



Please pray for those who died recently – Gerald McMorrow (St Leonard's Parish), Finlay MacNeil, Anne Hughes, Rosemary Paton.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of – Claire Orr, Hugh O'Neill, Andrew Brown, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Rose Tierney, May McKeown, Vic Garrity, Charles Gallagher, Jim Douglas, Thomas McGinn, Mrs Annie McClure, Moira McClure, Thomas & Greg McKechnie, Johnny Nolan, Paul Millar (Birthday Remembrance), Elaine McGrotty, Sadie McGrotty, Eddie McGrotty.



Please pray for the sick – Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, Jackie Fleming, Eileen Robertson, Carole Gaffney (Australia), Samuel Ruddy (age 20), Marianne Doherty, Kerr Gildie, Eileen Mullan, Dick Cohen, John Watson, Ann Gough, Susan Gough, Roseanne Dupree, Tony Slaven, Lena Connachie, May McCormack, Marie Docherty, Leslie Docherty, Linda Hogg, Joseph Berry, Ann Adams, Jim Reynolds, Gerry Kelly, Nancy McLellan, Terry McLellan, Paul Gallagher, Mary Johnstone, William Ellis, Elizabeth Hunter, Gian Adjuda, Betty McKenna, Sister Margaret Conroy FMM (Thatcham, Berkshire), Mary McManus, Margaret (Rita) Mackay, Margaret Steele, William Oliver, Stephen Hart, Mary Higgins (Wishaw), Robert Dunlop (Northfield), Maria Christie, Maureen Cockburn (Montreal Park), Barbara Veitch, David Scott (St Leonard's Parish, age 41), James Farmer (age 2), Elizabeth Rogers (London), Carol Stewart (Larkhall), Mary McGuire,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY

Offertory Collection £1466.76 Votive Candles £170.24 Stall £90.00

THANK YOU

Words are quite inadequate to convey to you the depth of my gratitude to all the parishioners for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity both at Easter and at Friday's celebration for the Fortieth Anniversary of my Ordination as a priest. Many of you marked the actual day (31st March) of the ordination and others made the Mass of Thanksgiving their opportunity to acknowledge my becoming a priest. I am very moved at the very gracious way you have helped in the celebration of this anniversary and also my birthday. As many of you found out, I was ordained on my 24th birthday in 1978, so the occasion each year has always been a double celebration for me and my family as well as, very often, for the parishes I have ministered in over these years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave me cards and other gifts both at Easter and over the weeks since then.

My thanks to the parish for the very generous Presentation on Friday evening. I feel it is much more than I deserve, especially since I have only been with you since July of last year. Nevertheless, I thank you for your support, encouragement and generosity which I deeply appreciate.

It would not be right to omit to thank all those who prepared the church for the Mass of Thanksgiving as well as all who prepared the Parish Hall for the Reception for so many guests and for our parishioners who were in attendance in great numbers on Friday evening. Thanks are due in a very particular way to the Altar Servers, the Flower Arrangers, the church Cleaners, and our music group and our Passkeepers who kept us all in good order throughout the celebration.

And Fr Sean? Well, I suppose he deserves at least a mention!

But, it can't be left at that! He has worked kind of behind the scenes to make sure the celebrations went off well and he does deserve a vote of thanks from all of us for the particular work he did to ensure that last Friday was well coordinated and that no stone was left unturned! I want to thank Fr Sean in a very generous way for all that he has been doing in our parish since last August and all that he will do and achieve in the months ahead. (Although we hope it will be years rather than months!)

Sincere thanks once again for the personal good wishes, kindnesses and gifts given to me for the Fortieth anniversary of my ordination as a priest and many thanks to the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes for the unstinting support you give Fr Sean and myself in our ministry among you.

Mass is being offered for the intentions of all.

Mgr Tom Millar

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Bishop Toal is leading a group to Dublin from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th August to the World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis will be there for two days. Fr Michael Kane of St Augustine's, Coatbridge, is the organiser. Travel will be by coach and ferry. Accommodation will be at Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, near Dublin. There will be a full day excursion to Knock. The price for adults is £779.00; for children it is £679.00. To book, email office@staugutines.org.uk or phone 01236 423044.



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Monsignor Thomas Millar and Father Sean G. Wyllie

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Year B

22nd April 2018

TODAY is GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY and WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life.

- ◆ We invite you to come along to the church this evening to pray for vocations.
- ◆ The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at 5.00pm for private prayer and to allow us an opportunity to pray personally for vocations.
- ◆ At 5.45pm there will be prayers for vocations as well as for priests, deacons and religious in their ministry.
- ◆ At 6.00pm we will pray Evening Prayer of the Church and close this time of prayer with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We usually finish for 6.20pm.
- ◆ Please give some consideration to joining us for some or all of this time of prayer.

CHURCH ROOF FUND

Today/Sunday there is a Second Collection for the Church Roof Fund. If you GiftAid to the parish please use one of the envelopes for this purpose.

ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Sean and Len ask the Altar Servers to meet with them today/Sunday at 12.30pm. This will provide a training update for all our current Servers.

We are also looking for new Altar Servers and we ask those keen to serve to come along to the meeting as well today.



FR PAUL DENNEY

DVDs of Fr Paul's ordination are on sale in the Stall this weekend at a cost of £10.00.

PARISH FINANCE TEAM MEETING

Monday 23rd April at 12 noon.

