

St Margaret's Academy Snippets

13th September 2019



The Maths Department in St.
Margaret's Academy is dedicated to
providing an experience to all pupils
that will increase their appreciation of
Mathematics whilst maximising their
attainment within the subject. We do
this by setting high expectations for
all learners and by implementing the
best, research backed, teaching
techniques.

Highlights from our results this year include 78 pupils in S4 passing National 5 Maths (our 2nd highest total ever), over 100 pupils entering S6 with National 5 Maths (a new record) and 49 pupils passing Higher Maths in S5 (another record). These results allow our pupils opportunities to access a greater number of career opportunities in the future.

Mr P.Conway
Principal Teacher Maths, Music
& Computing

What you need to know...

- All payments for trips and events must be made through iPay, the school payment system. Please contact the school office to setup your account.
- The S1 parents' evening is on 26th September from 5-7pm in the school. More info will be issued this week.
- Update the school app to receive direct messages, report absence etc...
 Search 'School App for Parents' in Appstore
- The extra curricular programme is now up and running. Please see full calendar attached and remember that all pupils are welcome.

Key dates...

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Holiday

Thursday 19th

-Family Learning event - Supporting your child online - Social Media 7-8.30pm -Senior Management Surgery 4-6pm

Friday 20th

Cuppa in the cafe 9-10am

Monday 23rd

Parent Council 7-8.30pm

Thursday 26th

S1 Parents' evening

Parent Council - Have your say

The Parent Council is a group of parents that represent all parents with children at St Margaret's Academy. We meet every month during term time to hear and discuss issues affecting the school and to voice our and other parents' suggestions and concerns.

Our next meeting is on the 23rd September from 7-8pm with a 'cafe conversations' session from 8-8.30pm. Anyone with a child at the school is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Duke of Edinburgh 2019/20 programme

After the success of the recent bronze and silver expeditions, the Duke of Edinburgh 19/20 programme is now open for applications. All S3-S6 pupils are welcome to apply - please collect an application from the Science base

Jupiter Artland - S2 Art & Design workshop

This week S2 pupils took part in a sculpture workshop led by staff from Jupiter Artland's learning programe. Groups were given key words such as Up, Wrap and Walk to inspire the creation of their sculptures, which utilised different materials such as wooden planks, wire, sticks and stones. Furthermore, pupils were able to actively build and adapt their design, and ultimately observe the vastly different outcomes achieved from the same basic materials.

The second half of the workshop involved creative and critical thinking where pupils distilled their ideas down into a proposal; a process used by professional artists and designers. The value of the workshop was evident in the students enthusiatic feedback; "I learned that you can make art out of anything around you" and, "I learned that mistakes can lead to a better idea". Pupils will now take part in a live brief to design a sculpture for the St Margaret's Academy grounds.

Mr McDonald (Art Dept)













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Fr Simon Says...

In September Pope Francis asks us to think about how we 'care for Creation'. This year it's ironic that, at the same time, we are seeing how much human beings damage and destroy the beauty of the world and its resources ... the Amazon Rainforest ... plastic in the oceans ... and now in the food chain. And WE are responsible. For the sake of our children let's do all we can NOW to look after the incredible gift of the world given to us.

S4 Work Experience

To date we have 112 S4 pupils booked in for work experience to commence on the 30th September. Over the next week there will be a big drive to help our other S4 pupils connect to an employer for the week. It is a great experience for our young people to understand the world of work and to take responsibility for themselves. They must get there on time, communicate with employers and in some case customers or other students.

Employers will be sent out letters confirming each work placement. We wish all of our S4 pupils a successful week during work

experience. Mrs Godley (Work Experience coordinator)

S2 Design, Manufacture & Graphics curriculum

Our S2 pupils have been taking part in Fixperts Learning program in DMG. Fixperts is a learning programme that challenges young people to use their imagination and skills to create ingenious solutions to everyday problems for a real person. During this process the children have developed a host of valuable transferable skills from prototyping to collaboration which they can continue to use through their school life and beyond.

