



Please pray for those who died recently - Harry Docherty, Canon Andrew Reen (retired Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Bellshill).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Mrs Annie McClure, Miss Moira McClure, Theresa Sweeney, Janice Marie Millar (Birthday Remembrance), Davidia Hamill, Frank McMahon, May McKeown, Rose Tierney.

Please pray for the sick -



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Collection for 10th February 2019

GiftAid Envelopes £485.00 + Standing Orders £800.00 Loose Plate £1106.44 Total £2391.44
Stall £50.00 Votive Candles £159.44 Church Roof Fund £1408.62

PARISH HALL

- **Bingo** on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- **The Friendship Club** on Thursdays at 1.30pm
- **Mother & Toddler Group** on Thursdays at 10.30am
- **Wednesday Tearoom** after 10.00am Mass
- **Sunday Tearoom** after 11.00am Mass today but **No Sunday Tearoom next Sunday, 24th February**
- **Indoor Bowling** on Sundays from 4.00pm until 6.00pm
- **Hiking Club** Thursday at 7.30pm. Sign up.
- ⇒ **Pancake Day Tearoom** on Tuesday 5th

FOOD AND DRINKS HAMPER

The winning ticket is a green edged ticket - numbers 306-310, security number AA73489. £600.00 was raised and will greatly contribute to the cost of erecting the new statues, along with the very generous donation of £500.00 given last week. Thank you for the donation and thanks to the organisers, contributors and participants in the raffle last weekend.

CTS STALL

Do take time to look at what's available at the CTS Stall in the church entrance. There are lots of publications which can help us develop and grow in our faith and give us confidence in the practice of our faith. If you don't have time to browse on a Saturday evening or on a Sunday, the church is open during the week from 7.45am until 5.00pm and, of course, if you attend Mass on the weekdays, that's another chance to have a look. With Lent just around the corner, there are publications available to make your Lent fruitful.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesday after 10.00am Mass
Rosary in the church and Prayers for the family afterwards in the Oratory

PRO-LIFE PRAYERS IN THE ORATORY

Divine mercy Chaplet at 6.40pm
Prayers for Life at 7.00pm
with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 7.45pm

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

In the Oratory on Wednesday at 8.00pm

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Will not take place on Friday 22nd February

HAIRMYRES HOSPITAL

Deacon John McGarry has received a new appointment, moving from St Bride's Parish and Hairmyres Hospital to Our Lady and St Anne's Parish, Hamilton. Mgr Millar has agreed to extend his chaplaincy role at the hospital with the continued help of the local priests in responding to emergency calls to the hospital. Fr Seán will now take on more responsibility for our two Primary Schools.

As a parish, we offer our thanks to Deacon John for his caring and dedicated service at the hospital and for the support he gave to the priests in ensuring that Confession and the Anointing of the Sick was available when requested. We wish Deacon John every blessing in his new appointment and we promise to keep him in our prayers.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next meeting for the preparation of parents and godparents for the Sacrament of Baptism takes place in the Oratory on Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm.

One who trusts in human beings



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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar

Father Seán G. Wyllie

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

17th FEBRUARY 2019

OFFERTORY PROCESSION THIS WEEKEND

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Sunday 11.00am Mass

Jack Docherty

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP meets today/Sunday in the Oratory after 6.30pm Mass.

MY DAY BY DAY

Subscriptions of £10.00 are now due for the coming year which starts with the book for March and the Season of Lent. Subscription money can be handed in to the ladies at the Stall.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the children from Our Lady of Lourdes School in P6 and P7 who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening.

THURSDAY'S FEAST DAY

ST PETER DAMIAN (1007-1072) - was a teacher, then a hermit. He supported the Pope by his writings and his strenuous efforts to instil discipline in Church life. He became Cardinal Bishop of Ostia.

