



Please pray for those who died recently

Ronald Abrams of St Vincent Place (Receiving on Wednesday at 6.00pm, Requiem Mass on Thursday at 10.00am thereafter to South Lanarkshire Crematorium), Mary Rafferty of Banff Place (Receiving Saturday 14th July at 9.45am, Requiem Mass at 10.00am thereafter to South Lanarkshire Crematorium), Peter Quinn (Newarthill)

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of

John Muldoon Snr, Hannah Devine, Hugh & Annie McKinney, George & Betty McInally



Please pray for the sick

We ask your prayers at Mass today for all the sick—those at home in our parish community, those in hospital, especially at Hairmyres Hospital, and those in local Nursing and Care homes in East Kilbride. In addition to remembering the sick and housebound at Sunday Mass, we also invite you to remember them every day of the week in your prayers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY AND FOR YOUR CONTINUING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory Collection £1610.00 Peter's Pence £1187.32 Votive Candles £151.49
Stall £80.00 Donations £10.00

GiftAid forms can be found at the back of the church for those who pay tax and are willing to help the parish at no extra cost to themselves. Last year we were able to claim £14,415.98.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN LOURDES GROTTO

Our Parish Pilgrimage Day at Carfin Lourdes Grotto will take place on Thursday 9th August. Mass at 1.00pm in the Glass Chapel and Evening Prayer also in the Glass Chapel at 7.00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day in the Glass Chapel.

A list will be placed on the noticeboard next weekend to gauge interest from our parish. We encourage everyone to come along as individuals and as families to our Parish Day at Carfin. If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a bus for the Mass and maybe even for Evening Prayer as well.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A bus has been booked and the cost per person is £30. We ask that all monies be paid to Father Seán before the day of departure. If you have any prayer intentions or petitions to be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, please hand them into the Parish House clearly marked 'Lourdes Petition' and Father Seán will ensure they are all presented at the Grotto.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- At Sunday Masses next weekend, we will take up a Second Collection for the Church Building Fund. Please use one of the blue Special Collection envelopes for this collection.
- The Comboni Sisters have been allocated East Kilbride Deanery for a Mission Appeal. The sisters will be here on the weekend of 21st/22nd July. On that Sunday, there will also be a Second Collection to assist them in their missionary work.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We encourage all the young on holiday from school to make a special effort to come along to our weekday Masses. Those who are altar servers are especially encouraged to come along and serve at Masses during the week. We ask parents/carers or grandparents to instil in the young the wonderful practice of beginning each day with Holy Mass. If you have time off work during the summer, please make an effort to join us for Mass.

SEA SUNDAY 2018

Sea Sunday will take place next weekend. On this day we are asked to encourage prayer for the work undertaken by the Apostleship of the Sea.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The RCIA programme led by Father Seán will begin again in September for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. There are various aspects to this process, which might help you in going forward:

Inquiry - The first part of the process is learning, in a gentle way, about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches.

Deciding - This is a formal stage where someone decides to become a Catholic and begin a more formal period of learning about the faith of the Church.

Preparation - It is not all about learning. Becoming a Catholic is first and foremost about building a deeper relationship with God. As part of the process there is a period of time in prayer and getting ready to become a Catholic.

Initiation - Only when someone is ready and after they have spent some time reflecting on what Catholics believe does the ceremony of Baptism and Reception into the Catholic Church take place.



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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st July 2018

THE FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Thomas, an apostle of the Lord who preached the Gospel in India where he was martyred. Saint Thomas is honoured as the patron saint of India. Monsignor Millar and Father Seán wish all our Indian parishioners a very Happy Feast Day. Ellavarkum Dukhrana Theerunal Aashamsakal. Happy Feast of Dukhrana to all.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION

We are scheduling Forty Hours Adoration just after the Feast of the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady on Sunday 9th, Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th September. We will give you the programme for these days nearer the time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019

Parents and Carers of children in both schools completing primary 3 this month should have received a letter from Monsignor Millar and Father Seán outlining the plans for enrolment for First Holy Communion. The letter also outlines the wish of the parish community to assist parents, carers, families and children in preparation for this very important moment in their lives. All parents/carers of children being put forward for the sacrament must attend the meeting which will take place on Tuesday 21st August at 7.00pm in the church.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

A training session will take place tomorrow/ today, 1st July at 12.30pm for the 8 new altar servers who are already serving at Mass. Those who wish to be servers are asked to wait until after the summer holidays when another set of training sessions will be advertised.

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Father Matthew Potoczny from Opole in Poland arrived in the parish last week. He will work with Father Seán in our parish and help with our chaplaincy work at Hairmyres Hospital. We are sure you will make Father Matthew feel very much at home.

FOODBANK

After an outstanding response for last month, our July collection is this weekend. This falls in to the period when the reality of 'holiday hunger' becomes prevalent. How good it would be if our contributions were able to minimise the impact school holidays can have on children and families? Identical to last month, the following items are required urgently - cereals and tins of hotdogs, potatoes, vegetables and tuna; tins of fruit and puddings; meals in a can e.g. stew, macaroni cheese. As ever, thank you for your relentless and overwhelming support for those in need in our local community. 'All things pass, only good works last.' *St John of God*

PARISH HALL

- ⇒ No Sunday tearoom this week
- ⇒ Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- ⇒ Friendship Club resumes on 6th September

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

A Mass for all those in our parish who are sick or housebound will take place on Sunday 12th August at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered at this Mass which will be followed by snacks and light refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. This is a great opportunity for us to pray with our sick parishioners and support them.