Fixperts integrates design & technology, engineering thinking and practical making skills and allows students to develop their creative skills through hands on model making whilst learning to improve their ideas through feedback. Most importantly students develop their creative problem solving skills through identifying, analysing and experiencing real problems seen in the world



New extra curricular club - Press Club

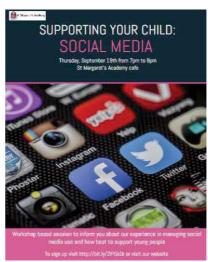


We have a new club starting this Wednesday from 3.30-4.30pm. If you are interested in journalism, broadcasting, reporting and photography then Press Club could be for you. Please see Mr Amamize in the English department for more info.

Supporting your child event - Social Media

The first 'Supporting Your Child' event of 2019 takes place on the 19th September from 7-8pm in the school. This will be a workshop based session to inform you about our experience in managing social media use and how best to support young people To book a free ticket visit

http://bit.ly/2IPGkDr











St. Margaret's Academy

Pupil Bulletin

10th September 2019



General

Pupil Council

The new Pupil Council will be elected in PSE and will be a representative of their PSE classes. The Council will meet at rotating times throughout the weekend to avoid being out of the same class too often. Please see Mrs Macleod (Miss Beaumont) in U15 or Aidan Pupil Support if you would like more details.

Duke of Edinburgh

Letters are now available for any pupil S3-S6 interested in doing DofE this year (Bronze, Silver or Gold). Please collect from the Science base.

Geneva CERN trip 2019

No meeting this week. Pleas ensure you check Teams updates for hoodies order and reminders.

Running Club

If you wish to compete in the county cross country championships to be held next month, there is a time trial to be held tonight to help with selection. Running Club meets in the PE corridor after 3.30. Please be dressed in outdoor trainers and kit ready to go. Please ensure you have an EE2 completed and returned to PE base to take part.

If you cannot make tonight but still wish to be considered please speak to Mr Haynes or Mr Hopkins.

Water Polo

Training is held every Friday 12.30-2pm. All abilities welcome although being a good swimmer is recommended. Speak to Mr Hopkins or Mrs Meville if interested. Please ensure you have an EE2 completed and returned to Mr Hopkins.

Non Uniform

Friday is a non uniform day. Please bring £1 to give to your period 1 teacher. The money collected will be split between Macmillan Cancer Care and St Margaret's School Fund. The usual rules apply, no football tops, onesies or fancy dress.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now has a designated 'safe space' in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes. Well done to Rachael, Erin and Rebecca for their tireless commitment to making this happen!

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Mass

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.20am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. In anticipation of warm weather please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

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 at the School 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 £6.96, 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.

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.

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

S2 Football Trials

The S2 football trials will be at the Livingston pitch at 1pm this Friday!

S1-S3 Sportathon

Please see attached slide for information.

S4 - S6

S4 Work Experience

S4 Work experience is fast approaching.

Thank you to all the S4 pupils that have their work placements sorted.

If you haven't already done so please get this sorted asap.

Once you have found your placement, please get your employer to fill in this link:

https://tinyurl.com/westlothianworkplacement

It is on the school's Facebook page and on our plasma screens if in doubt. If still struggling come up to the Columba House today or tomorrow Room U24 P5, 6 or 7 on Wed or P2 or 5 on Thurs to see Mrs Godley and we'll get you a placement sorted

Chemistry Supported Study

Chemistry Supported Study will start after the September weekend as follows:

