



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), Mgr Matt Coakley (Archdiocese of Glasgow), Mary McManus, Margaret (Rita) McKay.



Please pray for those who died recently — Mary Doyle (St Columbkille's Rutherglen — mother of Fr Thomas Doyle, Parish Priest of St Bride's Bothwell), Pat Moore (Southport), John McAndrew (Motherwell), Betty McBride, Jean Smith (Canada), Betty Walker, John McShane, Margaret (McGinn) Kane (Motherwell).

For the Months Minds of — Canon Donald McKay, Frank McWilliams, Ann Little, Teresa Woodside, Thomas Flaherty, Rose Tierney, May McKeown,

And for the Anniversaries of — Mary McWilliams, Jim Findlay, Thomas Millar, Peter Nolan, Isabella Reynolds, Tommy Flaherty, Agnes Nelson, Mary Bradley, Johnny Inglis, Peter Devine, James Hunter, Jim O'Hagan, Harriet O'Hagan, Eva Fisher, Frances Sago, Joshua Sago, Ursula Mothubi, Philip Ncube (South Africa).

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS

TODAY/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 it 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.

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.

BLESSING OUR PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN

Mgr Millar and Fr Seán will lead a short ceremony of blessing for the Primary 1 pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes School on Wednesday at 2.15pm. A similar ceremony is also planned for St Louise School on Wednesday 11th October at 2.15pm with Fr Boyle. This ceremony affords the schools, families and parish community to formally mark the beginning of primary school life for our young parishioners.

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.

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Offertory Collection	£1670.03
Votives	£151.42
Stall	£50.00

Thank you for your continued support for our parish through your offerings at Mass. It is much appreciated.

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 annemariecairns@yahoo.co.uk

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

We are in the process of making arrangements to meet with parents and guardians who will be presenting their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in 2018. Details should appear in next weekend's bulletin. With regard to marriages in 2018, please check with Mgr Millar at Mass this weekend that we have your details correct in our 2018 diary. Thanks.



Our Lady of Lourdes

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24th Sunday of Year A

17th September 2017



FATHER SEÁN WYLLIE

Fr Seán Wyllie will celebrate all the Masses this weekend in our parish as we welcome him as our Assistant Priest, assistant chaplain to St Andrew's and St Bride's High School and one of the assisting priests on the Hairmyres Hospital rota. We look forward to Fr Sean's ministry in East Kilbride over the next few years. Fr Seán will be available after Mass to give the traditional First Blessing of the newly ordained priest. If the queues are too long and you have other engagements we are sure Fr Sean will accommodate you later in the week.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

- Please give generously to the Second Special Collection at Mass today for the Church Students Fund which helps with the cost of training our future priests and deacons for service in our Diocese of Motherwell. (If you didn't manage to read last week's intimation about the financing of seminarians and deacons please have a read on page 4 of this week's bulletin giving some information about the true costs of educating and forming our future priest and deacons).
- This weekend we have made available collection boxes for use at home in support of our Seminarians and our Retired Priests. By putting your loose change in the boxes and returning them to us at the end of October you'll be amazed at how we can increase our parish giving in support of our future priests and those priests who have served our diocese over the years - many of them giving more than fifty years service to the people in our parishes. We hope you will be willing to take a box home today and keep it in a prominent place for all the family to make a wee contribution to this worthy cause. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity.

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 8.15am
Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday *Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions, Martyrs*
Mass at 8.15am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am until 9.55am
Mass at 10.00am

Thursday *Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
Mass at 8.15am
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 Mass at 8.15am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am until 9.55am
Confessions from 9.15am until 9.45am
Mass at 10.00am

Saturday *Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*
Mass at 8.15am
Confessions from 9.15am until 9.45am
Mass at 10.00am
Confessions from 10.30am until 10.45am
Confessions from 5.00pm until 5.30pm
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00pm

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

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Meets on Wednesday of this week in the Oratory at 8.00pm

CHURCH LIGHTING

At long last we have lighting in the "body of the kirk" for Mass and our other devotions and services especially with darker mornings just around the corner and the evenings well and truly "drawing in"! Some adjustments have still to be made but these should be completed by Monday evening. So, please keep your candles at home for Monday evening's Mass. We are now walking in the light of the Lord!



JOURNEY OF Faith ??? 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



ALTAR SERVERS

Len Kelly and Fr Seán will meet with our Altar Servers on Sunday 1st October at 12.15pm. We encourage our young people, with the help of their parents, to consider serving at the altar of God in our parish.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

24th September 2017 25th Sunday in Year A
Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-16.

THE ROSARY

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

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

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

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

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.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP

On Wednesday 20th September Divine Mercy at 6.40pm for persecuted Christians. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm with prayers and Benediction at 7.45pm. Tea afterwards. All welcome.

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.

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.

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 (£5.00) on sale at the Stall and from Ennis. Contact EK243844 or 07521942108. Apologies for pricing the tickets at £35.00 last weekend!!! It's £5.00 a ticket!

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

Now that Fr Seán is back among us we look forward to hearing soon about proposals for the development of the faith-life of the young people in our parish. Please keep this initiative very much in your prayers at the moment.

OLOL HIKING CLUB

7.30pm, Thursday 21st September, Church Hall Sign on for walks in the Biggar area, Saturday 30th September

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.

THE KINGS THEATRE

Sensational 60's night on Sunday 8th October. Bus leaving between 6.00pm and 6.15pm from the usual place at OLOL Primary School. Theatre tickets distributed on the bus.

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 Tuesday 19th September.