



Please pray for those who died recently – John Hail (Calderwood), William Callan, Roseann Spencer, Fr Hilary Costello OCSO (Mount St Bernard Abbey, Leicester), Robert O'Donnell.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of – Thomas O'Hara, Terence Clarke, Annie Flaherty, Tommy Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty.



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 £1396.90 Votive Candles £160.00 Stall £185.10 Roof Fund £5.00

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th May at 8.00pm in the Oratory. All men, young and old, are very welcome to join us. Also a wee reminder of the day trip to Millport on Saturday 9th June. The bus leaves at 9.00am for Largs and leaves Largs at 4.00pm for the return to EK. This is the last weekend for putting your name on the list on the church noticeboard if you intend going on this day trip, even if you haven't come along to the meetings. All very welcome.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Bishop Toal is leading a group to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th August. 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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"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 are now on sale. Contact 0131 228 1155 for tickets or visit usherhall.co.uk

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KEEPING OUR CHURCH SPICK & SPAN

We are looking for some more help to assist the ladies who clean our church. One group does the job on Mondays from 7.30am until around 9.30am after the weekend Masses.

The other group prepares the church for the weekend and they do the cleaning on Friday mornings after 10.00am Mass.

Can you help? Please let us know.



CARFIN LOURDES GROTTTO

The 2018 Pilgrimage Season at Carfin is now underway and you are encouraged to support the work and life of the Grotto.

A Mass for Pilgrims is celebrated in the parish church at 1.00pm from Monday to Thursday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Glass Chapel from Monday to Friday from 10.30am until early evening.

All the shrines at the Grotto are open every day and are well worth a visit, including the Bethlehem Cave, The Shrine of Divine Mercy and the Carpenter's House in the sunken garden area of the Grotto.



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Please view and like our new Parish Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyoflourdesek/>

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Year B

13th May 2018

TODAY is COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY.

A Second Collection is taken up today/Sunday to support the work of the Church in communicating the Gospel and the teachings of Christ to the world of today.

If you GiftAid to our parish please use the appropriate envelope from your book of envelopes.

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia's Message For Communications Sunday 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his message for Communications Sunday this year, Pope Francis reminds us that Communication is part of God's plan for us, allowing us to express and share all that is true, good, and beautiful. But he warns us, that when we yield to our own pride and selfishness, we can distort our ability to communicate.

The capacity to twist the truth is a human failing. Today we are witnessing the spread of what has come to be known as "fake news". This has caused the Pope to make truth the theme of this year's communications message, when he urges us to: "contribute to our shared commitment to stemming the spread of fake news and to rediscover the dignity of journalism and the personal responsibility of journalists to communicate the truth."

The term "fake news" refers to the spreading of disinformation online or in the traditional media based on non-existent or distorted data to deceive and manipulate the reader by mimicking real news. Social networks can allow untrue stories to spread so quickly that even authoritative denials fail to contain the damage.

Such disinformation can discredit and demonise while fomenting conflict and spreading arrogance and hatred. Preventing and identifying the way disinformation works calls for a profound and careful process of discernment. So how do we defend ourselves? The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth.

In Christianity, truth is not just a conceptual reality that regards how we judge things, defining them as true or false. Rather, truth involves our whole life. In the Bible, it carries with it the sense of support, solidity and trust. We discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us. This alone can liberate us, as in the words of the Gospel according to John: "The truth will set you free."

To discern the truth, we need to discern everything that encourages communion and promotes goodness. I would like to urge you to read Pope Francis' text in full which is available on the website of the Catholic Media Office at www.scmo.org

Pope Francis has bravely proposed to the world of journalism which we experience only too rarely, a journalism of moral and professional integrity which communicates the whole truth and respects the dignity of the people in the news and the people who receive the news.

On this Communications Sunday, I ask you to be partners in the quest for truth, by becoming discerning consumers of news media, regular readers of our Catholic Press and generous supporters of the church's dedicated communications staff. On behalf of the Bishops of Scotland, I invite you to donate generously to today's collection which funds our Scottish Catholic Media Office.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow
President, Communications Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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

Sunday 13th May

- 9.00am Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter/Year B
 11.00am Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter/Year B
 6.00pm **May Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Lady** (*Rosary, Litany of Our Lady & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*)

Monday 14th May

- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Matthias, Apostle
 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.25pm
 7.30pm Mass for Monday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide

Tuesday 15th May

- 8.15am Mass for Tuesday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Tuesday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide

Wednesday 16th May

- 8.15am Mass for Wednesday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide
 8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Wednesday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide

Thursday 17th May

- 8.15am Mass for Thursday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Thursday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide
 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction
 Confessions from 7.00pm until 7.30pm
 Night Prayer at 7.45pm concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 18th May

- 8.15am Mass for Friday in the Seventh 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 Seventh Week of Eastertide

Saturday 19th 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
 12 noon First Communion Mass for St Louise School
 5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm
 6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost

Sunday 20th May Solemnity of Pentecost

- 9.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost
 11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE

MONDAY Feast of St Matthias, Apostle
 Like all the Apostles, he was chosen to become "a witness with us of Christ's resurrection." The story of his election as one of the Apostles is given in the first reading at Mass today. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now in Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Re by St Helena.



THE MONTH OF MAY is the month of Mary. And so we pay particular honour to Our Blessed Lady during this month.

The Rosary will be recited on the Sundays of May at 6.00pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Rosary is recited each day of this week at 9.30am before 10.00am Mass except on those occasions when we have a Requiem Mass.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Every day during Mass this week concluding at 10.00am Mass on Saturday.

ORDINATIONS DVDS ON SALE

DVDs of Fr Paul's and Fr Sean's ordinations are on sale in the Stall at a cost of £10.00.

LOCAL FOODBANK

Yet again a truly amazing response for last week's collection – 86 bags and donations of £465.00. Thanks you for your sustained generosity towards those in need in our community.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

This year we celebrate the feast on Sunday 3rd June. The bishop has invited the diocese to join him at Carfin Grotto that day for a Eucharistic Procession at 3.00pm.

In the evening of the feast day we invite our parishioners to gather for Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6.00pm to mark the feast in our parish.

We hope that some of our parishioners will be able to represent our parish at Carfin. We also hope that a greater number would join us at 6.00pm for Evening Prayer. Come and experience the simple but profound beauty of the Church's liturgy at Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction on Sunday 3rd June at 6.00pm.

CHRISTIAN is appearing in Concert at Greenhills Church on Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7.00. Phone 01355 247394 for further information.

- 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.
- Legion of Mary meets Monday evenings in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm.
- Padre Pio Prayer Group meets on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Oratory until 9.00pm
- Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal at 9.30am on Saturdays and recitation of the Rosary

PARISH HALL

- ⇒ Tearoom after 11.00am Mass today.
- ⇒ Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- ⇒ Tearoom after 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.
- ⇒ Mother & Toddler Group on Thursdays
- ⇒ Friendship Club on Thursdays from 1.30pm.
- ⇒ LOL Hiking Club meets on Thursday 17th May in the Hall. Fort William Information Evening
- ⇒ Please phone this number for hall Bookings or Enquiries – 07800981354

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CHARITY CONCERT in 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 or call 01698 403120

Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Arms (SCANA)

Pentecost Peace Vigil

Saturday 26th May 2018 12noon–1.00pm
 Faslane Royal Naval Base, Gareloch.

CONTEMPLATIVE THEOLOGY

on

The Trinity

At The Xavier Centre, Taylor Avenue, Carfin, ML1 5AJ

Thursdays 17th, 24th and 31st May and 7th June

7.30pm - 9.00pm. All welcome.