

The Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year

This **Thursday** a parish trip will be going to the **Algarve** and **Fatima** in **Portugal**. **2017** is the **centenary** of the events that took place in Fatima when over a course of months a small group of peasant children experienced apparitions of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** events that propelled an insignificant area of a small poor country into the consciousness of people throughout the world. The **13th October** will be celebrated as the high point of the Jubilee celebrations that have been taking place. Our pilgrims will be in Fatima on **Monday 16th October**. The parish will be remembered in prayer at the shrine of our Lady and should parishioners wish to send petitions to Fatima that will be possible. October 1917 was a very historic year. The Great War was dragging on and on (the horrific battle of Passchendaele was in full swing) the October Revolution in Russia was to rock the world (remember all our prayers for the conversion of Russia?) and Portugal had entered the fighting on the Western Front. In an age of uncertainty and worry we commend the nations of the world to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The group will be leaving Newarthill at 1.30 am on Thursday morning. **For those who wish Mass will be celebrated at 12.30 am in Church.**

Many thanks to all those who helped make the celebration of the **feast of St Teresa** such a success. Passing on the Tradition to our children is one of our great responsibilities and a valuable aspect of this is the celebration of the patronal saints of the parish and school. A little **rose garden** was been planted on the weekend of the celebration and was dedicated to the children of the parish. The garden is outside the entrance to the church. Thank you to all. Furthermore, many thanks for the generous support given to **Missio** through the second collection.

This Sunday a booklet will be given to families who hope to prepare children for the **Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist**. The booklet aims to **encourage and inform** the whole extended family enabling them to realise that the celebration of these wonderful events is primarily a spiritual experience involving God and the whole family not simply the children involved. The **preparation** is so important and provides opportunities for spiritual growth and grace. Encouragement, enthusiasm for the things of God, recommitment to the Lord, these are all placed before our families as we prepare to receive the **Jewel in the Crown of the Faith**, Jesus Christ whole and entire in the Blessed Eucharist. Fr Bergin will preach about this during our Masses.

Booking Forms are available in the porch relating to the **pantomime** which this year is 'The Wizard of Oz' on Friday 5th January at 7.30 pm at the Pavillion, Glasgow. For information phone Ellen on (01609) 290736.

On **Saturday October 28th** in the hall all those involved in parish Ministry are invited to attend a get together for thought, prayer, discussion and enrichment. Events begin at **9.30 am**. The day promises to be a rich and meaningful experience and we hope that all involved in parish service will attend. Have a word with Joe Mullen for details.

This Sunday we welcome into the family of the Church Shay and Owen McSeveney and Logan Mark Keatings who are to be **baptised** at noon. The parish sends every blessing to them and their families.

Our efforts to maintain the **parish property** during this year have been concluded. Huge effort has gone into maintaining and improving the grounds. The damaged entrance way has been rebuilt. The outside of the church has received two coats of paint (including the bell tower) and the guttering has been cleaned. Areas of the house have been brightened up with a coat of emulsion, some carpeting has been replaced while damaged showers have been repaired and toilets restored to working order. Every effort is being made to celebrate the liturgy of the parish as prayerfully as possible by providing a rich variety of liturgical celebrations in accordance with good practice and Tradition. The effort to introduce new Mass settings in accordance with positive liturgical practice has also taken place. The Church likes us to 'sing the Mass rather than simply singing during Mass'. We will continue to try and maintain rich and prayerful liturgy. The worship of God is our first priority together with the preaching of the Word of God and the teaching of the faith to God's people. We would like to mark the **Fatima Jubilee** year by purchasing a **new statue** of St Teresa to replace the current statue which has deteriorated in the open air. It has been suggested that parishioners might like to make contributions on behalf of their families. Envelopes will be made available when the pilgrims return from Portugal.

Having given thought to the **Faith Stories from Our Families** and then our Schooling we are invited to give some thought to the **Faith Stories from the Parish**.

Who were the priests and the parishioners who provided you with support in your faith journey? What were the high points and the low points of your faith journey in the parish? Do you feel you experience spiritual growth and encouragement in your parish? How would you describe your relationship with the Lord?

There will be a **Charity Night** in aid of Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust (The Volunteer Driver Service) in the Hibs Club on Sunday the 3rd November. Tickets are £5 from K Nolan and E McGuire

A Prayer For The Week

When we are living,
We are in the Lord,
And when we're dying,
We are in the Lord;

For in our living and in our dying
We belong to God.

We belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good,
Loving and serving as we know we should;
In thankful giving, in hopeful living,
We belong to God.

We belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times we embrace,
Sometimes we question everything we face;
Yet in our yearning is deeper learning:

We belong to God,

We belong to God.

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, Hughie Cullen, Lizzie Nugent, Patrick McAtameny, Ann Rafferty, Iain McElroy, Hugh Cullen, Patricia Hughes, Margaret McGowan, Baby Lucia, Robert Aiton, Tony Bergin.
- **The Months Mind** of Margaret Rose Waugh, Alex Madden, Margaret Toolan, Alice McNeill
- **The Anniversaries** of Joe McGhee, Carmiella McKenzie, John Chambers, James Agnew, Thomas Currie, James McCormick
- **Lately Dead** Ina Ellis, Pat Stockel-Walker



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 8th Oct	10:00am 12:00pm 4:00pm	Joe McGhee & James McCormick Baptisms of Shay, Owen and Logan Rosary and Benediction
Monday 9th Oct <i>John Henry Newman</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Carmiella Mckenzie & Ina Ellis
Tuesday 10th Oct	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayer John Chambers
Wed 11th Oct <i>John XXIII</i>	9:05am 9:30pm	Holy Rosary Therese Donnelly
Thursday 12th Oct	12:30am 9:30am	James Agnew Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 13th Oct <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 14th Oct	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Thomas Currie

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 14th Oct	F Carroll	M Green, C Dabernig, B Naughton
Sunday 15th Oct	O Waters	P Walsh, J Mullen, F Carroll

*The response to the Psalm is: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel
Last Week: 234 Attendance and Collection £668 Missio Collection £633*