

Please pray for those who died recently

Tony Madden, Margaret Murray, John Merrilees (Forgewood, Motherwell), John Middleton (Forgewood, Motherwell), Robert Knox, Iber Quisbert (La Paz, Bolivia), Peter Mooty (Cleland), Fr Robert Martin CSsR (Bangkok, Thailand).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of

Harry Hamill, Elizabeth Canning, Joseph Canning (Birthday Remembrance), Hugh & Ena McGinty, Matthew & Marion Henderson, Fr Renaldas Reivytyis, Mary McElhone, Maureen Martin, Jim O'Hagan, Harriet O'Hagan, Stewart Mulligan, Patrick Ridge, Paul Ridge, Sister Agnes Mary Anne (Little Sisters of the Poor), Agnes Brown (Birthday Remembrance).

The family of the late Bridget McLean are having Mass offered in thanksgiving for all the messages and condolences given to them at the time of Bridie's death.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We continue to ask your prayers for all who are ill and for the housebound in our parish. We particularly remember those who are fearful and anxious in these challenging times.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Please place your offerings in the boxes as you arrive for Sunday Masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

You can donate to the SSVP by placing your offering in the box as you leave Sunday Masses.

THE LOCAL FOODBANK

This is our weekend to contribute to the Local Foodbank. Since we are not in a position to receive food donations, we kindly ask you to make a financial donation which we will forward to the Foodbank and this will allow them to purchase what is required for the families and individuals who benefit from your very generous and charitable support for the Foodbank.

PARISH OFFERINGS UPDATE

Offertory Collection	£804.00 (plus Standing Orders £900.00)
Votive Candles	£9.00
Stall	£42.00

Thank you for all your offerings and contributions up until last Sunday, 30th August. Offerings and contributions made since then will be recorded in next week's bulletin.

UPGRADING THE PATHWAYS AND STEPS

The work is still on-going but hampered by the wet weather and also by one of the staff being ill at this moment in time. We ask you not to use the steps from and to Melbourne Avenue until the work is completed and please do not use the back door to the Parish House until we have the pathway made safe. Thank you for your understanding and apologies for any inconvenience caused by this upgrading work in the grounds.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

We have had one or two enquiries about the Catholic Church, its teachings and its practices. So, we are hopeful that we will be able to welcome new members to our Church and parish community after the completion of the course of instruction. Fr Charles will be making arrangements this week to begin the general enquiry part of the RCIA journey and then, all things being equal, he will begin the second part of the journey for the interested parties as they discuss the Catholic way of life. This year, Fr Charles will probably have to adopt new ways of engaging with the team and the enquirers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

We have more or less completed the bookings for First Holy Communions. We have celebrations next weekend - on Saturday 12th September at 12.30pm and on Sunday 13th September at 12.30pm. All regulations currently required of us will have to be observed and so the limit of 50 persons present for each celebration has to be adhered to as well as each family having only SEVEN members present plus their First Communion Child. We thank the parents and carers for the prompt response they made last Tuesday to make the booking for their child. Let's hope and pray all can go ahead without further restrictions being put in place.

Privacy Notice For Booking On-Line

This parish has a lawful basis to process your information. Contacting people who might have been exposed to Coronavirus is an important step in stopping the spread. Your information will be destroyed in line with Eventbrite's database retention period on an ongoing basis after attendance at the Mass requested. Your data will only be used for attendance at Mass and if requested by NHS Scotland for contact tracing purposes. You have the right to have your data erased or corrected. This information is also posted on the church noticeboard.

Our Lady of Lourdes

A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell Scottish Charity No. SC011041

30 Canberra Drive, East Kilbride, G75 8DG.



CHURCH STUDENTS FUND

During the month of September, Bishop Toal asks you to give financial support to the Church Students Fund which helps with the cost of training our seminarians in their formation for the priesthood and our students who are preparing for the Permanent Diaconate.

In normal circumstances this would have taken the form of a Second Collection on one Sunday but "in these unusual times" we have placed a box clearly marked **SEMINARIAN TRAINING** beside the SSVP box at the exit to the church. The box will be there on all the Sundays of September to afford our parishioners an opportunity to help the diocese meet the costs of training our seminarians and students for ministry in our diocese. We are conscious that not everyone has returned to Mass on a regular basis and we don't want to burden the few who have been here most Sundays since the Churches reopened for Mass. Any offering you can make will be greatly appreciated by our Bishop. If you **GiftAid** to the parish, please use one of the envelopes marked '**SPECIAL COLLECTION**'. Thank you.

