



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

1st February 2019

Burns Ceilidh

The annual Burns Ceilidh was held last Friday in the School. Thanks to everyone who supported the event, a fantastic evening was enjoyed by all! Special thanks to Mrs Casey and her team for organising the event and to Gerry Burns for providing the music. The event raised £750 for the Malawi fund.



Badminton success

Well done to the St Margaret's Ac Badminton Team who were very successful at the West Lothian Schools tournament last weekend. Well Done to Avinash, Sooraj, Patrick & Logan on their achievement.

Fr Simon says...

Fr Simon has gone into hibernation after returning from the tropical climate of the Philippines. You'll be hearing from him again next week!

The Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition

Well Done to Shauna Healy who won the vocal category in the Rotary Young Musician of the Year Awards and will now be competing at the Area Final on the 6th February at Heriott Watt.

Congratulations also to Jamie Kruz who was the youngest competitor of the day and came 2nd in the Instrumental category. We wish Shauna all the best for next week!

Subject spotlight - Modern Languages

As we approach the course choice programme in March/April, we thought we would take the opportunity to highlight some of the reasons why it is important for young people to continue learning languages particularly in the Senior Phase S4-6

Did you know...

- English is a global language, but in fact only about 6% of the world's population are native English speakers and an estimated three quarters do not speak English at all.
- Three quarters of employers are looking for school and college-leavers with better language skills.
- Usually pupils with more than one language achieve better results.
- Learning a language develops crucial skills for employment and demonstrates that knowledge of a language can directly open up opportunities for employment or career progression.

BENEFITS OF LEARNING A LANGUAGE

Pupils at St Margaret's Academy who study a language at exam level usually do very well and achieve very good results.

"Learning a language allows you to learn about your own language. It develops your ability to understand how language works: could be beneficial to improve Literacy and results in English"

"With a language, you will possess better critical thinking skills and score higher in maths and problem solving"

"Today's children are growing up in a multilingual world and the ability to communicate effectively in social, academic and commercial settings is crucial if you are to play their full part as global citizens"

"People who have knowledge of another language or are bilingual benefit from the learning of a language as it makes their brain work differently"

"Overall, it gives you skills that are crucial in the world of work: discipline, memory skills, better communication"

SO THINKING ABOUT STUDYING A MODERN LANGUAGE? COME AND SPEAK TO US ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS!

The Modern languages Department.



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Pupil Bulletin

29th January 2019

General

Naples Trip 2019

The next installment is due by Friday 15th February. As usual, iPay is the preferred method of payment and if there are any issues with this then please speak to Miss Stone asap.

Boxercise Fitness Sessions

Free Boxercise fitness sessions!
After school Thursdays with Mr Shafat
Turn up and take part
No experience or equipment required!

Duke of Edinburgh

All groups are meeting this Friday.

School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

Late Pupils

Please sign in with Mrs Whitelaw U7 Library Office, when you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.73, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

Weekly Mass

Just a reminder that Mass takes place every Thursday morning at 8.15am in the Oratory.

Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room

If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

Lidl

Pupils should be reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time. Please advise pupils that they will no longer be served at Lidl during these times.

Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 – S3

Careers Hive Trip

All S2. Please ensure you hand back completed forms for the Careers Hive trip on the 27th February 2019 and return to Miss Grant in L38a (science). These need to be returned by end of the day on Wednesday 13th February 2019 and the £3.50 needs to be paid on iPay only. If there is any questions please get in touch with Miss Grant in L38a (science).

S4 – S6

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SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019

Fourth Sunday of the Year - Year C

This is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. In the course of his sermon in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus had declared that Isaiah's messianic vision of pardon, healing and liberation (61:1-2) was being fulfilled among them. The people greeted the news with enthusiasm.



However, when he claimed a central role for himself in bringing this about, their enthusiasm turned into scepticism. They still saw him as just the son of Joseph, a local carpenter. How could one such as he fulfil the beautiful words of Isaiah? And yet they had heard that he had done great things in Capernaum.

But it was when he went on to say that the Gentiles would be included in the messianic blessings that the real trouble began. He gave two examples of Gentiles who had been helped by two of their greatest prophets, Elijah and Elisha. On hearing this everyone in the synagogue was enraged and rose up against him.