National 5 Chemistry

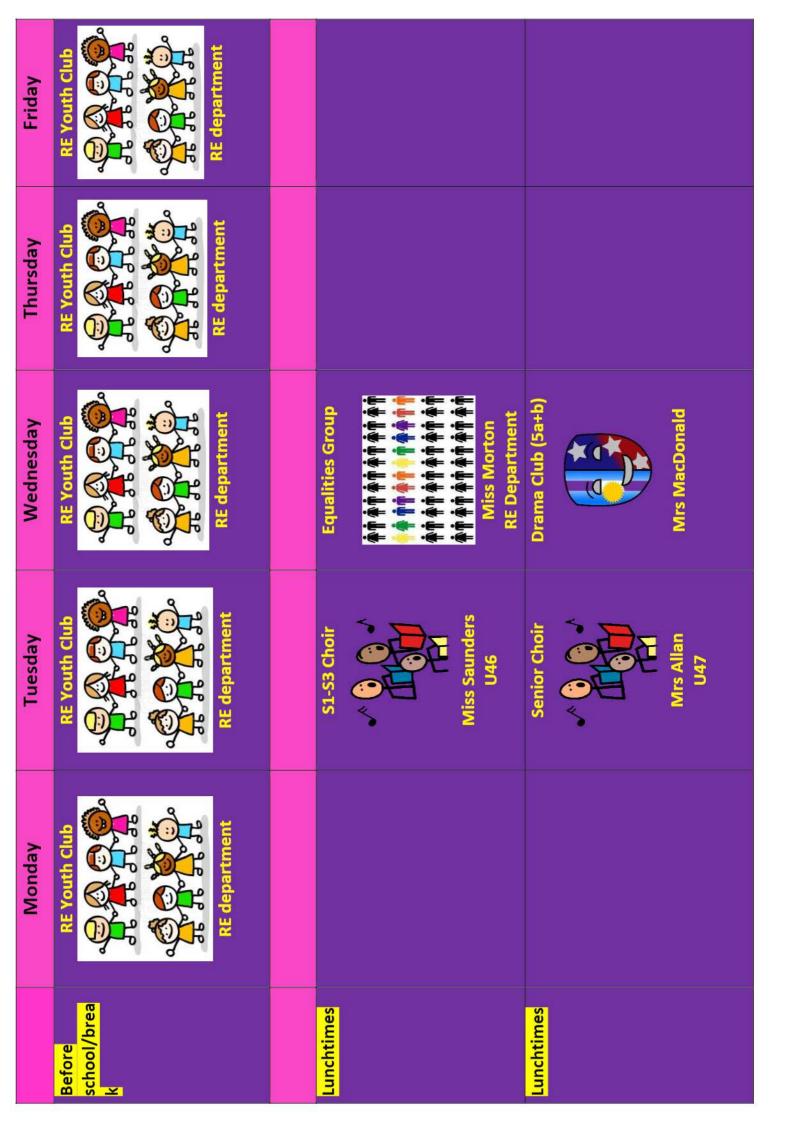
Wednesday's 3:30-4:30 Mrs Barr (L46) Friday's Dr Abraham (L44) 12:30-1:30

