



Please pray for those who died recently - Geraldine Reynolds, Anne Sweeney.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Eva Fisher & Friends, Mary O'Hagan, Emma Harkinson, John & Celia Cooper, John Rae, Sarah Donnelly, Chris Farren, Tommy, Annie & Thomas Flaherty, Jean O'Hare.

Please pray for the sick -

At this point in time it would be helpful to have the Sick List updated. We propose to keep the list as it is for the next four weeks and then to begin a fresh list as and when you request a name to be placed on this list. If you can help us keep the list current, we would appreciate any help you can give us. If a name should remain on the List or be taken off the list, please let us know. Thank you.



THANK YOU FOR ALL DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection £1531.59 Stall £177.00 Votive Candles £240.38 Lourdes Fund £50.00

Please note: The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times newspapers will increase in price from 7th September 2018. The increase will be from £1.50 to £1.70.

PARISH HALL THIS WEEK

- Bingo on Tuesday at 7.30pm
- Wednesday Tearoom after 10.00am Mass
- Sunday Tearoom After 11.00am Mass
- Mother & Toddler Group will restart in September

WELCOME

Alan Brown, from St John the Baptist Parish, Uddingston, will be on pastoral placement with us from this weekend. Alan is in his final year of formation for the permanent diaconate and will be ordained deacon for the Diocese of Motherwell in the summer of 2019. We look forward to getting to know Alan and he is certainly looking forward to getting to know our parish community. Welcome!

SCOTS COLLEGE MAGAZINE

On sale at the Stall this weekend. Cost £2.50.

SNOW WHITE and The Seven Wee Muppets

Friday 21st December 2018
Village Theatre, East Kilbride

Tickets cost £8.00

If you want a ticket for this show, please add your name to the List on the church noticeboard

PLEASE TAKE A BOX HOME TODAY

We would be very grateful if you would take home one of the boxes available in the church porch today to help with the costs of training our future priests and helping care for our sick and retired priests. You were very supportive and generous in responding to this initiative last year and we hope you will be able to do the same this year. Please keep the boxes on display in your home and return them to us at the beginning of October. It's amazing how much can be given to this worthy cause with our small change. Thank you in advance for your support.

SECOND COLLECTION

A number of parishioners have asked about our giving financial support to the people of Kerala, India, after hearing of the devastating floods and loss of life in recent weeks. We will take up a Second Collection for this purpose at all Masses next weekend.

THE LIONS OF LISBON

Friday 5th October 2018 at 7.30pm

Tickets must be paid for this weekend

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

"The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World"

On this closing day of the Ninth World Meeting of Families in Dublin, we ask your prayers that the deliberations and prayers will bear fruit for the whole Church and for our culture and society.



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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar

Father Seán G. Wyllie

Deacon Charles Coyle

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th August 2018

SONGS OF PRAISE

Monday 3rd September at 7.30pm



The parishes of Mossneuk, Our Lady of Lourdes and Westwood will be holding our annual joint service in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Monday 3rd September. The service will include Songs of Praise and a Reaffirmation of Faith and, this year, we have extended an invitation to local Catholic and Reformed Churches in East Kilbride. There will be a retiring collection for the local hospice. Please respond positively and help build bridges of peace and hope in our local community.

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. You might find it helpful to have some details of the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

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.

Please pray for those who are searching for God in their lives, for purpose and meaning, informed by a living faith.

ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

Please try to participate in the Annual Vocations Mass on Tuesday evening of this week in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Coursington Road, Motherwell, at 7.00pm. Bishop Toal will be the Principal Celebrant.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto, in honour of St John Ogilvie, takes place next Sunday, 2nd September. Mass at 3.00pm.

We have a few names on the list for a bus, at the moment. If you would like to travel by bus please add your name to the list before 2.00pm today/Sunday.

THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

2018 Annual Pilgrimage to pray for her beatification
SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2018
St Patrick's, Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019

Thank you to the parents and carers of next year's First Communion children who attended last Tuesday evening's meeting. Thanks also to our Primary Schools for their representation and presence and to our Children's Liturgy Leaders for their help and assistance. Mgr Millar and Fr Seán look forward to individual meetings with parents and carers in the month of September. Please phone or email to make an appointment.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION 2018

Please sign-up for 15 minutes of personal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during these special days of prayer and blessing for our parish. See the lists on the church noticeboard.