The Jews had forgotten that they were called to be a 'light to the nations.' It was this exclusivism that led to the trouble in the synagogue. Jesus challenged this. However, instead of looking at the reality, they turned on him and tried to kill him. But he escaped through their midst.

This incident illustrated the truth of the saying that no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. It also foreshadows the ultimate fate of Jesus.

Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Welcome
to our Church

Shared News ...

Youth Club: On Sunday evenings in the Lanthorn from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Social Committee: Will meet on Monday 11 February at 7.00pm in the Lanthorn (room GP1).

Bereavement Support Group: The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 February at 7.00pm in St Peter's

Family Quiz Night: Fun night for all the family on Friday 15 February at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Academy in aid of the school's trip to Malawi this summer. Tickets on sale today and available from Jo Taylor (St Peter's); Patricia McKenna (Vigil Mass, St Andrew's); Channah Lynas (St Philip's) & Moira Easton or Tom Grieve (St Theresa's).

PPC: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 February at 7.00pm in St Margaret's.

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from 5-12 July. For more information, pick up a leaflet or see poster on noticeboard.

Next Sunday's Readings (10.02.19): Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

Recently Deceased: John McGrath, Akaina Pron, Brian Cullion, Winifred Williamson, Liz Smith **Anniversaries (February):** John McQuade, Frank & Bridget Brennan, John Loney, Olive Menzies, Thomas Feechan, John Wardlaw

ST PETER'S ...

Parish Debt: Our debt to the Archdiocese is currently standing, as you all know, at £30,000. A cheque has been issued for £5,000 so we now owe £25,000. St Andrew's parish currently owes £20,000 so we now have a competition to pay off these debts this year which I am very confident we will do. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity.

Holy Family Lay Associates: Will meet on Monday 4 February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

St John Ogilvie PFA: The AGM takes place on Monday 4 February at 7.00pm in the school. Everyone is welcome. Positions available are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicist.

Knit & Natter Group: Meet every Wednesday at 12.30pm and this week we will be 'out to tea'. If you wish to join us, please contact Frances Griffith after Mass.

Servers & Serviettes: We have a great number of children and young people involved in Serving at Mass but there's always room for more! Any child of school age is very welcome to join the team. Simply ask Fr Simon.

Appeal for Palm Crosses: As Lent will soon be upon us, please start to return your palm crosses from last year so we can make ashes.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1,360.03; **Church Stall:** £83.87; **Bethlehem Orphanage Crib & donations in place of Christmas cards:** £247.01

ST ANDREW'S ...

P3 Class: The children from P3 will join us for Mass on Tuesday morning.

Last Sunday's Collection: £698.66; **Building Fund:** £294.91; **Candles:** £246.60; **200 Club:** No 25 & No 122; **Sanctuary Candle:** Gertrude McLay RIP



Church News

ST THERESA'S...

Last Sunday's Collection:

£466.85; **Bonus Ball Proceeds:**

£80.00; **Bonus Ball Winner:**

No 45 Glyn Cole

ST PHILIP'S ...

Baptism: Please pray for Eve Fairley who will be baptised during Mass this morning.

Fairtrade: Stall today, Sunday 3rd.

Dignity Box Donations: The Lanthorn Centre now have a dignity box outside the office and are asking for toiletry donations. Edinburgh Napier University have asked for assistance with this project and all donations will be given to the homeless.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£495.70; **Church Stall:**

£160.00; **200 Club:** No 64 S

Dickson; **Sanctuary Candle:**

Special Intention (God's Blessing)



Finally ... I got a summer holiday!

Some time ago I was invited to celebrate the 'convalidation' of a marriage by a couple I knew from a previous parish. "But we'd like to do this in the Philippines ... and here's your ticket!" Hard to say no to that one! So, on 10th January I set off on the long flights. I arrived at Sibulan Airport, Negros Oriental on the following Saturday evening – to 28 degrees of heat (and 8 hours ahead of time here). Throughout two weeks I experienced nothing but welcome, generous hospitality, kindness, warmth, friendliness, smiling faces, respect and helpfulness. One evening and out for a walk in the city where the wedding was due to take place I got completely lost, wandering around for an hour. Eventually I asked for directions from someone who replied, "my husband and I will take you back to your hotel – jump in!"



