

The Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

The month of October is specially dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. That particular feast day is kept on Saturday 7th October. When it was first introduced the feast was instituted as Our Lady of Victory following the victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto in 1571. The title changed in 1573. The Dominicans played a large part in spreading the devotion. During the month of October we shall pray the Rosary on Monday, Wednesday and Friday before our morning Masses, on Saturday before our Saturday Mass and on Sunday afternoons.

October is rich in the celebration of saints' days beginning on **October 1st** with **St Teresa of the Child b** our patronal saint. Born at Lisieux in 1873 she entered the Carmalites in 1888 aged 15 year old and remained there until her death from TB in 1897 aged just 24 . In many respects her life was rather ordinary, however, it would be true to say that St Teresa is one of the the most popular saints in the Church and in our area of western Scotland devotion to the 'Little Flower' is quite extraordinary. Teresa was canonised a saint in 1925 by Pius XI who in 1927 declared her to be patroness of the Missions with St Francis Xavier. In 1944 she was declared patroness of France along with Joan of Arc and Our Lady. The influence of her writings and poetry led her to be declared Doctor of the Church by John Paul II in 1997. She is one of only three women who carry that title.

The Parish is in possession of **two relics of St. Teresa**. There will be the **opportunity** for the Parishioners to **venerate** the relics this weekend.

This weekend **Fr Bernard Zulu** will deliver an appeal on behalf of Missio. Following our celebration of our Sunday Mass there will be refreshments in the hall to which everyone is invited.

October 2nd is the memorial of the **Guardian Angels** a celebration extended to the whole church by Clement X in 1670. Angels have a place of great importance in all three of the Monotheistic faiths: Christianity, Islam and Judaism. It is the role of our Guardian Angels to defend us against the cunning enemies of our souls until we reach the promised land of heaven. School will be present with us for the celebration of Mass today.

October 4th is the feast of another very popular saint: **St Francis of Assisi**. Our Holy Father adopted that name for himself. Born into wealth and comfort Francis left these behind and adopted a life of poverty and simplicity. He established a congregation of God's poor men who later on became the Oder of Friars Minor, the Franciscans. These exercised a huge apostolate throughout the world. Pilgrims to the Holy Land as well as to Medjugorge will no doubt have witnessed the work and influence of the Franciscans.

On **Thursday 12th October** Faith Sharing Group resumes its get together for six weeks at 1.30 pm at Jan's house. The theme is **Love, say it with your life..** Attention will be placed on Pope Francis' 'Day of the Poor' and discussions will be based upon the Sunday Gospels. Phone 734171 for further information.

Panto Season will soon be upon us. Have a word with James about details for the January trip.

The Diocesan retreat will be taking place at Carfin on the weekend of **7th and 8th October** and will be led by the famous Fr Daniel (Donal) O'Leary To book phone Margaret Doherty on 01698 269114 or use the e mail address missions@rcdom.org.uk

This week's thoughts on our Faith relate to **Stories from School**. Did your Faith grow or decline when you were in school? What sort of attitudes to faith did your friends have? Which teachers influenced your faith the most and in what way? Did the religious teaching you received equip your faith for later life?

It is important to remember that children who hope to be given their First Holy Communion **must be Baptised**. Without this the Sacrament cannot be administered. Next weekend **a booklet** will be given to families who wish to have their children prepared for First Holy Communion. The booklet also contains a list of the promises to be undertaken by families during the next months. There will also be an application form on the back of the booklet. All families are asked to be at Mass next Sunday morning for the distribution.

Which famous historic event will be remembered during October 2017?

A Prayer For The Week

During which we remember St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

We believe in a bright and amazing God,
 Who has been to the depths of despair
 on our behalf;
 Who has risen in splendour and majesty;
 Who decorates the universe
 With sparkling water, clear white light,
 Twinkling stars and sharp colours,
 Over and over again.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the World;
 That God believes in us, and trust us,
 Even though we make the same mistakes
 Over and over again.

We commit ourselves
 To Jesus,
 To one another as Brothers and Sisters,
 And to the Maker's business in the World.

God said: Let there be light.
 Amen.

Please pray for the sick of our parish and those whose anniversaries we remember.

- **Sick:** Tommy Cannon, Mary McGlynn, Alice Quinn, Paul Mooney, Trisha Middleton, Janie Woods, Sanny O'Neill, Hughie Cullen, Lizzie Nugent, Patrick McAtameny, Ann Rafferty, Iain McElroy, Hugh Cullen, Patricia Hughes, Pat Miller, Margaret McGowan, Baby Lucia, Robert Aiton, Tony Bergin.
- **The Anniversaries** of Fr. Lawrence Connelly, Marie Fitzpatrick, Joe McKinney



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 1st Oct <i>St. Teresa</i>	10:00am 4:00pm	Joe McKinney Rosary and Benediction
Monday 2nd Oct <i>Guardian Angels</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Fr Lawrence Connelly
Tuesday 3rd Oct	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayer Marie Fitzpatrick
Wednesday 4th Oct <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	9:05am 9:30pm	Holy Rosary Pat Stockel-Walker
Thursday 5th Oct	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Private Intentions
Friday 6th Oct <i>First Friday</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Mary McConnachie
Saturday 7th Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Private Intentions

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 7th October	J Burns	A M Lynn, C Dabernig, B Naughton
Sunday 8th October	F McQuade	J Mullen, F Carroll, P Walsh

The response to the Psalm is: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Last Week: Attendance 224 and Collection £682