Sunday 9th September

- 11.00am** The Forty Hours Adoration begins at the end of 11.00am Mass when the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar in the Monstrance for our adoration and intercession over these Three Days of Prayer.
- 6.00pm** Holy Hour of prayer led by Father Paul Denney concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 10th September

- 7.00am** Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 9.35am** Morning Prayer of the Church. At the end of Morning Prayer the Blessed Sacrament is re-placed in the Tabernacle.
- 10.00am** Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the Holy Hour (Primaries 6 & 7 from Our Lady of Lourdes School will join us for Mass)
- 11.00am** Primary 4 from Our Lady of Lourdes Visit to the Blessed Sacrament
- 2.00pm** Recitation of the Rosary.
- 6.30pm** Recitation of the Rosary.
- 7.00pm** Holy Hour led by Father Seán Wyllie concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday 11th September

- 7.00am** Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 9.35am** Morning Prayer of the Church. At the end of Morning Prayer the Blessed Sacrament is re-placed in the Tabernacle.
- 10.00am** Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the Holy Hour (Primaries 6 & 7 from St Louise School will join us for Mass)
- 11.00am** Primary 4 from St Louise School Visit to the Blessed Sacrament
- 2.00pm** Recitation of the Rosary.
- 6.30pm** Recitation of the Rosary.
- 7.00pm** Holy Hour led by Monsignor Thomas Millar concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

We propose that the Vigil Mass be re-scheduled to 5.00pm, thus allowing us to cover any emergency situation and also to provide a different time that might prove helpful to a wider number of people in the community. The earlier timing might also prove attractive in the darker, winter months. We look forward to hearing your views prior to making a decision. Please remember that we have to take into account both local parish and wider diocesan considerations in making a decision. This includes the availability of supply priests. Recently we had to cover parishes in Coatbridge, Biggar and Moodiesburn and we are covering Strathaven on the first two weekends of September.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesdays after the Rosary in the Oratory. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer and sharing for all children.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood resume on Friday at 2.00pm in the church. All are welcome to join in these prayers.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Our Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resume on Thursday of this week. Exposition and Night Prayer in the Oratory and Confessions in the church. See the Thursday schedule on page 3 of the bulletin.

WEEK 21 IN ORDINARY TIME

The church is open this week from 8.00am until 7.00pm
or until after the evening Mass or Service

No 8.15am Mass this week

8.15am Mass will resume on Tuesday 4th September

Sunday 26th August

- 9.00am** Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time B
- 11.00am** Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time B
- 12.30pm** Sacrament of Baptism

Monday 27th August

- 10.00am** Mass for the Memorial of St Monica
- 7.30pm** Mass for the Memorial of St Monica

Tuesday 28th August

- 10.00am** Mass for the Memorial of St Augustine

Wednesday 29th August

- 9.00am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
- 10.00am** Mass for the Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

Thursday 30th August

- 10.00am** Mass for Thursday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time
- 6.30pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Oratory until Night Prayer at 7.45pm
- 7.00pm** Confessions in the church until 7.30pm
- 7.45pm** Night Prayer & Benediction in the Oratory

Friday 31st August

- 9.00am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
- 9.15am** Confessions until 9.45am
- 10.00am** Mass for Friday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1st September

- 9.15am** Confessions until 9.45am
- 9.30am** Novena in Honour of the Miraculous Medal and recitation of the Rosary
- 10.00am** Saturday Mass in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12 noon** Sacrament of Baptism
- 5.15pm** Confessions until 5.45pm
- 6.00pm** Vigil Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Sunday 2nd September

- 9.00am** Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B
- 11.00am** Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

The Passion of St John the Baptist - John was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod for his heroic witness to the truth, thereby becoming the precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his remarkable birth and prophetic preaching.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Just a wee reminder that the Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes at 11.00am Mass on Sunday 2nd September.

St Monica (circa 331-387) - Born in Thagaste (now Algeria, then in the Roman Province of Africa), converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, Augustine, to Christianity and a moral life. She died shortly after Augustine's baptism at ostia and in the fifteenth century her relics were brought to Rome.

St Augustine (354-430) - Born in Thagaste and, despite the example of his mother, Monica, he became a Manichean and fathered an illegitimate child. He was converted to Christianity at the age of thirty-three and baptised by St Ambrose in Milan. He became Bishop of Hippo (now in Algeria), where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. He is the Patron of theologians.