FRIDAY'S FEAST DAY

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER is a feast which emphasises the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair or cathedra is the place from where each bishop teaches his people and gives us the word 'cathedral'. The Pope presides over the whole Church and teaches the Faith which unites us with each other.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY - THANK YOU!

Thank you for responding so positively to our invitation to come together to celebrate our patronal feast day last Monday. We had a very beautiful celebration of Mass at 12 noon with the Anointing of the Sick and a very encouraging number of our parishioners attended and participated in the celebration. We had a very respectable number of parishioners at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer in the late afternoon and at our Monday evening Mass. Thank you for responding so positively.

Our thanks to the SSVP and all who helped facilitate access to 12 noon Mass for the sick and to the SSVP for the catering in the Parish Hall afterwards. Others helped to make the day special and we thank you all for that.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

The parents, carers and first communion children who will celebrate First Holy Communion in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in May are reminded of our meeting next Sunday (24th February) after 11.00am Mass. The arrangements are exactly the same as we had for our last Sunday meeting in November. We hope the response will be as good as at our last meeting. We encourage the families to attend 11.00am Mass and for the children to take part in the Children's Liturgy next Sunday.

We commend to the prayers of our parishioners all who are involved in the preparation of our young people for receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, not least the children and their families.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting is on Thursday 21st February at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. The visiting Speaker is Margo Uprichard who is the manager of "The Space" which supports migrants in the Govanhill area of Glasgow. Margo is an excellent speaker and well worth listening to. This is the rescheduled meeting from November. We are hoping for a good attendance. Please come along.

SATURDAY'S FEAST DAY

ST POLYCARP (69-156) - was a disciple of St John the Apostle, who made him Bishop of Smyrna, one of the seven churches of St John's Book of the Apocalypse. He visited Rome to consult with Pope Anicetus showing an early sign of respect for the Successor of Peter. Shortly after returning, he was arrested by the officials of the Roman Empire. They burned him to death in the city stadium at the age of 87.

WEEK SIX IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17th February

(Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15: 12. 16-20; Luke 6: 17. 20-26)

- 9.00am Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C
- 11.00am Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
- 1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism
- 6.30pm Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C

Monday 18th February

(Readings: Genesis 4: 15-25; Psalm 49; Mark 8: 11-13)

- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time
- 6.30pm Confessions until 6.45pm
- 7.00pm Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time

THE THIRD WORLD GROUP are making their cans available for collection this weekend as you arrive and leave the Sunday celebration of Mass.

Tuesday 19th February

(Readings: Genesis 6: 5-8. 7: 1-5; Psalm 28; Mark 8: 14-21)

- 8.15am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time
- 10.00am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time
- Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass
- 7.00pm Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome our Bishop, Joseph Toal, to our parish for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening.

Wednesday 20th February

(Readings: Genesis 8: 6-13. 20-22; Psalm 115; Mark 8: 22-26)

- 8.15am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time
- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time

The church will be open this week from **7.45am until 5.00pm** or until after the Evening Mass or Service.

Thursday 21st February

(Readings: Genesis 9: 1-13; Psalm 101; Mark 8: 27-33)

- 8.15am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time or for the Optional Memorial of St Peter Damian
- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for Week 6 in Ordinary Time or for the Optional Memorial of St Peter Damian

Friday 22nd February

(Readings: 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Psalm 22; Matthew 16: 13-19)

- 8.15am Mass for the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle
- 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle

Saturday 23rd February

(Readings: Hebrews 11: 1-7; Psalm 144; Mark 9: 2-13)

- 8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Polycarp (Oratory)
- 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
- 9.30am Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal & Recitation of the Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Polycarp (Church)
- 12 noon Sacrament of Baptism
- 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C

Sunday 24th February

(Readings: 1 Samuel 26: 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; Psalm 102;
1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 17. 27-38)

- 9.00am Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C
- 11.00am Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
- 2.00pm Sacrament of Baptism
- 6.30pm Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year C

PARISH FINANCE AND FABRIC TEAM

UPDATE

Tom Quinn, Charles Croser, Sue McGeary, Len Kelly, Mgr Millar, Fr Wyllie, Alan Brown, Marion Steppie (Accountant).

