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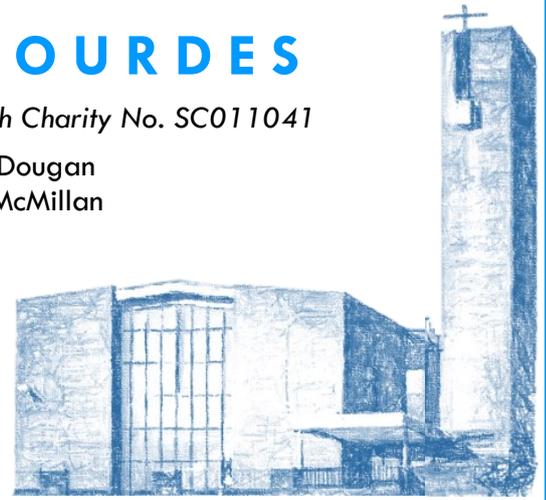
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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B 3 October 2021

Mass Times

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9am
11am
Tues—Sat 10am

This Week's Readings 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24
A man and his wife become one body
Psalm 127
May the Lord bless us all the days of our life
Hebrews 2:9-11
The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified
Mark 10:2-16
What God has united, man must not divide

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

- **Saturday** between 9.30am and 9.50am
- **Saturday** between 4.30pm until 4.50pm

This will be in what used to be the cry chapel

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

The church will be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm or until after the Evening Mass or Service.

**Sanitise hands
on entry to and exit from
Church**



**Wear a face covering
(ideally a mask)**



October Devotions

Beginning this Monday, Deacon Bill will lead devotions every Monday in October at 10am. This will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

On Fridays in the church at 1.30pm and concludes with the Chaplet at 3.00pm. All are welcome to gather for these prayers.

THE MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP & PRO LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Meetings on Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass with Rosary in the church and Mothers' Prayers afterwards in the Oratory. All welcome.

ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 27

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Reflection on the Readings

This is part of Jesus' teaching of his disciples. He has already stated that discipleship means renouncing self and taking up the cross, i.e. putting others before self. A question about the legality of divorce was out of place since divorce was lawful in Roman society. The issue here is about treating another human being, a wife, as a possession which could be disposed of with a written statement. That is never permissible in the kingdom of God.

Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Monday

1181-1226, abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor and, with St Clare, founded the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he bore the stigmata.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Thursday

This celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was, in a special manner, associated with the Incarnation, Passion and Glorious Resurrection of the Son of God

Autism-friendly Mass

This was something I celebrated before the pandemic, once a month on a Sunday afternoon, and I am considering restarting it. This would be a short and quiet Mass with no lights, no microphone, no singing and minimal movement. While I know that no 2 people experience autism in the same way, I do know that for many it helps to reduce the amount of external stimulation and that would be my aim.

*This is **not** about discouraging people from attending the ordinary Sunday Mass. Instead it would be to offer an alternative that you might want to consider.*

The 1st will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm.



Next Week's Readings **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 7:7-11

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

Psalm 89

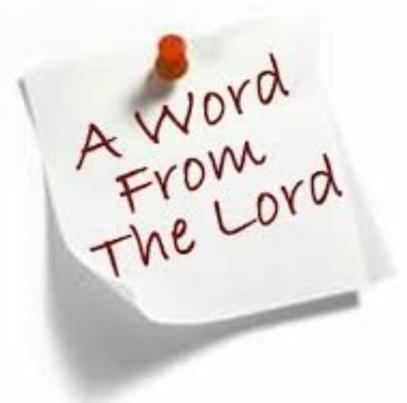
Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

Mark 10:17-30

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no children's liturgy on 10th and 17th October.

Pro-Life Prayer Group

This will now meet on Wednesdays after Mass. With the winter nights coming in (which everybody loves telling me about!), it makes sense to meet during the day.

Association for the Propagation of the Faith

Is once again time to renew membership (next week). Cathie Fox is again unable to collect monies at the church porch. If you are a member of the APF and would like to keep up your contributions this year, please hand in your offering in an envelope to the Parish House clearly marked APF with your name. Family membership is £15, individual membership £10. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining this year. Your membership gives practical help to the mission of the Church and brings the blessing of the prayers of the Church in other countries for you and your family. More details can be provided. Just give your name and number to Fr Dougan and he will pass that on to Cathie.

Foodbank

Our next collection for the Foodbank is this weekend 2nd/3rd October. A box marked 'Foodbank' will be at the back of the Church at the Vigil and two Sunday Masses for any donations. Alternatively, any offering can be posted through the Parish House in an envelope marked 'Foodbank'. As ever, thank you so much for your ongoing kindness towards those most in need in our local communities.

Preparing for the Synod of Bishops

"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Pope Francis invites us all to take part in the Synod which will reflect on these themes. Every parish is asked to come together in prayer, listening and discernment to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. In communion with each other, we experience that "we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God" (I Corinthians 3.23). Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm. Make a note of this in your diary and take part in this important diocesan event. Please let your Parish Priest know you wish to attend.



Pastoral Letter

Bishop Toal has addressed a pastoral letter to you regarding the upcoming Synod of Bishops. Copies can be found in the porch.

Children's Clothing Needed

We are looking for clothes in good condition for boys and girls aged 6-11 years old. If you can help please call 01355 243844 or 07593 979638.



Please remember in your prayers



Those who are sick

Heather Neilson

Those who have died recently

John Balkeen, Rosaleen Mournian, John McGuinness (funeral Thurs 10am), James Crilly, Jim Curran

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of

Ron, Alice and Angela Price, Frank and Rose McFadden, Eva Fisher, Bill Whitters, William Connelly, Emma Harkinson, James Hamilton, Kathleen McGee, Stewart and Mary Mulligan

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr Charles' Presentation - Friday

Please do come along on Friday at 7pm to join Fr Charles at Mass, after which he will receive a presentation from the Parish. This will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr Charles' family have been invited so it would be great if lots of people come and they see the high esteem in which he is held by you.

Pro-Life Hamper

The winning number for the hamper is white/green 211-215. You can collect the hamper from the sacristy with Fr Dougan's best wishes! Thanks to all for your kind donations: over £1,000 was raised.

Student Deacon

This weekend we welcome Kevin Kirby who is training for the Permanent Diaconate and will be on placement with us until the summer.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Offertory

£1503.50+ GiftAid/Standing Orders £800.00

Stall	£70.90
Votive Candles	£115.60
Church Roof	£10.00

**THANK
YOU**

The Hall - A Few Things

- The Friendship Club has resumed on Thursdays at 1.30pm in the lounge
- There will be tea and biscuits in the hall lounge after the 10am Mass on Wednesday
- The mother and toddler group will meet on Thursdays between 10.30 and 12noon.
- The Wednesday tearoom raised £90 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to everyone for your generous contributions.
- Bushido Karate Club, Saturday, 9-11am, in the hall. This family orientated group welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. Contact Paul, 07552 082227 for more information.

