

Please pray for those who died recently – John Hail (Calderwood), Ricky Hunter, Paul Coogans (Brisbane, Australia), Debbie Anderson, Andrew Strain (St Leonard's), Etta Murray (Mossend).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of – Rose Tierney, May McKeown, Charlie O'Kane, Alice Fitzpatrick.

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 Connochie, 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 FOR THE ASCENSION & LAST SUNDAY

Offertory Collection £1537.52 (Ascension Day £638.76) Communications Collection £917.56
Votive Candles £240.30 Stall £90.00 Lourdes Fund £50.00

ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICE

Philipshill Cemetery on Sunday 3rd June at 3.00pm.

SUNDAY READERS

Please collect your new rota today. Thank you.

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th May at 8.00pm in the Oratory.

DAY BY DAY

The June booklets for daily reflection are now available for collection from the Stall.

CALLING FOR YOUR HELP

Thanks to those who responded to our request for help in the cleaning of our church. However, we could still do with another couple of helpers for Fridays.

**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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium invite former members and Auxiliaries to join the celebration today/Sunday at Carfin Grotto.

- 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.
- The Pro-life Prayer Group meets on Wednesday at 6.40pm in the Oratory for the Divine Mercy Chaplet; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm with Prayers for Life, and Benediction at 8.00pm.
- 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.
- ⇒ **Please phone this number for hall Bookings or Enquiries – 07800981354**

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Sean and Len Kelly ask all the new altar servers to meet next Sunday at 12.30pm in the church.

DAY FOR LIFE

The Catholic Church in Scotland observes a Day for Life on the Feast of the Visitation of Our Blessed Lady, 31st May. We are asked to take up a Second Collection to help the Church promote the Pro-Life message around the date of the feast. We will take up a Second Collection for this purpose on Sunday 3rd June.

Today's feast of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season. Next Sunday (27th May) we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity; on the following Sunday we have the feast of Corpus Christi (3rd June); and after that on Sunday 10th June we have Sunday 10 in Ordinary Time/Year B

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.

ST ANDREW'S AND ST BRIDE'S HIGH SCHOOL

Present "Mary Poppins" on 19th/20th/21st June at 7.30pm in the school. Tickets (£5.00) available from the school on 01355 574110 or Hilary on 07714981908



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The Solemnity of Pentecost

20th May 2018

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE

Weekdays Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

Following the Solemnity of Pentecost we will offer a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Church and the world.

The Readings this week come from Week 7 in Ordinary Time; on Monday from the letter of St James, 3:13-18 with the Gospel from St Mark 9:14-29.

MONDAY Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church

Pope Francis has issued a decree instituting this new feast in honour of our Blessed Lady. It will be celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday.

FRIDAY Memorial of St Bede the Venerable.

Priest and Doctor of the Church, 673-735, was a monk at Jarrow and wrote biblical commentaries and historical books. His "Ecclesiastical History of the English People" mentions the missions of St Ninian and St Alban, and speaks of the reign of King Oswald. He gives an account of the Council of Whitby which aligned the date of Easter with the Roman Calendar. He helped introduce the notion of dating from the Incarnation of Christ using Anno Domini (A.D.). St Bede is entombed in Durham Cathedral.

SATURDAY Memorial of St Philip Neri.

Priest, 1515-1595, was born in Florence but spent most of his life in Rome, where he founded the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of priestly life.

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.

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 extend a particular invitation to all who have a specific role to play in our parish liturgy – Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Passkeepers, musicians and cantors.

During Evening Prayer Mgr Millar and Fr Sean will make an Act of Commitment to the parish community in the exercise of their priestly ministry and in their care of the pastoral life of the parish.

We will also invite our Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Passkeepers, musicians and cantors to make an Act of Commitment to our parish and the Church's liturgy.

Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Hall for all who take part in the evening's liturgy.

SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

Sunday 20th May

- 9.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost
 11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost
 6.00pm **May Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Lady** (*Rosary, Litany of Our Lady & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*)

Monday 21st May

- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church
 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.25pm
 7.30pm Mass for the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 22nd May

- 8.15am Mass for Tuesday of Week Seven in Ordinary Time/Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Tuesday of Week Seven in Ordinary Time/Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday 23rd May

- 8.15am Mass for Wednesday of Week Seven in Ordinary Time/Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit
 8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Wednesday of Week Seven in Ordinary Time/Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

Thursday 24th May

- 8.15am Mass for Thursday of Week Seven in Ordinary Time/Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for Thursday of Week Seven in Ordinary Time/Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit
 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 25th May

- 8.15am Mass for Friday for the Memorial of St Bede the Venerable
 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Bede the Venerable

Saturday 26th May

- 8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Philip Neri
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary & Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Philip Neri
 5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm
 6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity/Year B

Sunday 27th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

- 9.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity/Year B
 11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity/Year B

Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter on the subject of **Safeguarding**. New and revised safeguarding standards come into effect in the Catholic Church in Scotland, tomorrow/Monday. A new poster has been produced to be clearly displayed in all churches and parish halls. There are copies of a summary of the standards for Safeguarding available on the table in the church porch. Over the coming week, Bill Kerr, our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, will give a copy to each of the societies and groups operating within Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We will draw your attention to the Safeguarding standards twice each year.

My Dear People,

I write, on behalf of all the Bishops of Scotland, to draw your attention to the publication of our Church's new Safeguarding materials which come into force on 21st May 2018. These include 'In God's Image', the document which offers comprehensive guidance and instruction on every aspect of Safeguarding, including compliance with new Safeguarding standards. This has been shaped by the recent experience and developing expertise of those involved in the front line of Safeguarding in the Church, both in Scotland and internationally. In ratifying this publication, the Bishops have taken the opportunity to repeat and renew apologies made to those who have suffered any form of abuse, at any time, by anyone representing the Church.

Your Bishops want you to know that we aspire to the highest standards of care and protection of all, and we are committed to rebuilding trust and confidence in the ways in which we ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are kept safe. We are most grateful to the teams of Safeguarding personnel in all Dioceses and to over 9,000 trained volunteers who support the work of parishes and religious congregations across Scotland.

The publication of these materials marks the end of a period in which the Church has been working quietly, but tirelessly, to implement the recommendations of the McLellan Commission that reported in August 2015. Since 2013 we have published annual audits of allegations reported to us each year. Last month, we also published a historical review of non-recent cases of abuse, covering the period 1943-2005, publication of our annual audits, the historical review and our new Safeguarding materials demonstrate our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency.

We recognise, however, that publications alone are not enough. Regular reviews and rigorous scrutiny by those both inside and outside the church will be required, as will independent evaluation.

An Independent Review Group, chaired by Baroness Helen Liddell, comprising a team of experienced and distinguished experts in safeguarding, child protection and education has overseen the implementation of the McLellan recommendations and is now examining our annual Safeguarding Audits. Each year, this autonomous group will scrutinise the work of two of the eight dioceses in Scotland alongside a review of the work of Religious Orders.

We also recognise that engagement with survivors of abuse is crucial and we can reveal that, for some years now, each Bishop has been meeting with survivors and will continue to do so. Given the profound and sensitive nature of this issue, such encounters take place discreetly, at times and places suited to the needs of the survivors. We have encountered survivors who simply want to be listened to, to be heard, and to be understood. Others express a need for counselling, spiritual guidance or some form of redress. Some want to live their lives without any contact from the Church or its representatives. Each of these wishes must be respected and addressed as far as possible.

The first chapter of Genesis tells us that humans are created "in the image of God", making each human life inherently valuable and giving each person an innate and precious dignity. Sadly, the dignity of the most vulnerable has not always been recognised or protected by individuals and by organisations. We have seen, with cruel repetition, scandals engulfing politics, football, show business and most recently, the international aid sector. The Church shares in this scandal and our shame is greater, because our expectation of safety, care and compassion are higher.

We know that Jesus identifies profoundly with children, the poor, the needy and the vulnerable and we learn that how we personally respond to the vulnerable will be relevant to our eternal destiny. We read in the Gospel of St Matthew that, at the Last Judgement, it will be no good saying: "When did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" For then he will answer: "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me".

This makes Safeguarding, for all of us, a pressing priority in every parish, diocese and religious congregation. We must prioritise our compliance with our new Safeguarding standards, initially by becoming familiar with them and then through continuing participation in training events provided in each Diocese and nationally.

Through the protection and care we show to all, and through the compassion, healing and justice we offer to those who have survived abuse, we must continue to renew, rebuild and restore faith and hope in the church by offering faith and hope to one another. At this time of Pentecost we pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will strengthen us in our efforts to do so.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal

Bishop of Motherwell

*responsible for Safeguarding
on behalf of the Bishops of Scotland*