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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar

Father Charles P. Coyle

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/YEAR A

6th September 2020

ON ALL OCCASIONS WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH

- ⇒ **Face coverings** require to be worn throughout your visit to the church. The only exceptions are for children of 5 or under and those who have breathing difficulties.
- ⇒ **Hands** require to be sanitised both at entry and on leaving the Church. Hand sanitisers are in place at these points.
- ⇒ **Physical distancing** of 2 metres is required throughout.
- ⇒ **Entry to the Church** will be via the regular door, exit from the Church will be to the Rosary Courtyard.
- ⇒ **Infection control** will be in place. Seating positions will be sanitised by a steward as they are vacated and prior to their reallocation.
- ⇒ **Votive candles/statues.** There will be no access to votive candles or statues.
- ⇒ **Toilet facilities.** The toilet will be closed throughout.
- ⇒ **Stewards.** In attendance throughout wearing a silver lanyard bearing an Our Lady of Lourdes card.
- ⇒ **Umbrellas.** As we approach the rainy (!) season and in order to maintain ease of entry to and exit from the church, please take umbrellas with you into the church to the place where you will be sitting during Mass or on a private visit.

MARRIAGES 2020 and 2021

The pandemic resulted in many marriages being delayed to late 2020 and "in some cases" moving into 2021. There has been a lot of discussion around dates for the couples involved and dates have been set only to be changed to suit the hopes and expectations of those planning their weddings.

The clergy would find it very helpful if couples planning their marriages for the remainder of 2020 or for 2021 would contact us either on 01355 224511 or on our parish email address at: ourladyoflourdes@rcdom.org.uk We thank you in advance for clarifying your wedding day, date and time as soon as possible.

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF MOTHERWELL

4th September 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, people have been recalling the Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux to Scotland in September last year, highlighting, in particular, the days of the joyful weekend the relics were present here in the Diocese of Motherwell at St Francis' Xavier's Carfin. Later this month, on September 16th, the Feast of St Ninian, it will be the 10th anniversary of the Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Scotland, and once again we will be looking at the recorded film and reports of that happy occasion. One striking thing from both these events are the crowds which gathered to greet both Our Holy Father and the Relics of St Thérèse, and the contrast with the present when we are restricted to 50 people when we gather to worship. It does feel alien to our Catholic tradition of gathering in crowds and there is a sense of frustration that this is our lot in the present emergency situation.

St Thérèse may help us, though, to come to terms with where and how we are at present. She is the saint who presented the "Way of Littleness" - our own spiritual sense of being little in God's loving hands; our personal littleness, yet still having our unique place in the Body of Christ, the Church; and the response we offer to the Lord in doing all the little things as best we can in loving service of him and our neighbour. Perhaps, in comparison to last September or 10 years ago, we are "little" but we are still here and we need the inspiration of St Thérèse, the Little Flower, to be alive and active as the Church today. Let us trust fully in God's providence and the graces he continues to shower into our lives, St Thérèse's roses from heaven, in order to live our faith joyfully, accepting the Cross of the present, and ready to be "Love in the Heart of the Church", as St Thérèse so beautifully described her own vocation.

All of us have been gifted by God with a beautiful vocation of being alive in this world, and being born again in baptism, and hearing the Lord's call to follow him in every moment and every choice we make throughout our lives. In September each year we have Vocations Awareness Week here in the Church in Scotland and, as the title suggests, we reflect on our own vocation, thanking God for all that we have received, and encouraging our young people to be attentive to the Lord's call to them and how they might respond, following the wonderful example of our saints through the ages. Here in Motherwell Diocese we have recently set up an Office for Youth and Vocation, the intention being to keep vocation at the heart of our engagement with, and outreach to, our young people in our parishes, schools, youth groups and associations. Fr Colin Hughes will lead this Office and will work with school chaplains and the Diocesan Education Service, with Fr Mark O'Donnell as Diocesan Youth Chaplain and the Diocesan Youth Service, and with Fr Charles O'Farrell, the Diocesan Vocations Director. Pope Francis has encouraged us to emphasise the Lord's call to each of us in our vocation and to aspire to be holy in responding fully in all that we do. It seems good therefore to bring the various strands of ministry with young people together under "Vocation".

We do like to promote the particular vocation to a "consecrated life", including in this the priesthood and religious life. With regard to Priesthood, the Diocese of Motherwell has been blessed with the ordination of 13 priests over the last ten years, i.e. since the Visit of Pope Benedict. All of these men are in parishes, as well as covering chaplaincies, and nine now have full responsibility for their parishes. At the moment the Diocese has five seminarians and four others have indicated a desire to train for the priesthood. I ask your prayers for all of them, and your financial support would be much appreciated through the special collection running through the month of September. If those in formation come to be ordained and are joined by a few more, we could hope to have a similar number of ordinations in this decade as in the one just past.