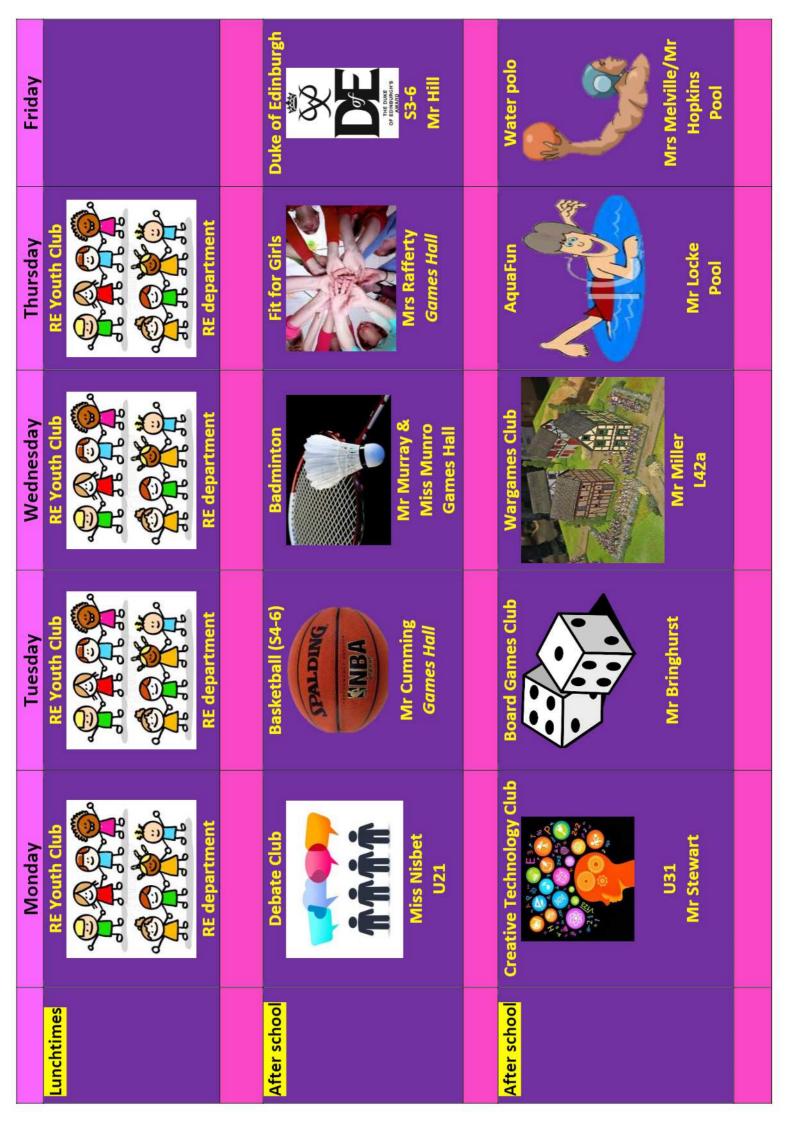
Higher Chemistry

Monday's 3:30-4:30 Dr Abraham (L44) Friday's 12:30-1:30 Dr MacAllister (L45)

Advanced Higher Chemistry (drop in)

Friday's 12:30-1:30 Dr MacAllister (L45)







Other Teams	Handball Team Cross Country Team County Sports Team Volleyball Team Gymnastics Team Giant Heptathlon Gymfest Team		
Thursday			
Wednesday	Electronic Games Club RE Department	School Brass Band Mrs Downs Drama Studio	Press Club Mr Amamize U63 - English
Tuesday	Netball Club Miss Munro		
Monday	Fitness Club Miss McIlraith	Higher/National 5 Maths Ms Brennan TLC	
	After school		

ST ANDREW'S ST PETER'S ST PHILIP'S ST THERESA'S

Admin Office:

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SVDP Contact Numbers:

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

24th Sunday of the Year - Year C



The fact that Jesus welcomes sinners and ate with them was a cause of scandal to the Pharisees. They, the 'separated ones', avoided all contact with sinners. They assumed that God has no dealing with sinners either. But Jesus shows them a very different kind of

God. By means of three parables he justifies his concern for sinners. All three parables stress God's concern for the lost one, and his joy when a lost one is found.

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

Shared News ...

Update on Fr Kenneth: Fr Kenneth is now walking without sticks and is getting out and about every day. He's making good progress.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Second Collection: A second collection will be taken this weekend, 14 & 15 September (apart from St Peter's when it will be next weekend). This fund provides the living costs and housing for our retired priests and is one of the main sources of income for the fund. Our priests retire at age 75 so they work longer than most other occupations. We all have a joint commitment to support them as they reach old age and are no longer supported by an individual parish. Thank you for your generosity.

SSVP Appeal: The four parish groups are making an appeal for assistance to help a young family in the town who are about to be made homeless (mum, dad and three young children). The family were brought to our attention via a local Foodbank and we are now in the fortunate position, thanks to a family in our parish, of being able to offer them alternative accommodation. As this new accommodation is unfurnished, we need to help them furnish it. Therefore, we will be 'standing down' our collection today, Sunday 15th, which means all money collected will not be banked but put towards furnishing the accommodation. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

Weekday Masses: Please remember to keep an eye on weekday Masses as they may be subject to change over the coming weeks.

Sacramental Programme: The first parents meeting for those children in P3 who are eligible to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday 18 September in St Andrew's. Registration will start at 6.45pm and parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's baptism certificate. Parents of children who attend non-denominational schools who wish to join our CIC programme should also attend this meeting. The first meeting for P4 parents will be on Tuesday 24 September at 7.00pm in St Andrew's.