LOCAL FOODBANK

Our next collection is the weekend of 5th/6th May. Please note that the first weekend in May also includes the May Bank Holiday.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Are you hearing the call of God to become a priest? We need priests now and for the future to celebrate Mass, to give us the Holy Eucharist, to forgive our sins in the Sacrament of Penance, to preach the Word of God, to help nurture the faith and love of our people. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and encourage those who may be discerning a call to the priesthood to know the sure guidance of the Holy Spirit enabling them to carry out God's will in their lives.

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FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Our church is open from 8.00am until 8.00pm or until after Evening Mass or Service

Sunday 22nd April Good Shepherd Sunday Day of Prayer for Vocations

9.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter/Year B
11.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter/Year B

Come and pray for vocations this evening

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5.45pm Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life
6.00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Monday 23rd April

10.00am Mass for Monday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.25pm
7.30pm Mass for Monday in the Third Week of Eastertide

Tuesday 24th April

8.15am Mass for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
10.00am Mass for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide

Wednesday 25th April

8.15am Mass for the Feast of St Mark
St Mark, evangelist, accompanied St Paul on his first missionary journey and later joined him in Rome. He also spent time accompanying St Peter.

8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Mark

Thursday 26th April

8.15am Mass for Thursday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
10.00am Mass for Thursday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Night Prayer & Benediction at 7.45pm. Confessions between 7.00pm & 7.30pm

Friday 27th April

8.15am Mass for Friday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY
9.30am Via Lucis (Meditations on the Stations of Light for the Easter Season)
10.00am Mass for Friday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide

Saturday 28th April

8.15am Mass for Saturday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
9.30am Recitation of the Rosary & Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal
10.00am Mass for Saturday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide
5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter/Year B

Sunday 29th April

9.00am Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter/Year B
11.00am Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter/Year B

PARISH NOTICES

- ⇒ Tearoom after 11.00am Mass today.
- ⇒ Tearoom after 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.
- ⇒ Mother & Toddler Group resumes on Thursdays
- ⇒ Friendship Club on Thursdays from 1.30pm.

- ◆ The Mother's Prayer Group meets as usual this week on Tuesday after 10.00am Mass in the Oratory.
- ◆ Prayer for Vocations on Friday in the church at 2.00pm.
- ◆ Rosary after 10.00am Mass (Monday to Friday) and on Saturday before Mass with the Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal.
- ◆ Legion of Mary meets Monday evenings in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

LOL BOWLING CLUB

Season starts on Wednesday 25th April at 6.00pm. Sundays from 1.30pm. The Murray Bowling Club. New members very welcome. Contact 01355 267009 for further information.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2018

- * First Communion Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes School will be celebrated by Fr Sean on Saturday 12th May at 12 noon.
- * First Communion Mass for St Louise School will be celebrated by Mgr Millar on Saturday 19th May at 12 noon.

KING'S THEATRE

- Just a reminder of the date for "Seven Drunken Nights" in the King's Theatre on Sunday 29th April.
- The bus leaves at 6.00pm from the school and theatre tickets will be given on the bus.

CABARET NIGHT

- ◇ Studio 32 Theatre Company are coming to LOL Parish Hall on Friday 11th May from 7.30pm until 11.00pm.
- ◇ A fantastic night of fun and entertainment is promised.
- ◇ Light supper. BYOB and glass. Raffles etc.
- ◇ Tickets: £5.00. Available now from Ennis and at the Stall

MEN'S GROUP

Following last Thursday's meeting with Fr Sean the group will meet again in the oratory next Thursday at 8.00pm after Night Prayer. They have also planned a visit to Millport on Saturday 9th June. The bus leaves at 9.00am for Largs and will leave Largs at 4.00pm to get back here in time for the Vigil Mass. List for names on the church noticeboard.

GIFTAID

- ◆ We have had 10 parishioners signing up to our GiftAid Scheme over the past week. Thank you for responding to our request so promptly. We appreciate your willingness to join and this will benefit our parish considerably.
- ◆ As always, we are more than happy to have new participants in the GiftAid Scheme for our parish at any time of the year.

THANKS FROM JAMES & JOSEPH

James Hamilton & Joseph McCawley who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil are very grateful to Fr Sean for preparing them to take the steps necessary for full membership of the Church. For James, this meant receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and making his First Holy Communion. For Joseph it meant Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Thanks are due to their Sponsors and families who have supported them on the RCIA journey from last September.

Both James and Joseph are also very grateful for the prayerful support of the parish community and for the wonderful welcome they received at the Easter Vigil. Thanks to the Hall Committee for the tea laid on after the Easter Vigil.

MARRIAGE PREPARTION COURSE

We are playing catch up here—well, a little bit! We invite those couples who are getting married in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this year and who did not attend the Marriage Preparation Course in St Vincent's Parish Hall to come along to our own Course in the Oratory on Saturday 28th April from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. We hope those concerned will be able to make it.

PRINTER

We have a printer surplus to our needs available to anyone who needs this type of equipment. It's in excellent condition, a few years old now, and in good working order. It's an HP Officejet. Speak to Mgr Millar.

GOLDEN WEDDING

50th
anniversary

We offer our congratulations to Tommy and Aileen Murphy of Livingstone Drive as they celebrate with their family 50 years of married life. We wish them every blessing and we will remember them in our prayers.