WEEK 13 IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 1st July

- 9.00am Mass for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
11.00am Mass for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Monday 2nd July

- 10.00am Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
7.30pm Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Tuesday 3rd July

- 8.15am Mass for the Feast of St Thomas
10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Thomas

Wednesday 4th July

- 8.15am Mass for Persecuted Christians
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
10.00am Mass for Persecuted Christians

Thursday 5th July

- 8.15am Mass for Thursday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time
10.00am Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Ronald Abrams
1.00pm Nuptial Mass

Friday 6th July

- 8.15am Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday 7th July

- 8.15am Mass of the Saturday Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
9.30am Recitation of the Rosary & Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal
10.00am Mass of the Saturday Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Sunday 8th July

- 9.00am Mass for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
11.00am Mass for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

- ◆ Legion of Mary meets Monday evenings in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm.
- ◆ Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal at 9.30am on Saturdays and recitation of the Rosary.
- ◆ Mothers Prayers, Pro-Life Group and Prayers for Vocations will all resume in August.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We wish all our parishioners who are going away on holiday a safe journey there and back and a good rest from the normal routines of life in East Kilbride!

And for those staying at home? Let's hope and pray we have some good summer weather to cheer us up!

SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

Thomas whose full name was Didymus Judas Thomas, lived in Galilee when it was part of the ancient Roman Empire and became one of the disciples when Jesus called him to join him.

His inquisitive mind led him to naturally doubt God's work in the world, but also led him to pursue answers to his questions, which ultimately led him to great faith. Thomas is known in popular culture as "Doubting Thomas" because of the famous story in which he demands to see physical proof of Jesus' resurrection before believing it and Jesus appears inviting Thomas to touch the wounds from the crucifixion.

When Thomas believed, he could be quite courageous. Scripture records in John, chapter 11, that when the disciples were worried about accompanying Jesus to Judea (because the Jews had previously tried to stone Jesus there), Thomas encouraged them to stick with Jesus, who wanted to return to the area to help his friend, Lazarus, even if that meant being attacked by Jewish leaders. Thomas says in verse 16: "Let us also go, that we might die with him."

Thomas later asked Jesus a famous question when the disciples were eating the Last Supper with him. John 14:1-4 records Jesus telling his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas' question comes next, revealing that he's thinking of physical directions rather than spiritual guidance: "Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Thanks to Thomas' question, Jesus clarified his point, uttering these famous words about his divinity in verse 6 and 7: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Beyond his words recorded in the Bible, Thomas is also credited as the author of the non-canonical texts, The Infancy Gospel of Thomas (which describes miracles that Thomas said Jesus performed as a boy and told him about) and the Acts of Thomas.

In his Book of Thomas the Doubter: Uncovering the Hidden Teachings, George Augustus Tyrrell comments: "It may be that Thomas' critical mind compelled Jesus to explain the teachings more deeply to him than to the credulous disciples. For the prologue in the Gospel of Thomas states: 'These are the secret teachings the living Jesus spoke and Judas Thomas wrote down.'"

After Jesus ascended into heaven, Thomas and the other disciples each travelled to various parts of the world to share the Gospel message with people. Thomas shared the Gospel with people in Syria, ancient Persia, and India. Thomas is still known today as the apostle to India for the many churches that he formed and helped build there.

Thomas died in India in 72 AD as a martyr for his faith when an Indian king, angry that he couldn't get Thomas to worship an idol, ordered his high priest to stab Thomas with a spear.

Thomas is the patron saint of India, architects, blind people, construction workers Ceylon, East Indies, geometricians, masons, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, stone masons, stonecutters, surveyors, theologians and those who doubt God.

THE MONTH OF JULY - REFLECTION ON THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LORD

The Eucharistic sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ embraces the mystery of our Lord's continuing passion in the members of his Mystical Body, the Church in every age. The crucifix serves as a reminder that Christ, our eternal high priest, daily unites our own sacrifices, our own sufferings, our own needs, hopes and aspirations, to the infinite merits of his sacrifice. Through him, with him, and in him, we lift up our own bodies as a sacrifice acceptable to God. In the life of the Church, in her trials and tribulations, Christ continues, in the stark phrase of Pascal, to be in agony until the end of the world.

We see this aspect of the mystery of Christ's precious blood represented, most eloquently, by the martyrs of every age, who drank from the cup which Christ himself drank, and whose own blood, shed in union with his sacrifice, gives new life to the Church. It is also reflected in our brothers and sisters throughout the world who even now are suffering discrimination and persecution for their Christian faith. Yet it is also present, often hidden in the suffering of all those individual Christians who daily unite their sacrifices to those of the Lord for the sanctification of the Church and the redemption of the world... I ask you to unite yourselves ever more fully to the Lord, sharing in his sacrifice on the Cross and offering him that "spiritual worship" which embraces every aspect of our lives and finds expression in our efforts to contribute to the coming of his Kingdom.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI