



**Please pray for those who died recently**

Elizabeth Brannigan (Abbey Lodge Care Home), Ruth Smith (Fort William), Kevin Connolly, Joseph Mullins, Robert Grant.

**Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of**

Thomas Murphy, Murphy family, Charles Ryan, Agnes Hickey, Johnny, Jim & Irene McDermott, Cathie Devlin.



**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 £1275.00 Building Fund Collection £1024.95 Votive Candles £165.30  
Stall £50.00 Donations handed in for Peter's Pence £4.00

*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.*

**ON HOLIDAY FROM WORK OR SCHOOL?**

It would be wonderful to welcome all those who are on holiday from work or school to our daily Masses. We especially encourage our young people to give a little of their time each day to attending Mass. If you are a parent, grandparent or carer please instil in your children the wonderful habit of coming to Mass and beginning the day with our Lord in his Word and Sacrament. We wish all of you who are going holidays a very happy and restful break away from daily life in East Kilbride.

**TAKING UP OF THE COLLECTION AT MASS**

We have become aware that the collections are taking some time to be taken up at Mass. Mgr Millar and Fr Seán along with the SVDP are working together to help make the collections a little more flowing. The offertory collection and second collection are still taken up at the same time as before but you may have noticed that the pass-keepers are in place at the front of the church slightly earlier. The pass-keepers will now make their way to the front of the church as the Prayer of the Faithful is beginning for the offertory procession and begin taking up the collection as we sit down for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For the second collection they will make their way to the front when the Blessed Sacrament has been placed in the tabernacle after the distribution of Holy Communion. The collection will be taken up when the Prayer after Communion has concluded and the priest invites us to be seated. It would be helpful if all of us were prepared for the offertory collection coming our way in order to help the pass-keepers and also to help our liturgy flow more easily.

**PARISH READERS**

Could we remind our parish readers to approach the sanctuary for the Liturgy of the Word as soon as the opening prayer has concluded. For the Prayer of the Faithful please come forward during the creed at the words 'I believe in the Holy Spirit'.

**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.

**FOODBANK**

Yet again, a wonderful response to last week's collection with 56 bags and £715 donated. We can assure you that your contributions were indeed timely, since the shelves at the foodbank hub were suitably replenished from a very sparse condition. This is especially encouraging with many of our parishioners on holiday. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

A few more young people have expressed a wish to begin serving. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for details of the next meeting.

# Our Lady of Lourdes

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**Parish Clergy**

Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th July 2018

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The bus will leave from the church after the 10.00am Mass on Friday (20th July). 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. A Mass at the Grotto in Lourdes will be offered for the intentions of all parishioners. We wish everyone travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage a very safe and fruitful time in Lourdes.

**DEANERY MISSION APPEAL**

The Comboni Sisters have been allocated East Kilbride Deanery for a Mission Appeal. The sisters will be here next weekend. A Second Collection will be taken up to help them with their missionary work.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE  
TO CARFIN LOURDES GROTTTO**

A list is now on the noticeboard to gauge interest from our parish. It would be wonderful to have a good representation from our parish of both individuals and families; young and not so young, where we could come together and pray at such a beautiful shrine so close to home. If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a bus for the Mass and maybe even for Evening Prayer as well. **Please note that there are two lists on the noticeboard - one for the 1.00pm Mass and the other for 7.00pm Evening Prayer.** If you wish to go on the bus for both journeys please sign your name on both lists please.

The 1.00pm Mass will take place in the Glass Chapel and then there will be time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, get lunch and pay a visit to the various chapels and shrines around the Grotto before returning to East Kilbride. Evening Prayer will take place at 7.00pm in the Glass Chapel with Benediction. Please sign up soon if you intend on coming with us to Carfin.

**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**

⇒ No Sunday tearoom today/Sunday.

## WEEK 15 IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### 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

### Monday 16th July

- 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
7.30pm Mass for the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Tuesday 17th July

- 8.15am Mass for Tuesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time  
10.00am Mass for Tuesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time

### Wednesday 18th July

- 8.15am Mass for Wednesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time  
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
10.00am Mass for Wednesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time

### Thursday 19th July

- 8.15am Mass for Thursday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time  
10.00am Mass for Thursday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time

### Friday 20th July

- 8.15am Votive Mass of the Most Holy Name of Jesus  
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
10.00am Votive Mass of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

### Saturday 21st July

- NO MASS AT 8.15AM**  
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am  
10.00am Votive Mass of the Most Holy Name of Mary  
5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm  
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

