



Please pray for the sick — Jackie Fleming, John McManus, Eileen Robertson, Mary Harrison, Mary McGuire, Carole Gaffney (Australia), Samuel Ruddy (age 20), Marianne Doherty, Douglas McDonald, Kerr Gildie, Charlotte Jordan, Eileen Mullan, Dick Cohen, John Watson, Ann Gough, Catherine Watson, Susan Gough, Roseanne Dupree, Tony Slaven, Lena Connochie, May McCormack, Marie Docherty, Leslie Docherty, Linda Hogg, Joseph Berry, Anne Adams, Gerry Kelly, Nancy McLellan, Terry McLellan, Paul Gallagher, Mary Johnstone, William Ellis, Elizabeth Hunter, Gian Adjuda, Betty McKenna, Baby Lucy Patricia Malcolm, Sister Margaret Conroy FMM (Thatcham, Berkshire).



Please pray for those who died recently — Edward Neil of Maple Terrace (Reception on Wednesday at 7.00pm with Requiem Mass on Thursday at 10.00am), Mary Wedge, James McGhee.

For the Months Minds of — Stewart Mulligan.

And for the Anniversaries of — Jean O'Hare, Sister Agnes Mary Anne (Little Sisters of the Poor), Jim & Annie Flanagan, Jim (Jnr) & Anne Flanagan, Jim O'Hagan, Harriet O'Hagan.

THE BELLS AT MASS

We are aware that the ringing of the bells during Mass ceased some years ago here in our parish. We propose to re-introduce this practice this week. It might be of interest to note what is said in the latest General Instruction of the Roman Missal at paragraph 150: "A little before the Consecration, if appropriate, a minister rings a small bell as a signal to the faithful. The minister also rings the small bell at each elevation by the priest, according to local custom."

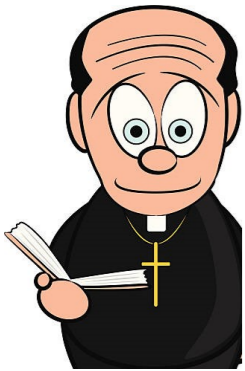
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We encourage our parents and guardians from time to time to bring their children on Sundays to 11.00am Mass and let the children experience this part of the Sunday Mass which will help them grow in their relationship with Christ and his Gospel.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS

NEXT SUNDAY 16th/17th SEPTEMBER 2017



Each diocese needs to educate and prepare its future priests and permanent deacons. A Special Collection is taken up on one Sunday each year to help towards the costs of this essential need. We are blessed with a good number of seminarians in Motherwell diocese at present but is expensive to prepare them for priesthood.

In 2016 the cost for the education and care of seminarians was £220,000.00. The cost of educating our permanent diaconate students was £15,105.0 making a total cost of £235,105.00.

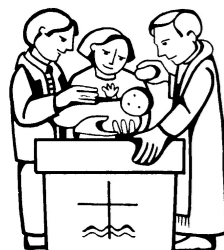
The annual collection raised £46,670.00 and £15,000.00 was raised from parishes who donated their GiftAid Small Donations claim. In 2016 £15,200.00 was raised through the Students/Retired Priests boxes and one-off donations came to £11,164.00. This totalled £88,034.00. This meant the shortfall of £147,071.00 came from the Diocesan Central Funds.

Please consider a generous offering to the Second Collection next weekend. After all, our parish is one of the immediate beneficiaries of the formation programme in the seminary with the arrival of Scotland's newest priest here in Our Lady of Lourdes next weekend! Welcome Father Sean G. Wyllie!

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

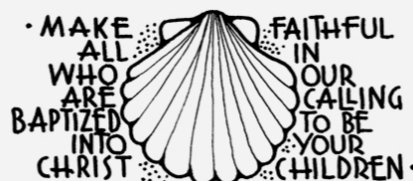
Parents who have arranged the baptism of their children are invited, with the godparents, to attend the next preparation meeting in the Oratory on Tuesday 11th October at 7.00 pm. The meeting will be concluded by 8.30 pm.

We ask all parents who will be requesting baptism for their children to speak with either Mgr Millar or Fr Wyllie prior to attending the meetings. One of the priests will normally attend the evening meeting and will introduce and conclude the evening's proceedings. Hugh and Adrienne O'Neil will continue to lead the preparation evenings.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM at 12.30pm today/Sunday

Today we welcome Emily Jane Oliver to the family of the Church through the waters of baptism. Please pray for her parents, godparents and family as she begins the journey of faith. May they be the best of teachers for Emily Jane in the ways of faith.