RCIA: This coming week the group will meet on Friday 20th at St Peter's starting at 7.00pm.

Justice & Peace Scotland: Are holding a Day of Reflection on Laudato Si - Care for our Common Home on Saturday 21 September in Glasgow. See poster on noticeboards for more information.

Youth Club: Will next meet on Sunday 22nd from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn. Children in P4-P7 welcome to go along.

Hospital Patients: Please remember to let the parish office or the hospital chaplaincy department know if you would like a friend or relative to receive Holy Communion whilst they are in St John's. One of the hospital Eucharistic Ministers will be happy to visit.

Zimmer frame/walker: Available free of charge. Please phone 07784 331 449 if interested.

Next Sunday's Readings (22.09.19): Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13.

Recently Deceased: Frances Johnston, John McGuiness Anniversaries (September): Peter Cochrane, Anton Thom, Sylvia Crighton

ST ANDREW'S ...

Welcome: Today we welcome Fr Simon who will celebrate Mass and also Greg McDowell, Acting Head Teacher at St Margaret's Academy, who will say a few words.

Fairtrade: Stall this weekend, 14 & 15 September, in the foyer at the back of the church.

Sunday Teas: There is still a slot available. If anyone is interested, please speak to Veronica Phair or contact the parish office.

Woollen Hats: Are on sale after the Vigil Mass in aid of Mary's Meals.

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £3,610.29. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £756.11; Building Fund: £232.11; Church Stall: £141.62; 200 Club: No 27 & No 53; Sanctuary Candle: Healing for the people of Sri Lanka

ST PETER'S ...

Welcome: To Fr Tom from the St Patrick's Missionary Society who will carry out their Deanery Appeal today.

Rosary Group: Meet on Wednesday at 11.00am in the side hall. Knit & Natter will follow at 12.30pm.

Last Sunday's Collection: £945.75; Building Fund: £196.95; Church Stall: £78.23; Donation from Holy Family Lay Associates: £50.00



ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: £395.72; Bonus Ball Winner: No 8 M Veggie

ST PHILIP'S ...

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Saturday 28 September from 10.00am - 12 noon in the Lanthorn. Entry is £2.50/£1.00.

Last Sunday's Collection: TBC; 200 Club: No 53 C Melville (28.07); No 64 S Dickson (04.08); No 113 P Linstrum (11.08); No 59 K Emblem (18.08); No 81 J Thompson (25.08); No 115 C Linstrum (01.09); No 124 H Moffat (08.09); Sanctuary Candle: TBC

Safeguarding Training: Anyone who volunteers for regulated work within our parishes must have a PVG processed by the Church and are asked to complete training on a regular basis. New training was introduced in 2018 and a number of PVG volunteers have completed Induction Part 1. Opportunities to complete Induction Part 2 of the training are now available; this is essential in order to complete the training course. A reminder to PVG volunteers who last completed training prior to 2016, you should now complete Induction Part 1 and then progress to Induction Part 2. Induction Part 1 training will take place on Tuesday 17 September at Our Lady & St Bridget, West Calder (Community Centre behind church car park) or on Friday 27th at St Peter's, Livingston both from 7.00pm -8.30pm. Induction Part 2 training will be on Friday 13th at St John's, Fauldhouse or Tuesday 15 October at St Peter's, Livingston both from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

A new model for Inter-Religious Dialogue in the Service of Peace

Discussing core issues of the conflict

This is based on the fundamental axiom that the absence of violence does not mean there is peace; that there is passive aggression lingering in the minds of people. And so what this point seeks to reiterate is that the conflict can and should be discussed in an OPEN, HONEST, FRANK AND FORTHRIGHT fashion guided by consistent and professional facilitators without creating animosity or antagonism (here it does not help by scratching the surface of the conflict). The process seeks to make participants know that:

- the discussion is painful and difficult but at the same time has healing effects;
- that it is meaningful and enriching as significant levels of trust have been built;
- it brings about/leads to deep mutual understanding of the others religious cultural and existential reality even if it delineates where people fundamentally do not and often cannot agree with each other.

