# St Brigid's

### Parish Bulletin

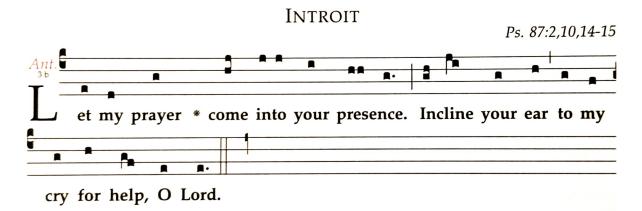
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### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Repeat Antiphon after each verse

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY (13th) 10am MASS TUESDAY (14th) NO MASS WEDNESDAY (15th) 10am MASS & 7pm MASS THURSDAY (16th) 10am MASS FRIDAY (17th) 10am MASS SATURDAY (18th) 10am MASS

> SATURDAY (18th) VIGIL at 4pm SUNDAY (19th) 8am; 11am

Confessions: Saturday 9.30am-9.50am; 3.30pm-3.50pm

### Liturgical Celebrations

Thursday, 16th November St Margaret of Scotland

Friday, 17th November St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

### Anniversaries / Sick

Please remember in your prayers **Martha Gordon** who died recently, and **Kathleen Corrigan** who is sick.

## Sex Education in our Catholic Schools- VERY important!

\*\*\*Immediate action requested: respond to Scottish Government consultation on new RSHP Guidance. **Closing date 23**<sup>rd</sup> **November 2023**\*\*\*

The Scottish Government has published draft Guidance on Sex Education in both secondary and primary schools (referred to as "Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood" education or "RSHP"). You can find it here (go to the online bulletin to click on the link):

https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/teaching-guidance-for-relationships-sexual-health/

It proposes BIG and SERIOUS changes to our Catholic schools. Please read it.

A key proposed change is the **removal of the right of the Catholic Church to determine the sex education curriculum in Catholic schools.** For many years now, the content of sex education in Catholic state schools has been determined by the Catholic Church. We teach sex education within a

<u>Catholic moral context</u>, in order that our children are not exposed to the extreme, graphic content that is available to children in non-denominational schools.

Previously, the Scottish Government's written Guidance has supported the right of the Church to determine the content of the sex education curriculum in Catholic schools.

This new draft Guidance removes that right. Thus, the draft Guidance seeks to "embed lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) inclusive education across the curriculum" for Catholic schools as well as non-denominational schools.

The Bishops' Conference made the following statement on 8th November:

"The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is both disappointed and confused at the decision by the Scottish Government to delete all reference to Catholic schools in its: Guidance on the Delivery of Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) Education in Scottish Schools" document. We strongly request the re-insertion of the paragraphs relating to Denominational Education from the previous iteration of the guidance, which would reflect both the legal protection for schools with a Religious Character, and the previously supportive position of Scottish Government for Catholic schools."

It is vitally important that Catholics speak with a strong and united voice in responding to this consultation before the closing date of the **23<sup>rd</sup> November.** 

### **Annual Cemetery Requiem Mass**

The annual Requiem Mass at St Peter's Cemetery,
Dalbeth, for all those who are buried in local
cemeteries or whose final committal was at
Daldowie Crematorium will take place on
Sunday 19th November at 3pm.
Car parking by Good shepherd Gate.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Day of Renewal (praise, worship, talks, fellowship).

Venue: St Peters Church Hall, 46 Hyndland St,
Partick, Glasgow G11 5PS.

Saturday 18th November: 10:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Tea and Coffee provided. For more information
phone: Minin 07448786569 Email:
glasgow.service.team@gmail.com

### **Pro-Life Mass**

The monthly Pro-Life Mass will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, 15th November in Holy Cross parish. 113. Adoration 6.15pm.

Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome.

The celebrant will be Fr Joshua Moir.

### **Christmas Hamper**

We are looking for donations of bottles (alcohol or Irn Bru!) for our Christmas Raffle. Why not ask your hairdresser, your butcher, your nail bar or local pub to donate a voucher to raise money for the parish? All donations gratefully received!