### Sunday 22nd July

- 9.00am Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time B  
11.00am Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO

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

### POPE BENEDICT XVI CARITAS AWARDS

The Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award encourages and promotes the ongoing faith journey of young people. It recognises that some are already active and committed within their homes, schools, parishes and dioceses and it invites others to respond to God's call of love. **Could those sixth year pupils who intend on taking part in our parish next term give your details to Father Seán before the end of the holidays.**

## LOOKING AGAIN AT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLY MASS

At the Last Supper on the night he was to enter into his Passion, Jesus left his disciples a command to 'do this in memory of me'. The next day on Calvary his body was broken and his blood poured out. Each Mass is the re-presentation of this sacrifice. From the early Christian Church immediately after his death up until now the Church has taken this command of the Lord and not a day has gone by where we have forgotten it. Each Mass is full of joy because Christ has risen, he has destroyed death and restored life through this Sacrifice. We are renewed, we are a joyful people. It leads us from Calvary to the Resurrection. We should have that in our minds each time we celebrate the Holy Mass.

Mass, or to give it its proper title, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is the same sacrifice as that offered on Calvary because in the Mass the victim is Jesus Christ. The priest is Jesus Christ who offers to the Heavenly Father, through the ministry of his ordained priest, his body and blood which were sacrificed on the cross.

Although the Mass is the same sacrifice as Calvary it is offered in a different way. On the cross Christ physically shed his blood whereas in the Mass there is no physical shedding of blood because Christ can die no more. On the cross Christ offered himself directly but in the Mass he offers himself through the priest who is in the person of Christ but completely dependent upon him. On the cross Jesus suffered and died but in the Mass he can no longer suffer and die. He paid the price of our redemption once on the cross and in the Mass he bestows on us the merits of his sacrifice on the cross.

We unite with the priest in offering up the Holy Sacrifice. This is clear from the words the priest says after the Offertory: 'Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice **and yours** may be acceptable to God the almighty Father'. Our active participation in the Mass does not primarily mean external activity in the performance of the rites: it means interiorly participating in the Paschal Mystery that the rite signifies. We are offering up the Holy Sacrifice but we are also offering ourselves up too. We are raising ourselves to God rather than pulling him down to our level. That is why our gestures are so important. They foster a sense of the sacred as they form a common language that crosses the borders of different cultures. Gestures such as genuflecting, bowing, the sign of the cross, kneeling, standing and sitting are very important in our common worship of the Lord, but if we don't have it in our hearts it is worthless.

In a series of catechesis on the Mass during his weekly general audiences, Pope Francis said:

'Every celebration of the Eucharist is a ray of that never setting sun that is the Risen Jesus. Taking part in the Mass, particularly on Sunday, means entering the victory of the Risen One, being illuminated by his light, warmed by his compassion. Through the Eucharistic celebration the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life that is able to transfigure our whole mortal being. In his passage from death to life, from time to eternity, the Lord Jesus also draws us with him to experience the Passover... We, during Mass, are with Jesus, who died and is Risen, and he draws us forth to eternal life. In the Mass we unite with him. He gave himself up for us.

Indeed, his Blood frees us from death and from the fear of death. It frees us not only from the dominion of physical death, but from the spiritual death which is evil, sin, which catches us each time we fall victim to our own sin or that of others. Thus our life becomes polluted; it loses beauty; it loses meaning; it withers.

Instead, Christ restores our life; Christ is the fullness of life, and when he faced death he destroyed it forever. Christ's Passover is the definitive victory over death, because he transformed his death in the supreme act of love. He died out of love! And in the Eucharist, he wishes to communicate this, his victorious love to us. Will we allow ourselves to chat, to take photographs, to put on a little show? No! Because it is Jesus! We certainly pause in silence, in sorrow and also in the joy of being saved.

As we enter the church to celebrate Mass, let us think about this: I am going to Calvary, where Jesus gave his life for me. In this way the spectacle disappears; the small talk disappears; the comments and these things that distance us from something so beautiful as the Mass... The Mass is experiencing Calvary; it is not a spectacle'. A respectful silence should be observed in the church before Mass.

The Second Vatican Council in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy stated clearly:

'The Church earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith [Mass], should not be there as strangers or silent spectators... They should take part in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed by God's word, and be nourished at the table of the Lord's Body. They should give thanks to God. Offering the immaculate victim, not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him, they should learn to offer themselves. Through Christ, the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and each other, so that finally God may be all in all'.