Taking action separately and together as individuals

- Sharing of experiences whichever way is possible and simple human gestures like visiting the sick or bereaved, reconciliation etc.
- Sharing meals during religious festivals, attending weddings and naming ceremonies etc.

As groups

Taking common action on environmental issues, human rights, justice and peace matters, issues on morality that effect the society in general (eg. drug addiction, teenage pregnancies, etc).

In the inter-religious peace building programmes and initiatives each person/group becomes a 'multiplier' who can spread the message of the possibilities and benefits of peaceful co-existence and the method of dialogue and education to many other people in his/her society.

FrJohn



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Niedzielną Liturgię słowa możemy śmiało określić mianem "Liturgii miłosierdzia". Zaczynając od pierwszego czytania aż po ostatnie słowa Ewangelii słyszymy niezwykły apel Boga skierowany ku człowiekowi. Na czym polega główna treść tego apelu? Rzecz jasna, w jego centrum znajduje się wątek miłosierdzia.

Trzeba nam dzisiaj dobrze zrozumieć znaczenie tego słowa. Spójrzmy na przypowieść o miłosiernym ojcu, którą często nazywają również przypowieścią o marnotrawnym synu. Nie przez przypadek podałem dwa tytuły tej samej przypowieści, ponieważ poprzez zestawienie jednego z drugim jeszcze lepiej, jeszcze głębiej zanurzymy się w całym bogactwie treści Ewangelii.

Zastanówmy się nad postawą syna, który roztrwonił część majątku swego ojca. Co jego skłania, aby powrócić? Czy tylko głód i niedostatek? Przyczyna jest głębsza. Ten człowiek roztrwonił nie tylko majątek ojca, lecz także swoją tożsamość. Będąc w rozpaczy usilnie szuka wyjścia i niby znajduje, ponieważ mówi: "Ojcze zgrzeszyłem przeciw Bogu i względem ciebie, już nie jestem godzien nazywać się twoim synem: uczyń mię choćby jednym z najemników" (Łk 15, 18n). Gdzieś podskórnie odczuwa, że po tym co uczynił już nie może być synem, lecz chce zostać niewolnikiem swego ojca. Przychodzi do niego, aby przedstawić swoją decyzję.

Jednak reakcja ojca na propozycję syna była zupełnie nieoczekiwana: zamiast tego, aby jeszcze bardziej potłuc tożsamość swego syna, czyniąc go niewolnikiem, ojciec ją skleja i ozdabia. A zatem miłosierdzie Boga względem nas polega na przywróceniu utraconej tożsamości dzieci Bożych, a sakrament spowiedzi jest najlepszym sposobem, aby tę tożsamość na nowo odzyskać.

al. Maksim Bolandz SAC

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 15 Sept	9.30am Polish SH 11.30am Mass SH lan Boak	9.30am Mass Sir Clement Akuryili 5.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass JS Sylvia Crighton	11.30am Mass JS People of the Parish	24th Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 16 Sept	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass SH Donor's Intention	Feast of St Ninian
Tue 17 Sept	No Service	9.30am Mass SH Chrissy Johnston	No Service	No Service	Tuesday 24th week of the year
Wed 18 Sept	No Service	No Service	9.30am Mass SH Catherine Linstrum RIP	No Service	Wednesday 24th week of the year
Thu 19 Sept	9.30am Mass SH Frances Johnston RIP	No Service	No Service	No Service	Thursday 24th week of the year
Fri 20 Sept	No Service	9.30am Mass SH Flora McMahon	No Service	No Service	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions
Sat 21 Sept	5.30pm Vigil SH	9.30am Mass SH John McGuiness 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS Brian Mooney	No Service	Feast of St Matthew
Sun 22 Sept	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS Jennie Baillie RIP	9.30am Mass SH Fr Hansel D'Souza 5.30pm Mass JS People of the Parish	9.30am Mass JS	11.30am Mass PK People of the Parish	25th Sunday of the Year - Year C