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MASSES:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon and 5.30 pm

WEEKDAYS

Mon-Sat 10.00 am

Mon, Tues, & Fri 7.00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily After 10.00 am Mass

Saturday After 10.00 am Mass,
5.15 to 6.15 pm and other times
by arrangement

ROSARY:

Mon-Sat After 10.00 am Mass - unless
there is a funeral

Feast Days

Monday: Memorial of St Anthony

Friday: Memorial of St Agnes

Synodal Reflection Pope Francis has asked for a world-wide reflection by Catholics on what it means in this modern era to be the people of God. We have all received a share in the Holy Spirit and each, in our own proper calling within the Church, in fidelity to Christ and his teaching and in accordance with the tradition of the Church, have a contribution to make to building up the Body of Christ as a dwelling place of God in our world. I see this also as an opportunity for us to reflect on how our parish participates in the mission of the Church to bring the Good News to the world and how practically it supports people to live with faith in Christ in their everyday life. This is surely an opportunity for renewal for us if we take this invitation seriously and prayerfully. I would ask you therefore to take home one of the envelopes containing the Parish reflection on the Synodal Church and having completed it return it to the box at the back of the Church.

You can also download a copy of the reflection from the parish website. I hope that this would encourage people who no longer practice their faith to have an opportunity to contribute to our reflection.

At a later stage, there will be an opportunity for us to come together to talk about and further reflect on what it means for us to be Church and how we can live more faithfully the gift we have been given in our faith.

OLSP are looking for local charities to get in touch with them as they begin a new project with 53 pupils in the New Year. The Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a powerful active citizenship programme, empowering young people to make a difference in the communities while developing a range of skills. Not only will we promote and support these charities in school one local charity will receive £3,000 worth of funding. We are looking for charities to make contact with Mrs Sharkey in the first instance - jennifer.sharkey@ourcloud.buzz.

Bishops Conference of Scotland - Sunday Obligation At the beginning of Advent the Bishops of Scotland looked forward to welcoming the faithful back to Holy Mass and anticipated that the restoration of the Sunday Obligation might be possible as we begin the New Year. Sadly, there has been a serious worsening of the situation and the restoration of the obligation will be postponed until a more favourable time. For us Sunday is always a Holy Day and we invite those who are unable to be with us in person to continue to join with us in prayer and spiritual communion either by personal or family prayers or by online celebrations of Mass. We ask everyone to continue to pray for a speedy end to the Pandemic and for the good health of you and your loved ones in 2022. We also pray for all those who passed during 2021 and those who grieve. May Our Lady Health of the Sick pray for us and may Saints Andrew and Margaret protect us.

Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

Lentfest 2022: Online and Live Programme Do you want to take part in Lentfest? Despite the unsettled times and the uncertainty surrounding gatherings, our theme for the forthcoming Lentfest 2022 is "Always be ready to give a reason for the HOPE that is within you." (1 Peter 3:15).

We want people to come up with something inspirational for our hybrid programme of live and virtual events. There's various opportunities: Songs and Words of Hope invites 5-min video performances; Images of Hope invites artists to exhibit; Schools for Hope invites schools to submit a video of their creative response to the theme. Besides that, we are keen to hear from individuals and groups who want to bring a performance (live or online) to the programme. Full details, including deadlines on our website: <http://www.agap.org.uk/lentfest>

Consultation on forced treatment The Scottish Government is reviewing the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. A website has been set up for this purpose. <https://www.mentalhealthlawreview.scot/> The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) , Article 12, requires the abolition of all forms of substitute decision making. If you have any views on this please contact secretariat@SMHLR.scot.