Our Lady of Lourdes

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23rd Sunday of Year A

10th September 2017

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2017

10th to 17th September

An annual reminder to the Church in Scotland of the need to pray especially for those considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life as well as asking the Lord for an increase in these vocations to serve God's people. Please pray at Mass this weekend and during the coming week for the blessing of God on our Church and particularly on our Diocese of Motherwell that he will continue to give us sufficient ministers of Word and Sacrament to nourish the faith and love of his people. Pray too that his priests will be more and more conformed to Christ, the High Priest of our faith. Next Sunday there is a Special Second Collection for the Church Students Fund—see page 4.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Sunday	Mass at 9.00am Mass at 11.00am (with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Monday	Mass at 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm until 7.25pm Mass at 7.30pm
Tuesday	Mass at 10.00am
Wednesday	<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am until 9.55am Mass at 10.00am
Thursday	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Mass at 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm until 8.00pm Confessions from 7.00pm until 7.45pm Night Prayer & Benediction at 7.45pm
Friday	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am until 9.55am Confessions from 9.15am until 9.45am Mass at 10.00am
Saturday	<i>Feast of St Ninian</i> Confessions from 9.15am until 9.45am Mass at 10.00 am Confessions from 10.30am until 10.45am Confessions from 5.00pm until 5.30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00 pm

FATHER SEAN WYLLIE



Our newly ordained Father Sean Wyllie returns to our parish on Saturday and he will celebrate all the Sunday Masses next weekend and give his First Blessing afterwards. You can also receive his First Blessing over the course of the week if that is more suitable for you.

The church is open every day, including Sunday, for personal prayer, from 8.00am until 6.00pm.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

17th September 2017 24th Sunday in Year A

Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20.

THE ROSARY

Recitation of the Rosary from Monday to Saturday after 10 o'clock Mass.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday in the Oratory after the Rosary
New members most welcome.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

On Fridays in the Church at 2.00pm.
Stations of the Cross, Prayers for Priests,
3 o'clock Prayer, "You expired Jesus",
Divine Mercy Rosary

You are welcome to join us for Prayers and Novena in honour of Our Blessed Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Saturdays after 10.00am Mass and before the Rosary.

ALTAR SERVERS



When Father Wyllie returns next weekend we will post the times for meetings with the Altar Servers – both new and old!

At the moment Len Kelly and Father Wyllie are looking at the beginning of October for meetings. Watch this space next weekend.

We encourage our young people, with the help of their parents, to consider serving at the altar of God in our parish.

TREASURE HUNT 2017

Due to S6 Caritas commitments and the date of the September weekend, we have re-arranged the Treasure Hunt for Sunday 8th October, departing from the church car park from 1.00pm on. Cost – £5.00 per car, buffet and answers in the hall afterwards.

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Offertory Collection	£1300.65
Votives	£117.62
Stall	£60.00
Building Fund	£886.00

Thank you for all your offerings and donations last weekend in support of our parish. A particular thanks for your contributions to the Second Collection for the Building Fund.

LOCAL FOOD BANK



Once again thank you so much for your very generous contributions last weekend towards our local foodbank resulting in 66 bags and £430.00. These brought our running totals for 2017 to 774 bags and £2602.00.

Your substantial donations have helped boost foodbank stocks after being heavily depleted over the school holiday period.

Please note that our next collection is on the weekend of 7th/8th October.



??? INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC ???

To find out more about the Catholic Church why not come along to an Information Evening on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30 pm in the Chapel House or speak to either Father Millar or Father Wyllie. Strictly no obligation !! 01355 224511

SOME REVISIONS TO OUR CHURCH SCHEDULE

- There will be a Mass on Mondays at 7.30pm in addition to the morning Mass at 10.00am. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar on Mondays before Mass – from 6.30pm until 7.25pm.
- On Wednesdays and Fridays the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from 9.00am until 9.55am to give all of us an opportunity to nurture our devotion to the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. On the occasion of Funerals and when the children from our Primary Schools come for Mass we will not have Exposition on those days.
- Opportunities for Confession are offered on Fridays before Mass from 9.15am until 9.45am and again on Saturdays from 9.15am until 9.45am and from 10.30am until 10.45am and before the Vigil Mass on Saturday from 5.00pm until 5.30pm. Please see the programme schedule on the front page of the bulletin.
- We resume Thursday evening Confessions this week from 7.00pm until 7.45pm with another opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 6.30pm and 7.45pm.
- Night Prayer and Benediction conclude this period of Adoration at 7.45pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

A small group of parishioners met last week to talk and reflect on the church's ministry to young people particularly within our own diocese and parish. Now there has to be some time for further reflection to allow for a consideration of the commitment required of the formation team to work with young people in our parish setting. Once we have evaluated the hours this will demand of the team we should be in a position to move things forward. Father Wyllie will take this up as a priority on his return to us next weekend. At the moment we invite your prayers for this initiative for leaders and participants.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 6th until 8th October at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

Completed forms must be returned by Friday 22nd September 2017.

