***SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A 4TH JANUARY 2020***

***Please pray for the sick:***

Shannon Morrison, Anna Boyle, Ian Watson, Mary Duncan, Mavis McCann, Frank McGarry, George Henderson, Teresa Lafferty, Mary Beaton, Mary Gildea, Wiktoria Zubek, Tom Judge, Gary Torrance, Emma McSkeane, Kay McIlwee, Laura McLaughlin, Rachel Shiels, Angela Wright, Fr. Jim O'Brien, their loved ones and all who care for them.

***Please pray for those who have died recently:***

John Gardner, Margaret Harty.

***Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about now:***

James Dunlop, Agnes McBride, Mary Mullan, Jim Harkins.

***Weekly income:***

Offertory: £822.25. Teas: £33.80. Hand of Africa: £31.51.

***Sunday Masses:*** 9am, 11am and 6.30pm.

***Weekday Masses:*** Monday-Saturday: 10am.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:*** Monday and Saturday: 9.25am.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** Saturday: 10.30-11am.

***Today:*** Is the Solemnity of the Epiphany and is a Day of Prayer for Peace. There will be a second collection for the Justice and Peace Commission.

***Children's Liturgy:*** Resumes next Sunday, 12th January, at the 11am Mass.

***Parish Pastoral Council:*** Next meeting takes place on Monday 13th January at 7pm. Please place any items or suggestions you may wish to be considered at the meeting in the "Suggestion Box" at the back of the church.

***Box at the Crib:*** All donations placed in this box will go to St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.

***Western Calendars for 2020:*** Available at the back of the Church. Cost: £3.20 each.

**Annual Safeguarding Report – Sunday 12 January 2020**: The annual diocesan safeguarding report will be read out in all parishes at Masses on Sunday 12 January 2020. Paisley diocese and our parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community. In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our safeguarding team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to

survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on **Saturday 9 May 2020** by Fr Dominic Allain about the **'Grief to Grace'** retreat. 'Grief to Grace' has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing, as the testimonies on their website report. https://www.grieftograceuk.org/. The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your parish safeguarding co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Last year the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called 'In God's Image' which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our diocesan trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, parish safeguarding co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as PSCs and clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church's system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.

**For the Attention of All Church Volunteers with PVG Certificates or Pending PVG Certificates:** Volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both, should* complete the Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next session will be held in the Diocesan offices, Incle Street, Paisley on: **Monday 20th January at 7pm.** *Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.*

**Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2:** The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next session will be on: **Tuesday 21st January at 7pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston.** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

***Diocesan Priesthood:*** Thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

**Dinner/Dance to raise Funds for the Diocese of Paisley Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Saturday **22nd February 2020**, Greenock Town Hall, 7pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £35 (includes 3 course meal, fizz on arrival and live band). Dress formal. For tickets and further information please email **lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com** or phone **07950483042.** Includes return bus from Renfrewshire/East Renfrewshire. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated.