, Bishop Promoter for the Apostleship of the Sea in Scotland, will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral for the Apostleship and the seafarers it seeks to help. As this is the annual Stella Maris Mass in Edinburgh, we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

We pray for the sick and those who care for them: Nilda D'Agostino, Theresa Donoghue, Cathy Donoghue, Dorothy & Manuel Jarque, Pat Crowe, Norah D'Agostino, John McPartlin, Sr. Mary Steedman RSM, Anya Hamilton, Janet Moss, Betty McDermott, Benedicte Gaspard & Alex Gormley. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our list please contact the parish office on 229 9821.

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

Mon	24	Feria		Luke 8:16-18
Tue	25	Feria		Luke 8:19-21
Wed	26	Feria		Luke 9:1-6
Thu	27	Mem	St Vincent de Paul	Luke 9:7-9
Fri	28	Feria		Luke 9:18-22
Sat	29	Feast	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	John 1:47-51
Sun	30	Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)		Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

DIARY DATES 24TH – 28TH SEPTEMBER

Tue	Charismatic Prayer Group (Madonna Prayer Room) AA Groups	6.30pm 2.00pm & 7.30pm
Wed	Vespers (St Catharine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh)	7.30pm
Thu	AA Group	8.00pm
Fri	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)	3.00pm

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A special thank you for your generosity for last weekend's collection of £970.57.
Thank you also for the special collection of £758.30 for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.
Please take the newsletter home, give it to someone who no longer attends or recycle after you have read it.



To the Greater Glory of God
The Church of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston
Served by the Society of Jesus
Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

23 September 2018



In the Gospel Reading, Jesus rebukes his disciples for arguing about who among them was first and greatest. But how do we suppose their argument went? There are two possibilities. *First Possibility:* Each disciple was saying, "I am the greatest!" while the others were saying, "Oh no, you're not! I am!" *Second Possibility:* Each disciple was saying to one of the others, "You are the greatest among us!" and that person was saying, "Oh no, I'm not. You are." On the First Possibility, each disciple is trying to put himself ahead of all the others. On the Second Possibility, each disciple is trying to be small by putting some other disciple ahead of himself. We are naturally inclined to think that the right possibility must be the first one. That is because Jesus rebukes the disciples, and we unreflectively suppose that Jesus wouldn't want to rebuke them if each one was trying to be small. But notice that if we adopt the first possibility, then Jesus' rebuke doesn't make sense. On the first possibility, what is wrong with the disciples is that each one is trying to be first. And so Jesus should rebuke them for trying to be first. But that is not what Jesus rebukes the disciples for. On the contrary, Jesus gives the disciples a short instruction manual for how to get to be first. If you want to be first, he tells them, you have to be the servant of all. Would Jesus have explained to them how to get to be first if he thought that trying to be first was wrong? So the Second Possibility is the right one. Each disciple was trying to be small in order to seem humble. But there is no true humility in trying to be small. As the parable about the talents (cf. Matthew 25:24-28) shows, each person is called to strive for greatness by accepting the gifts God gives him and using them to the full. True humility lies in understanding that everything is gift; and everything is meant to be given back, in service of others. When each person strives for greatness in this way, there is no competition. No one is ahead of the others, no matter how much greatness they achieve. Rather, all together are one in the Lord, and he is Lord over all (Rom.9:5). This is the way in which being the servant of all makes you first.



Eleanore Stump

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wisdom 2:12,17-20 Psalm 53
James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat 6.30 pm; Sun 7.45 am, 10.45 am, 8.00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 7.45 am & 5.30 pm
Tue 12.30 pm
Wed 7.45 am & 5.30 pm
Thu 12.30 pm
Fri 7.45 am & 5.30 pm
Sat 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 12.00-12.25 pm
Sat: 1.00-2.00 pm & 5.00-6.20 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 5.00-6.15 pm

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

By arrangement with the Pastoral Associate