The Parish Accounts for 2018 are completed and have been handed in to the Diocesan Office and can be presented to the parish (hopefully for the weekend of 23rd/24th February).

On going concerns about the lighting in the body of the church need to be addressed. The current units fail too often and the light they give is unsatisfactory. Advice and lots of discussion have led us to decide that the lighting has to be replaced and we are seeking quotes for this work from three companies.

Having looked at three quotes for the re-location of the Stall, we will make a decision on awarding the contract this week and a starting date will be agreed.

Health & Safety issues have to be addressed, and where necessary, remedies found, in compliance with Diocesan Policy and the current laws in place. We expect a Health & Safety check very soon and we want to be in a position to show that we are serious and committed to complying with all that is required of us as a parish community.

Some minor work will be done on the lectern at the pulpit to make it better suited for accommodating the lectionary, the Book of the Gospels and giving a better angle for the Reader for the proclamation of God's Word.

Costs have been sought for the plinths/stands for the new statues.

The cupboard where cleaning materials are stored has now been locked and the key kept in a safe place, in compliance with H & S. First Aid Kits are now located in the Parish Stall, in a cupboard in the priests' sacristy and in the parish house. Notices are displayed at each location. The required statutory notices relating to H & S are on the wall-mounted green noticeboard in the church entrance.

A review was made of salaries paid by the parish to non-clergy to make sure that we pay the living wage, in line with diocesan policy.

The office photo copier contract is due to be reviewed, noting the very competitive rates negotiated by Fr Parkes a few years ago.

Church and House security and related issues are currently being looked into with advice and assistance being sought from the local community police and the local fire brigade.

Comment was made about the financial support given by parishioners for the upkeep of the parish and they are to be commended for that support.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

UPDATE

Mgr Millar, Fr Wyllie, Andy Hand, Lynsey Cruikshanks, Rosemary Barrett, Megan Kerr, Andrew McPherson, Alan Brown, Stewart Hannah.

The first point to note was the very positive way parishioners have responded to a number of initiatives in the parish. Mention was made, in particular, of the very good number of parishioners who gathered for Mass on the first day of the New Year 2019 and the encouraging attendance at the End of Year Service on Hogmanay. The response of parents and children to the on-going preparation for the Sacraments, the very positive response to Confessions on the final Sunday of Advent and the willingness of parishioners to help and assist at many levels of parish life all give hope for the future of our parish and for the present building up of the community of faith in Our Lady of Lourdes.

We also noted the dedication of our two local Primary Schools in the faith formation of our young children. Plans for a Retreat for our Confirmation candidates and a Retreat for Primary 5 were viewed very positively as a sound way of encouraging our children to see faith in Christ as real and meaningful.

The programme for Lent 2019 was discussed and will be similar to the schedule for Lent 2018. Leaflets are in the course of preparation and should be available for distribution at Sunday Masses next weekend.

Some pastoral concerns were addressed by the priests and the team and it was agreed that these should be referred to during the Season of Lent, a time of renewal and fresh beginnings for the whole community. Nothing too serious, thankfully, but the team felt some matters should be addressed in a practical, encouraging and sensitive manner for the benefit of the whole community.

Sunday evening Mass was reviewed and it was agreed that this should continue. Numbers vary from around 40 to 80 in attendance.

The schedule for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was discussed, with a view to making our annual patronal feast day a celebration and prayer for the whole community.

Dates were set for the Forty Hours Adoration (8th, 9th and 10th September) and for the Annual November Mass for the Dead (Saturday 23rd November).

An update was requested on the relocation of the Stall and the status of fund-raising for the Church Roof.

The issue of car parking was discussed after a few rather unsavoury incidents had been drawn to the attention of the parish via email.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Planning Team is scheduled for Thursday 9th May at 7.15pm.