The Philippines is predominantly a 'Catholic country' and priests are held in high respect. Not that you would ever recognise one walking around as they dress like everyone else – light clothing in the incredible year-round hot climate. I wore vestments for the church celebration and thought I was going to pass out in the heat! Faith imbues all of life and culture in the Philippines. Large church buildings are packed for an average Sunday Mass and with a large crowd outside too. At the end of Mass last Sunday, where I was, the priest announced that the Bishop would be visiting the parish for confirmations ... 500 of them ... 'first come, first served', he announced!

Each month is fiesta time! The last Sunday I was there was their final day of Christmas with their own national celebration of the 'Holy Child'. Images similar to (and based on) the Infant of Prague adorn churches, homes, shops and even garage forecourts. At Mass the images are held high and blessed and then families gather for food and company and celebration. Christmas 'trees' which are conical tree-like structures made from anything people can lay their hands on ... coconut shells, pieces of coloured plastic and adorned with lights ... are taken down this day. Families in the Philippines are traditionally still very large – 10 or 12 children is not uncommon. And so, in later life the 'elders' have a raft of family support.

In the Philippines and particularly in fiesta time everyone is welcomed into homes and families – even the stranger knows he/she can call by a house and be given food and a place at table. I tasted sea urchin, various kinds of fish we can't get here (including dried fish SO dry it was like munching fish crisps!), jack fruit, coconut (such as it never tastes here), and mango (such as it never tastes here!) I even developed a liking for rice which is the staple carb. The countryside is dominated by huge plantations of sugar cane, rice fields, coconut and mango trees. But my main memory is of a people who very quickly take one into their hearts and homes and share all they have freely and generously. I've started saving up already for a second visit!

Fr Simon

WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, Jeremiasz mówi nam, że Pan skierował do niego, ale także do Ciebie i mnie następujące słowa: *"Zanim ukształtowałem cię w łonie matki, znałem cię, nim przyszedłeś na świat, poświęciłem cię (...) Ja jestem z tobą – mówi Pan – by cię ochraniać"*. Każdy z nas jest wyjątkowym i znanym po imieniu Bożym synem i córką - dlatego z wiarą powtarzajmy za psalmistą tę modlitwę dziękczynną: *Będę wysławiał pomoc Twoją, Panie. święty Paweł podnosi poprzeczkę, gdy mówi: Starajcie się o większe dary, a ja wam wskażę drogę jeszcze doskonalszą. Piękny Hymn o miłości kończą słowa: Tak więc trwają wiara, nadzieja, miłość – te trzy: największa z nich jednak jest miłość.*

Jak realizować tę miłość? Z pewnością niosąc dobrą nowinę ubogim i wolność uwięzionym czy zniewolonym w jakikolwiek sposób. Tylko jak to zrobić w świecie, który nie chce słuchać i bywa przekonany o tym, że wie wszystko? Odpowiedzią są słowa Jezusa w jego rodzinnych stronach: *Żaden prorok nie jest mile widziany w swojej ojczyźnie.* Usłyszeliśmy jak na odważne słowa Jezusa wszyscy w *synagodze unieśli się gniewem.* Niech każde niedzielne spotkanie z Chrystusem w naszej wspólnotcie wiary, w Słowie Bożym i w Eucharystii uwalnia nas od lęku przed przyznawaniem się do Niego, zwłaszcza wobec przeciwności, które przynosi życie. Pamiętajmy - *Bóg jest Miłością!* Ks. Piotr

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 3 Feb	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass SH <i>George Davis</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Hugh & Helen Brown</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Mary Wilkinson</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	4th Sunday of the year - Year C
Mon 4 Feb	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Monday 4th week of the year
Tue 5 Feb	9.30am Mass KO <i>James Corr</i>	6.00pm Mass SH <i>Thanksgiving</i>	No Service	No Service	Memorial of St Agatha
Wed 6 Feb	9.30am Mass KO <i>Daniel Corr</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions
Thu 7 Feb	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	No Service	Thursday 4th week of the year
Fri 8 Feb	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	No Service	Friday 4th week of the year
Sat 9 Feb	9.30am Mass KO 5.30pm Vigil KO <i>Frank & Bridget Brennan RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS <i>John Linstrum</i>	No Service	Saturday 4th week of the year
Sun 10 Feb	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Janice Morrow Wilson RIP</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	5th Sunday of the year - Year C