

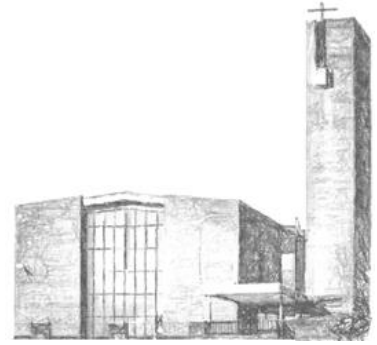
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 16th and 17th September 2023

Mon	10:00	Mass
Tue	10:00	Devotions
Wed	10:00	Eucharistic Service St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions.
Thu	10:00	Mass
	18:15 - 18:45	Confessions
	19:00	Mass
Fri	10:00	Mass
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 23rd and 24th September 2023

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ECCLESIASTICUS 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour the hurt that he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

PS 102: 1-4. 9-12 R.8

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

ROM 14: 7-9

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord

MATT 18:21-35

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A big issue for any community: how often should you forgive a wrongdoer? Peter offers a generous suggestion - seven times? Peter must have thought he was doing well, but he's still wrong! How wrong is shown when Jesus talks of God's limitless forgiveness. Jesus tells of someone released from a debt of 10,000 talents: about 150,000 years' wages! How much more then was this person morally obliged to release his brother from a smaller debt!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

William Henderson, Mima McCabe.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jack Liddell, Astrid McLaughlin, Irene Kirkpatrick, Ann Millward, Ellen Lill, Patricia Martin.

PATRICIA MARTIN RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Patricia Martin, mother of Fr Colum Martin, who died last week. Please also keep Fr Colum and his family in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Isabella Reynolds, George Taylor, Peter Devine, Hannah Devine, Patricia Coyle, James and Agnes McDonald, Betty McBride, Jean O'Hare, Jim Curran.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash & envelopes	£1,284
Envelopes	£244
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2,698

Stall received **£20** and votives **£185**. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon	18:30	Legion of Mary	Hall
Tue	09:00	Knitting and Craft Group	Hall
	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Mother's Prayer Group	Oratory
	19:30	Bingo	Hall
Wed	10:30	Café after morning Mass	Hall
	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Pro-life Prayer Group	Oratory
Thu	10:30	Mother and Toddler Group	Hall
	13:00	Friendship Group	Hall
Fri	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	13:30	Prayer for priests & vocations	Church

ST LOUISE PRIMARY – START OF YEAR MASS

Thursday 21st September at 10:00, St Louise Primary will join us for Mass to mark the beginning of the school year. This will also come at the end of a week when the school has been welcoming inspectors to the school for the periodical inspection so there will be much to celebrate!

OLOL HIKING CLUB

Thursday 21st September at 19:30, Church Hall, sign-on for both High & Low Level walks on Saturday 30th September in the Glen Falloch area. All Welcome Tea/Coffee. Contact Charles Croser on 01355 222464 or visit olohikingclub.co.uk for more information.

FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

LEPRA

On the weekend of 23rd and 24th September, we will be joined by Liz Osborne from the charity Lepra who will speak about their work and make an appeal for your support. Diocesan Pro Life Working Group

Following two meetings of the Working Group regarding the setting up of a Pro Life Cell in each parish, the next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023, at 19:00 in St Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge.

MESSAGE FROM WESTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We are trying to get hold of every community group in the Westwood area, no matter how big or small, Church groups, play groups, any kind of social Club that can help. Also a big shout out to every resident in the Westwood area.

South Lanarkshire Council have a proposal going out to close the last two public run facilities in the Westwood area: Red Deer Centre & Bowling Club, and the Westwood Community Hall. Other parts of East Kilbride will be affected by this proposal like the Murray Bowling Club.

The Westwood Community Council will meet on the 28th of September at 18:00 at the Westwood Community Hall,

Riverton Drive, G75 8ZU to set up a committee to fight the SLC proposal made up of all groups in the Westwood area.

DIACONATE ORDINATION – ST VINCENT'S

On Saturday 23rd, Stuart Dick will be ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Toal. This will be at 11am in St Vincent's and you are all warmly invited to attend.

ENQUIRY EVENING- RCIA

Tuesday 3rd October at 18:30 in the Parish House. An Enquiry Evening for those interested in the Catholic Faith and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The course is also open to those who are Baptised and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their Faith.

Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 18:30 in the Church House. For more info contact Deacon Bill or Father Frank.

OTHER NOTICES

WARM PLACES NETWORK

We have received a communication via the Community Foodbank and Calderwood Baptist Church inviting us as a Parish to become involved in a Warm Places Network and the development of a Poverty Alliance. We have readily agreed to participate in this and will give more details as they become available.

WEEKDAY MASSES

You will notice the change in Masses/services in the coming week. This allows me to travel to a residential retreat with some 4th and 5th Year Pupils. In years past, there would have been plenty of priests to cover weekday Masses, but this is not the case now. It is something for us to get used to, but it is a sacrifice I ask you to make to allow me to spend time with the primary and secondary schools. So, at the beginning of October, I will travel to Rome with 6th years, which will again affect weekday services. These residential events can be great opportunities for a chaplain. Hence, the sacrifice the weekday parishioners make in occasionally not having a weekday Mass is for the sake of our young people. The same might happen when the primaries have their residential trips for P7.