See the noticeboard for more information.

INCHCOLM PILGRIMAGE

We intended to offer a pilgrimage with Mossneuk and Westwood Parishes this autumn. Our preferred destination was to return to Inchcolm in the Firth of Forth with a Renewal of Baptismal Vows Service in the Abbey. Due to Historic Scotland's requirement of an 8 week advance notification protocol (in order to waive landing fees) and ferry timetable difficulties, we have decided to postpone the event until the Spring. We no longer receive government funding and, although we will use the major part of the funds remaining to us to subsidise our trip, we would need to charge £20.00 per person to cover coaches, ferry costs and fish teas. Further information in the New Year.

CHURCH LIGHTING

Work has been delayed until Monday of this coming week. Apologies to those who attend our evening Masses and Services for the lack of lighting in the body of the church. With the nights drawing in we need the light!

MOBILE PHONES

It can happen to anyone at any time but perhaps a gentle reminder to make sure your mobile phone is either switched off or in silent mode when you are in the church. Thank you.

Wednesday Tearoom

After 10.00am Mass or Rosary

Sunday Tearoom

After 11.00am Mass

BINGO

Bingo in the Hall every Tuesday at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

In the Church Hall on Thursdays from 10.30am until 12 noon. All welcome

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

In the Church Hall on Thursdays from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. All welcome

CABARET NIGHT

Studio 32 Theatre Company are coming to OLOL hall on Friday 20th October. 7.30pm until 11.00pm. A fantastic night of fun and entertainment with a light supper. Raffles etc. BYOB and glass! Fundraising for Pro-Life. Tickets (35.00) on sale at the Stall and from Ennis. Contact EK243844 or 07521942108.

THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR 2017 ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

On Sunday 17th September from 2.00pm until 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1NA. The homilist at the Mass is Fr Richard Reid CSsR. You are invited to pray at the pilgrimage for Margaret's beatification. All welcome.

LOVE - SAY IT WITH YOUR LIFE

The autumn faith-sharing season will soon be upon us and there's a preparation weekend planned for Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October in the Xavier Centre at Carfin Lourdes Grotto. The weekend will be led by Father Daniel O'Leary. Bring your own lunch. More details to follow later.

See <http://www.djoleary.com/pages/itinerary.htm> for more information.

The faith-sharing material provides weekly sessions over a six week period commencing the week of Sunday 8th October and culminates with the celebration of the first World Day of the Poor inaugurated by Pope Francis on Sunday 19th November.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME from Monday 15th October until Friday 19th October 2018 to mark the centenary of the 1918 Education Act, led by Archbishop Tartaglia. £850.00 per person with a non-refundable deposit of £25.00 required by 31st October 2017. Further details on the noticeboard and at Alba Tours contacting annemari Cairns@yahoo.co.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY - PANAMA 2019

DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL: PROPOSAL

The next World Youth Day will take place in Panama in January 2019. The diocese is proposing to organise a 'mission trip' to central America which will include taking part in the WYD celebrations. Dates and prices would depend on many factors, but the preparation for such a trip would have to be begin very soon.

If you would be interested in this proposal and will be over 21 years old in January 2019, then please get in touch with Fr. Martin Delaney (m.delaney481@gmail.com) or Mishal Francis (mishal@rcdom.org.uk). A meeting will be arranged soon for those who seriously express an interest.

ALMA - Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

19th - 30th July 2018

£700

In the 70th anniversary year of the Diocese of Motherwell, Bishop Toal will travel to Lourdes accompanied by sick pilgrims from throughout the diocese. ALMA (Association of Lourdes Motherwell Aid) is a group of young volunteers who accompany the diocesan pilgrimage giving essential support to the sick, elderly and infirm.

We will depart Motherwell on 19th July, travelling by coach to Lourdes and arriving on 20th July to welcome the Diocesan Pilgrimage. We will spend a week in Lourdes helping the sick and infirm, and most especially providing them with friendship and some entertainment. We will then travel to Brugge (Belgium) for an overnight, before taking the overnight ferry to Hull and returning to Motherwell.

Prices include all travel and accommodation on a full board basis. Young people are encouraged to raise money to cover the cost of their fare. Young people must be 17 years old (and have finished secondary school) at the time of travel.

Places are limited, so register interest early by emailing m.delaney481@gmail.com or mishal@rcdom.org.uk. There will be a meeting at 7.00pm at the Diocesan Centre in Motherwell on 19th September.