

**Please pray for those who died recently**

Paul Coogans, Alex McGurk, Tom Ramos, Isa Duncan.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of

John & Celia Cooper, John Rae, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Chris Samson, Kathleen Croser, Thomas & Bridget O'Neill, May & Jim Duddy.

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. Our prayer for them not only helps them in their suffering and pain but also reassures them that they are not forgotten by our community of faith. Our prayer helps relieve their feelings of isolation and loneliness.

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

Offertory Collection £1462.00 Votive Candles £338.55 Stall £80.00 Roof Fund £10.00

Delighted to let you know that we received our GiftAid of £14,415.98, for the financial year 2017-2018. Thank you to all who participate in the GiftAid for our parish.

ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE

Kieran Hamilton and Kevin Lawrie, two seminarians from our diocese, were ordained as deacons yesterday (Saturday) in the chapel at Saint Mary's College Oscott. Kevin and Kieran, together with Charles Coyle and Mark O'Donnell, should be ordained as priests for Motherwell Diocese next year. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming months leading up to their ordinations.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- ◇ At Sunday Masses on 8th July, 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.

SEA SUNDAY 2018

Sea Sunday will take place on July 8th this year. On this day we are asked to encourage prayer for the work undertaken by the Apostleship of the Sea.

PLANS AFOOT

Mgr Millar and Fr Sean are in the process of putting together a Parish Pastoral Planning Team and also a Formation/Catechetical Team which would assist with preparations for the Sacraments, especially First Holy Communion and, in time, First Confessions.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN LOURDES GROTTTO

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 in the next few weeks 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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Men's group established in our parish in the past few months will take a break for the summer holidays and will resume meeting on Thursday 23rd August. All men from our parish are invited to come along and join with other men from the parish to share their faith, deepen their understanding of the faith and share hobbies and pastimes. The group is open to all Catholic men aged 18 and over. Please consider joining the men's group which will meet monthly in the parish hall to deepen our faith, our friendship and the living out of our common baptismal calling.

OLOL HIKING CLUB

Next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Sign up for walks in the Inveruglas area and photographic evening.



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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie

The Solemnity of the Birthday of Saint John the Baptist 24th June 2018

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The traditional collection for Peter's Pence will be taken up at all our Masses this weekend. This collection is sent to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to help him administer the life of the universal Church. If you GiftAid to our parish, please use the special blue envelope marked Peter's Pence.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday of this week is the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, a holyday of obligation when we should all attend Mass.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**Today/Sunday**

Annual Lourdes Hospitalité Mass at 3.00pm. A particular invitation is extended to all those going on pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, especially the Diocesan Pilgrimage from 20th until 27th July.

Parish Pilgrimage

Eleven parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes will travel with Fr Sean on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. The pilgrims will depart from the church at the conclusion of the 10.00am Mass on Friday 20th July and return on the evening of Friday 27th July. 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 Fr Sean will ensure they are all presented at the Grotto.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

A further training session will take place next Sunday 1st July at 12.30pm for existing servers.

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.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

- ◆ The Mother's Prayer Group meets as usual this week on Tuesday after 10.00am Mass in the Oratory.
- ◆ 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.

PARISH HALL

- ⇒ Tearoom today/Sunday after 11.00am Mass
- ⇒ Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- ⇒ Tearoom after 10.00am Mass on Wednesday
- ⇒ Mother & Toddler Group will resume on Thursday 23rd August at 10.30am
- ⇒ Friendship Club on Thursdays from 1.30pm

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!

WEEK 12 IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 24th June

9.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Birthday of St John the Baptist

11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Birthday of St John the Baptist

Monday 25th June

10.00am Mass for Monday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON MONDAYS
for July and August**

7.30pm Mass for Monday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 26th June

8.15am Mass For Vocations to Holy Orders

10.00am Mass For Vocations to Holy Orders

Wednesday 27th June

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am

10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving for the past academic year and final Mass of the year for the pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

Thursday 28th June

10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Irenaeus

7.30pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

Friday 29th June

8.15am Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am

9.15am Confessions until 9.45am

10.00am Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

7.30pm Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

Saturday 30th June

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 the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm

6.00pm Vigil Mass for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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

ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

On Thursday, we celebrate the Memorial of St Irenaeus (130-202). Irenaeus was probably a native of Smyrna, in modern day Turkey. He testifies that, as a youth, he listened to the preaching of Bishop and Martyr Polycarp, who was himself a disciple of the Apostle John. He emigrated to Lyons in France where he worked with Bishop Pothinus as a priest. After the martyrdom of Bishop Pothinus in 177 or 178 A.D. in a persecution under the Emperor Aurelius, Irenaeus was saved by being on a mission for the Bishop to Rome. Upon his return he was appointed successor, becoming the second Bishop of Lyons, France. He soon became immersed in his work of combatting the numerous heresies that threatened to destroy the unity of the Church.

SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was the first to recognise that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet, despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

Saint Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill. Saint Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

Saint Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament and, through them, we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of Saint Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was travelling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptised and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.

FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

These "proto-martyrs" of Rome were the first Christians persecuted en masse by the Emperor Nero in the year 64, before the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul.

Nero was widely believed to have caused the fire that burned down much of Rome in the same year. He blamed the fire on the Christians and put them to death, many by crucifixion, or by being fed to the wild animals in his circus, or by being tied to posts and lit up as human torches.

Today, the site of Nero's Circus, also the location of St. Peter's martyrdom, is marked by the Piazza dei Protomartiri Romani (Square of the Roman Protomartyrs) in the Vatican next to St. Peter's basilica.

These martyrs were called the "Disciples of the Apostles" and their firmness in the face of their gruesome deaths was a powerful testimony that led to many conversions in the early Roman Church.

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

Among devotions to the humanity of Christ (e.g. Sacred Heart), the Precious Blood of Jesus has the most biblical precedent since it is mentioned so frequently in the New Testament (over 75 times). Saint Peter, our first Pope, specifically refers to the blood of Christ as "the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled". St. Paul could rightfully be called the "Theologian of the Precious Blood." The Apostle even tells us to place our "faith in His blood". This reveals that the Precious Blood of Jesus is not an abstraction, but a true devotion to the Divine Person of Christ. The Blood of Christ redeems us, ransoms us and saves us. It does so because it is poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

SUMMER SUPPLY PRIEST

Father Matthew Potoczny from Opole in Poland will arrive in our parish on Thursday 28th June and stay with us until Tuesday 31st July. He will assist in our parish with Mass, Confessions and visits to the sick and housebound and he will also help with our chaplaincy work at Hairmyres Hospital. We are sure you will make Father Matthew feel very much at home in Our Lady of Lourdes.

ANNUAL MASS AT SCALAN

The Annual Mass at Scalan takes place on Sunday 1st July at 4.00pm. The homilist is the Rt. Rev. William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway. Scalan is signposted on the B9008 (Tomintoul - Dufftown) at Auchnarrow. AB37 9JS is the most local postcode. Cars and minibuses can park close to Scalan. Coach parties have a mile to walk but car drivers will happily give lifts to walking pilgrims. The Scalan website: www.scalan.net
Facebook: www.facebook.com/1716Scalan1799