



**Please pray for those who died recently** – Finlay MacNeil, Irene McCartney (Ardrossan), Jim Brisbane (Penilee), Margaret McBride (Larbert)

**Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of** – Annie Lavelle, John & Celia Cooper, John Rae.



**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 £1375.44 Votive Candles £173.70 Stall £55.00 Roof Fund £1001.66

**LOCAL FOODBANK**

You may have picked up from the media this week that the demand for Foodbanks within the Trussel Trust has increased by 17% over the last year. The picture is similar to the EK Churches Together Foodbank that we donate to. Additionally, demand does not ease during the summer months. Your relentless generosity has been outstanding for the support of our most needy. Thank you for this and your anticipated contributions for the month of May next weekend.

**CHURCH ROOF FUND**

Perhaps parishioners would appreciate an update with regard to the Fundraising undertaken by Bishop Nolan and more recently by Fr Parkes for the Church Roof Fund. Our records show that this fund has been referred to as Church Renovations and Building Fund over the past couple of years. Anyway, it would appear to be the case that in more recent times it has been called the Church Roof Fund.

Looking back over 2015, 2016 and 2017 our calculations show that just over £17,000.00 has been collected. Last week at the Parish Finance Team Meeting we agreed that this money should be ringfenced. On Tuesday of last week we put £10,000.00 of this money into the Diocesan Building Fund (**Pastoral Investment Fund**) and we intend putting another £10,000.00 into PIF in the very near future.

**A THANK YOU AND A WELCOME**

Fr Matthew who was with us last weekend thanks you for the warm welcome extended to him by parishioners. He enjoyed his stay with us in OLOL. Fr Matthew will be our supply priest from around 28th June until 25th July. Mge Millar will be on holiday during that time. We also extend a welcome to Fr Tomas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and a friend of Fr Sean and Fr John Paul McShane.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

Bishop Toal is leading a group from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th August to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. 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.

**“PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN OUR CULTURE”**

Bishop Robert Barron is a popular Catholic author, theologian and communicator. He is also the founder of Word on Fire ministry, a non-profit global media apostolate that reaches millions of people to draw them into, or back to, a relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. A native of Chicago, Robert Barron was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles by Pope Francis in 2015.

Bishop Barron will be speaking for the first time in Scotland on 6th September in Usher Hall, Edinburgh. Tickets cost £10.00 and £6.00 for concessions. Tickets go on sale on 1st May. Contact 0131 228 1155 for tickets or visit usherhall.co.uk This event is organised by the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. The theme of his talk is: Proclaiming Christ in our culture.

**LEGION OF MARY SENATUS OF SCOTLAND**

Archbishop Tartaglia will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass celebrated at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 20th May (Pentecost Sunday) at 3.00pm. The Mass will commemorate 90 years of the Legion of Mary in Scotland. There will also be a Rosary procession and Benediction after Mass at 5.00pm.

**MASS ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY 8th APRIL**

Vigil Mass 152 9.00am 164 11.00am 275  
**Total 591**



**Our Lady of Lourdes**

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Monsignor Thomas Millar and Father Sean G. Wyllie

**Fifth Sunday of Easter/Year B**

**29th April 2018**

**POPE FRANCIS ON “SUNDAY MASS”**

"Just like a plant needs the sun and nourishment to live, every Christian needs the Sunday Eucharist to truly live. What kind of Sunday is it for a Christian if an encounter with the Lord is missing?" The Christian meaning of the day has been lost and is no longer "illuminated by the Eucharist."

"How can we carry out the Gospel without drawing the energy needed to do it, one Sunday after another, from the limitless source of the Eucharist," he said during his weekly general audience on 13th December 2017.

We don't go to Mass to give something to God, but to receive from him that which we truly need," the Pope said. Sunday Mass is the time and place Christians receive the grace and strength to remain faithful to his word, follow his commandment to love others and be credible witnesses in the world.

In his catechesis, the Pope responded to the question of why it is so important to go to Mass on Sundays and why it is not enough just to live a moral life, loving others.

Sunday Mass is not simply an obligation, he said. "We Christians need to take part in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his presence alive in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandment and, in this way, be his credible witnesses."

Unfortunately, in many secularized countries, the Christian meaning of the day has been lost and is no longer "illuminated by the Eucharist" or lived as a joyous feast in communion with other parishioners and in solidarity with others, he said.