St Thérèse prayed intensely for priests as a Carmelite Sister, and indeed corresponded with some seminarians and encouraged them to persevere in their vocation, so it is good to seek her intercession and inspiration for those preparing for priesthood at present. Once we get beyond the present crisis, the reality we will face in our parishes, and which will be the future for those most recently ordained and those in formation, may be quite different from what we have been used to. St Thérèse's spirituality of "Littleness" may well be quite apt for parishes reduced in numbers and resources. Being a priest looks certain to be challenging in new ways and those responding to the Lord's call will need St Thérèse's inspiration to trust in the Lord's providence as his "little ones" and to accept the pain of the cross. Our memory, therefore, of the Pilgrimage of her Relics is not to be sentimental but rather an encouragement and inspiration for us all, led by our priests, young and old, to face the difficult times ahead and to continue to live and honour our faith in the fullest way possible.

May the Lord bless all our efforts and keep joyful in our Christian Vocations.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ

+Joseph Toal

MASS BOOKINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Please remember to book for attendance at Mass on Monday, on-line after 10.00am or by phone on Monday between 12noon and 2.00pm. Confirmation of your booking will be given whether you book online or by telephone. You are required to book for all Sunday Masses as well as Weekday Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you book and have to cancel, please do so either on-line or by phoning the Parish House. Thank you.

WEEK 23 IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5th September

4.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church on live-stream only

4.45pm Church open for **5.00pm Vigil Mass** and closed immediately afterwards

5.45pm Church open for **6.00pm Vigil Mass** and closed immediately afterwards

Sunday 6th September (Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 94; Matthew 18: 15-20)

8.45am Morning Prayer on live-stream only

9.15am Church open for **9.30am Mass** and closed immediately afterwards

10.15am Church open for **10.30am Mass (and on live-stream)** and closed immediately afterwards

11.15am Church open for **11.30am Mass** and closed immediately afterwards

6.00pm The Angelus, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Silent Adoration, Recitation of the Rosary & Benediction on live-stream only

Monday 7th September (Readings: 1 Corinthians 5: 1-8; Psalm 5; Luke 6: 6-11)

8.45am Morning Prayer on live-stream only

9.30am Mass for Monday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time on live-stream only

6.00pm The Angelus, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Silent Adoration, Recitation of the Rosary & Benediction on live-stream only

9.30pm Night Prayer on live-stream only

Tuesday 8th September (Readings: Micah 5: 1-4 or Romans 8: 28-30; Psalm 12; Luke 1: 1-16.18-23)

9.30am Recitation of the Rosary for the Feast Day and also on live-stream

9.45am Confessions until 10.00am

10.00am Mass for the Feast of the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady and also on live-stream

9.30pm Night Prayer on live-stream only

Wednesday 9th September (Readings: 1 Corinthians 7: 25-31; Psalm 44; Luke 6: 20-26)

9.30am Morning Prayer on live-stream only

9.45am Confessions until 10.00am

10.00am Mass for Wednesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time and also on live-stream

9.30pm Night Prayer on live-stream only

Thursday 10th September (Readings: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-7.11-13; Psalm 138; Luke 6: 27-38)

9.30am Morning Prayer on live-stream only

10.00am Mass for Thursday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time on live-stream only

6.00pm The Angelus & Evening Prayer on live-stream only

6.30pm Church open for private prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 7.15pm
Confessions from 6.30pm until 7.15pm

9.30pm Night Prayer on live-stream only

Friday 11th September (Readings: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19.22-27; Psalm 83; Luke 6: 39-42)

9.30am Morning Prayer on live-stream only

9.45am Confessions until 10.00am

10.00am Mass for Friday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time and also on live-stream

6.00pm The Angelus, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Silent Adoration, Recitation of the Rosary & Benediction on live-stream only

9.30pm Night Prayer on live-stream only

Saturday 12th September (Readings: 1 Corinthians 10: 14-22; Psalm 115; Luke 6: 43-49)

9.30am Recitation of the Rosary on live-stream only

10.00am Mass for the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary on live-stream only

12.30pm First Holy Communion Mass (Family members only) and also on live-stream

4.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church on live-stream only

4.45pm Church open for **5.00pm Vigil Mass** and closed immediately afterwards

5.45pm Church open for **6.00pm Vigil Mass** and closed immediately afterwards