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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Week in the Parish

Vigil Mass of Sunday

6.00pm (Saturday)

Sunday

11.00am Mass

Monday:

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass

7.15pm Pro-Life Rosary

Tuesday:

Memorial of St. Monica

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass

Wednesday:

Memorial of St. Augustine

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass

Thursday

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass

Friday:

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass

Saturday

Our Lady's Day

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass

10.00am Rosary

6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

10.30-11.00am

5.15-5.45pm

Sunday

10.30-10.45pm

ASSISTANCE Can you help a young family in need? They have four children and a new baby on the way and are asking for our help. Can you donate nappies, creams, lotions, baby clothes, blankets, cot sheets, etc - the real essentials. If you can, please leave them in the box under the table at the back of the Church marked "Pro-Life" As always, your help is much appreciated.

Bible Alive A very useful book, which ideally complements the Day

by Day book with the daily scripture readings, costs £2.25. If you wish a copy from October could you please put your name on the list at the stall.

Praying for vocations to the Priesthood On Wednesday I am joining a group of priests on a Pilgrimage to Scalán to pray for vocations. Scalán is an important ecclesiastical site in Scotland and is renowned for its important role in helping to preserve Roman Catholic worship in the country during the 18th century when faith in this religion was illegal. Scalán was a small seminary where young men and boys began their education and training as priests before they left Scotland to complete their schooling in colleges on the Continent.

Because of the nature of Scalán and its role in the Roman Catholic faith, it was necessary for it to be located in a remote location and not to draw attention to itself. For this reason this rather barren valley was chosen, with rough pasture and moorland and small, scattered crofts and farmsteads.

The first seminary was established in 1716 by Bishop Thomas Nicolson in a small croft building. However, the students and priests were forced into hiding on a regular basis during the 1720s and 30s and the first seminary building was burnt to the ground by the Duke of Cumberland after the Battle of Culloden in 1746. Scalán was rebuilt shortly afterwards near to the old site, and over the years a number of small and fairly temporary buildings were built to house the priests and pupils. The latest building was constructed in the 1860s and has

survived to this day, albeit with some structural alterations.

Scalán was in use as a seminary until the end of the 19th century, when a new and larger seminary opened at Aquhorties, near Inverurie, and subsequently at Blairs College near Aberdeen. Since then seminaries have operated in Scotland at various locations in Glasgow, Bearsden and Cardross. Sadly the last Scottish seminary, Scotus College, Bearsden closed 4 years ago. Seminarians are now trained either at the Scots' College in Rome or in one of the English or Irish seminaries.

Whilst the seminaries survived, due to the heroic sacrifices of a few, during the terrible time of violent religious persecution, they have not survived the Godless hedonistic culture that bombards our young people today.

In the field of employment, Catholics are, once again, having to suffer for their faith as they lose their jobs, are denied promotion or are victimised because of their adherence to conscience.

With the onset of same-sex marriage legislation, faithful Catholics are going to face a non-violent persecution and be vilified for their faithfulness to the truth about the human person revealed by Jesus Christ. We will have to be prepared to 'do battle' through the courts and the democratic institutions of our society if we are defend our right to believe the truth, to share our beliefs in a respectful and charitable way with society and, what will be the biggest battle-ground of all, to hand on these beliefs to our children.

Internet abuse and charity: I do not believe I have ever heard anyone confess they have sinned against charity by their use of the internet. A neurologist argues that "online anonymity removes the normal restraints on behaviour. It is giving people the chance to express the worst side of human nature which is normally constrained by body language." Article in *Telegraph Newspaper*. It helps to explain the verbal abuse and the pornography that is now rampant across the age spectrum.

Thanks There is a card on the notice board from Carol and Billy Kerr who have asked me offer Mass in Thanksgiving "for our wonderful family of St. Lucy's who have been such a great support to us over the past few worrying months [*since Billy was diagnosed with cancer*].. It is 5 weeks since his major operation and he is doing really well. I am quite convinced that all our loved prayers and Masses offered have definitely helped keep us strong and Billy was able to get to our sons's wedding 2 weeks ago in Holy Cross, Croy which was so wonderful."

Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Citizen's Advice Bureau AGM at Cumbernauld College on Tues. 17th Sept. Would anyone like to represent the parish?

Please pray for Sick: Billy Kerr, Marjorie Corder, and Theresa Zanieri, Claire Adams, Ian Steele
Anniversaries: Gary Mills, Elizabeth Mc Auley and Leonard Treacy

Discerning one's Vocation in Life- an evening of Catechesis, prayer and fraternity on 2nd Friday of each month, at Glasgow University Chaplaincy Centre. See notice.