Also often missing is the importance of Sunday as a day of rest, which is a sign of the dignity of living as children of God, not slaves, he said.

"Without Christ, we are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of daily life with all its worries and the fear of tomorrow. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to live today with confidence and courage and to move forward with hope," he said.

**“DAY BY DAY”**

The next edition of daily reflections is available from the Stall this weekend. Please collect when you are at Mass this weekend. Thank you.

**FR PAUL DENNEY**



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

**MGR MILLAR**

Mgr Millar is attending a meeting at St Mary's College, Oscott, this weekend. He returns on Monday evening. You-know-who is in charge!!!!

## FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

The church is open this week from 8.00am until 8.00pm

### Sunday 29th April

- 9.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter/Year B  
 11.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter/Year B  
 12.30pm Baptism of Olivia Marletta of Lethbridge Place. Please pray for her and for her parents and godparents at Mass today.  
 6.00pm **Evening Prayer & Benediction**

### Monday 30th April

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

### Tuesday 1st May

- 8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Joseph the Worker  
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary  
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Joseph the Worker

### Wednesday 2nd May

- 8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Athanasius  
 8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary  
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Athanasius

### Thursday 3rd May

- 8.15am Mass for the Feast of St Philip and St James  
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary  
 10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Philip and James  
 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Night Prayer & Benediction at 7.45pm. Confessions between 7.00pm & 7.30pm

### Friday 4th May

- 8.15am Mass for Friday in the Fifth Week of Eastertide  
 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
 9.30am Via Lucis (Meditations on the Stations of Light for the Easter Season)  
 10.00am Mass for Friday in the Fifth Week of Eastertide

### Saturday 5th May

- 8.15am Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady for the Easter Season  
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary & Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal  
 10.00am Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady for the Easter Season  
 5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter/Year B

### Sunday 6th May

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

### THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE

**TUESDAY St Joseph the Worker.** This commemoration, instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955, proposes the example and intercession of Joseph as worker and provider. On this date many countries celebrate the dignity and cause of human labour.

**WEDNESDAY St Athanasius,** Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Born at Alexandria around the year 295, he fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ. As a result, he had to endure much tribulation and he was several times sent into exile.

**THURSDAY St Philip** asks to see and, having seen, he tells the Good News to others. He was born at Bethsaida. **St James**, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62AD.

**THE MONTH OF MAY** is the month of Mary. We honour Our Blessed Lady during this month. The Rosary will be recited before 10.00am Mass at 9.30am with the exception of Friday when we have the Via Lucis during the Easter Season.

### FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2018

- \* First Communion Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes School will be celebrated on Saturday 12th May at 12 noon.
- \* First Communion Mass for St Louise School will be celebrated 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 OLOL 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 on Thursday 10th May 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. All men from the parish are encouraged to join this trip.

- ◆ 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 before 10.00am Mass (Monday to Thursday) and on Saturday with the Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal.
- ◆ Legion of Mary meets Monday evenings in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

### PARISH NOTICES

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

### HEALING SERVICE

St Columbkille’s Hall, Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen, on  
 Sunday 6th May at 2.00pm.  
 Speakers - Fr Joe Balmer and Joe Livingston  
 All welcome

### Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Arms (SCANA)

**Pentecost Peace Vigil**  
**Saturday 26th May 2018**  
**12noon–1.00pm**

**Faslane Royal Naval Base, Gareloch**

Led by Bishop Nolan (President Justice & Peace Scotland) and Susan Brown (Moderator of the Church of Scotland) and a representative of the Episcopal Church. Contact Ellen Charlton for further information at ellen.charlton@hotmail.com

At a Vatican International Symposium on disarmament last November, Pope Francis warned that modernising stockpiles and developing new nuclear weapons effectively removes nations’ capabilities to focus on “real priorities: the fight against poverty, the promotion of peace, the undertaking of educational, ecological and healthcare projects and the development of human rights.”

### NHS at 70

**CHARITY CONCERT**  
**MOTHERWELL CONCERT HALL**  
**Friday 1st June 2018 at 7.15pm**

Front Stalls £35.00 (Adult) £25.00 (Under 16s)  
 Rear Stalls £20.00 (Adult) £15.00 (Under 16s)

See the poster on the noticeboard for more details.  
 For tickets visit: [www.culturenl.co.uk](http://www.culturenl.co.uk) or call 01698 403120