



Please pray for those who died recently

Mary Rafferty of Banff Place (Receiving Saturday at 9.45am, Requiem Mass at 10.00am thereafter to South Lanarkshire Crematorium), Anna McMahon, Martin Monaghan, Leonard McComb, Helen Gallacher, Sister Gertrude, John Hughes, John Cairns.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of

John McIndoe, Sadie Breen, Anne McCabe, Catherine Smith, Helen Sweeney.



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

Offeratory Collection	£1363.42	St Peter & St Paul Collection	£577.40	Votive Candles	£245.18
Stall	£40.00	Donations handed in for Peter's Pence	£21.00		

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 is now on the noticeboard 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.

OLOL HIKING CLUB

Will meet on Thursday 12th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Sign on for walks in the Lake District and Committee Meeting.

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.

DEANERY MISSION APPEAL

◇ 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James Maxwell and Marisa Scott who were married in our church last week. We wish James and Marisa every blessing as they begin married life together.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th July 2018

SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the Church Building Fund. Please use one of the blue Special Collection envelopes for this collection. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support in our endeavours to maintain our church building.

SEA SUNDAY 2018

Today we pray for all those who work on the seas many of whom work to bring us food and other essentials. We are asked to pray for the work undertaken by the Apostleship of the Sea.

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*

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.

PARISH HALL

⇒ Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm

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.

POPE BENEDICT XVI CARITAS AWARDS

Congratulations and many thanks to the Caritas pupils from our parish who received their Caritas Awards before the summer. Throughout the year they took part in the various aspects of parish life - liturgical, spiritual, social and charitable. They had many opportunities to grow in their Catholic faith through catechesis sessions, outreach work and developing a closer link with the parish. Our best wishes go to Andrew McPherson, Clare McDonald, Kathleen Barrett, Luke McLean, Megan Kerr, Neeve Brown and Shannon Brolly. Those intending on taking part in August are asked to give your details to Father Seán before the end of the holidays.

WEEK 14 IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

Monday 9th July

10.00am Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

7.30pm Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen

Tuesday 10th July

8.15am Mass for Tuesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass for Tuesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 11th July

8.15am Mass for the Feast of St Benedict

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am

10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Benedict

Thursday 12th July

8.15am Mass for Thursday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass for Thursday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time

Friday 13th 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 14th July

NO MASS AT 8.15AM

9.15am Confessions until 9.45am

10.00am Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mary Rafferty

5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm

6.00pm Vigil Mass for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Sunday 15th July

9.00am Mass for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

11.00am Mass for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

12.30pm Baptisms

VISITING THE CHURCH

We are very blessed with a constant flow of people visiting the church during the day for personal prayer. Thank you for giving such a wonderful witness to the faith. We should never underestimate the benefits our prayer brings to our parish community. If you are passing by the church please pop in for a few moments of private prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTA

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin this year, in honour of Saint John Ogilvie, will take place on Sunday 2nd September beginning at 3.00pm. We hope to have a representation for our parish at this important event in the life of the Church in Scotland. A list will be placed at the back of the church in August to gauge interest in running a bus from our parish to Carfin that day.

OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN

The story of this small wooden statue is a fascinating tale of survival. The statue was made from oak in Aberdeen sometime in the early 1500's, and was placed in St Machar's Cathedral in Aberdeen, where it was known as Our Lady of Pity. The statue still reigns today in Belgium in a church located in central Brussels, where it is known as Notre Dame du Bon Succes.

There are countless thousands of statues dedicated to Our Lady, but few with such humanity and charm as Our Lady of Aberdeen.

Mary is holding the baby Jesus up on her right arm, with her elbow slightly bent to provide support for him. In her right hand she carries a sceptre, a symbol of royalty, and a bunch of grapes, a symbol of the future and the enduring covenant in the communion of the blood and wine. Her left hand is holding on to Jesus' right foot, with true maternal care for the safety of her baby. Just as any baby, feeling a little insecure up his mother's arm, Jesus is shown to have his left hand firmly gripping on to his mother's gown, while she has her head turned slightly towards him, keeping an eye on her precious child. Altogether it is a wonderful image of the intimate tenderness, love and care, trust and compassion between a mother and her baby. Jesus has a closed crown on his head, indicating that there is no higher authority, while Mary has an open crown. So we have the imposing authority and power of the crowns, the sceptre and the message of the grape and salvation, with the touching human tableau of a mother and her son, caring and trusting each other.

Bishop Gavin Dunbar was the Bishop of Aberdeen from 1518 to 1532. Straight away on his appointment, Bishop Dunbar hired Father Alexander Galloway to design a bridge over the river Dee. However, there was the difficulty of exactly where to put the bridge. Bishop Dunbar was a very devout man, he prayed to Our Lady for inspiration. Then he saw, in a vision, the exact location to build the bridge, and that is where it was built, and where it is today.

This inspired him to dedicate the bridge to Our Lady, which is pivotal to the story of the statue. Eventually, in 1527, the bridge was completed. In honour of Our Lady and her help in identifying the location for the bridge, a chapel was built on the south side of the bridge, the 'country' end. With great ceremony, a statue of Our Lady was carried shoulder high from the cathedral of St Machar to the chapel and installed in 1527.

The Reformation came slowly to north east Scotland. It was a turbulent time in our history. On the 12th November 1593 a decree was passed that Catholics must either give up their faith or emigrate. It is against this tumultuous background, that the statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen was being hidden and treasured by the faithful in the North East of Scotland. It was secretly moved from location to location, and brought out at clandestine Masses. However, it was becoming increasingly difficult, and the faithful decided that it must be sent abroad for safe keeping.

The North Sea is renowned for being stormy, and during its passage the ship suffered from a short sharp storm that destroyed the mast and sails. While they were drifting and trying to make some repairs, a Dutch pirate ship decided that they were a soft target and attacked. The Spanish guns were still in full working order, and the Dutch were soon seen off. Dutch ships were blocking the ports of Antwerp and Calais, and the only one still open was Dunkirk.

The harbour master was amazed to see the battered ship limp into port in 1625. When they landed, the sailors loudly praised the statue. They said that they had prayed for the deliverance from the storm and the attacking Dutch. Father Barthelemy immediately took the statue to Queen Isabella, who was overjoyed to see it. Just at this time, Isabella won a decisive battle against the Dutch United Provinces. She declared that this great victory was due to the arrival of this marvellous statue, and immediately named it "Notre Dame du Bon Succes".

The Cathedral of our Diocese is dedicated to Our Lady of Good Aid. The statue which stands at the centre of the sanctuary wall in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell is similar to that of Our Lady of Aberdeen. On this important Feast Day for our nation we also remember to pray for the bishop, priests and lay faithful of the Diocese of Motherwell, that the Virgin Mother of God will always keep us in true and devoted service to her Son and his holy Church.

Our Lady of Aberdeen, we pray for those who rule us, we pray for our neighbours, our families and ourselves that the peace of Christ may reign among us, always.

Our Lady of Aberdeen, Our Lady of Good Aid, pray for us.