

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the Sick especially: Fernando M. A. Menoscal, Orla Rose McMullen; Mary Francis Chance; Isa Keatings; Enrique Menoscal Valarezo; Nazia McNulty; Dora Menoscal; Elizabeth Tighe; Linda McStay.

Deaths: Philomena (Phil) Cadden – Glenfarm Road; Martin Feeley.

Months Minds: Pat McGlynn; Margaret Hendry; Tommy Hendry; Mary Teresa McCormick; Arthur McConnachie; Mary McConnachie; Katy McStay; Hughie McStay; Tommy McStay; Sandra Nimmo; Annie Reid.

Anniversaries: Catrina Forde; Lily Carrigan; Mary Ann McGlynn; Rose Kenny.



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – May:

For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians

The Pontiff urges prayers “so that religious, monks, nuns, and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.”



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Takes place at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday

'Offertory' collection(s)

The Box at the entrance of the Church: last weekend – 4th/5th May - £719.52. Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collections using the Box at the Entrance to the Church and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

Hire of Parish Hall

To hire the Parish Hall please contact Joe Mullen on 01698 860015.

May Devotions

Continuing this Sunday – 12th May, Devotions - The Rosary and Benediction, will take place at 5.00pm as we ask the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for all our intentions, for the world, including the dignity of human life, for world peace and the work of Mary's Meals.



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**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
 12th May 2024**

| Day and Date | Times | Mass and/or other |
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| Sunday 12 th May | 10:00am 12.00noon 5.00pm | Mass Mass (Live-streamed on Facebook) May Devotions – Rosary and Benediction |
| Monday 13 th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> | 9.00am 9.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary Mass |
| Tuesday 14 th May <i>St Matthias</i> | 9.00am 9.30am | Rosary Mass |
| Wednesday 15 th May | 9.00am 9.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary Mass |
| Thursday 16 th May | 9:00am 9.30am 6.00pm 7.00pm | Rosary Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass |
| Friday 17 th May | 9.00am 9.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary Mass |
| Saturday 18 th May | 9:30am 4.30pm | Mass Vigil Mass |

Confessions

Confessions this week will be available on Thursday between 6.30pm and 6.45pm and after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday.



Thank you to all those who attended the meeting as part of Project Wellspring last Wednesday 8th May at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation of the Parish Vision took place -

“To sustain and grow our parish into the future through the continued practice of our faith while encouraging more people to join us. At all times to utilise the skills and abilities of all members of the Parish community. Also, to ensure the Church and all buildings are maintained and kept in a state suitable for use including prayer and the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Also, it was agreed efforts would continue to have in place the provision of, preferably played, music at the Saturday Vigil or use of pre-recorded music. The future of the group was discussed in light of the change of Parish Priest and it was agreed to carry on as is. Further discussion took place around the five Missions and the establishment of the teams to carry them out. It was agreed that the questionnaire to ascertain the views of as many parishioners was essential to do this. Fr Kevin distributed an example of a questionnaire from the Wishaw deanery for the group to review. It was agreed that one for St Teresa’s would be created using this plus the example questionnaire from the previous meeting. Three members of the group agreed to put this together and present it to the wider group for approval at the next meeting. Fr Kevin presented a summary analysis of activities in the Parish for the last eight years. It was agreed that this would be used as a measure going forward. An additional census of Mass attendance will take place on the weekend of 1st/2nd June and the results will be added.

Next meeting – Thursday 23rd May at 7:30pm in the Chapel House.

Parish Social Events

The following further social events that are planned to take place in the Parish over the rest of the year:

a social event on Saturday 8th June, including live music, to raise funds for Mary’s Meals – tickets on sale now;

a Parish fun day on Saturday 22nd June in and at the side of the Parish Hall 11.00am – 1.00pm;

60’s night on Saturday 21st September;

Race night – date to be confirmed: and

‘Tea with Santa’ – 5th December. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their First Holy Communion this Saturday 11th May. Once again we keep all the children and their families in our prayers.

On The Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 2nd June the 10.00am Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all those children who have received their First Holy Communion this year. This could be an opportunity for the boys and girls to wear their First Communion outfits again or to come along in their St Teresa’s School Uniform. It would be great to see all the boys and girls at the Mass and as well as it being a Mass of Thanksgiving a presentation from the Parish of St Teresa’s will take place. Then, after the Mass a celebration will take place in the Parish Hall for the children and their families including refreshments and bouncy castle to enjoy.

World Communications Day

This Sunday – 12th May is World Communications Day. This is day when we are asked to pray for all those involved in communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ including the teachings of the Church through the various forms of media including newspapers, the internet and social media. A second collection will also take place to assist with this work.

Copies of a letter from Bishop Toal including Pope Francis’ message for World Communications Day are available at the entrance to the Chapel.

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, 19th May is Pentecost Sunday. This year, as happened in years prior to Covid, a joint service will take place along with members of the Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church and St Teresa’s Parishioners. Teas and coffees will be available in St Teresa’s Parish Hall from 6.00pm then all will walk along to the Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church for the joint service.

Coffee and Tea after Sunday 10.00am Mass

Thank you to all those who attended the teas, coffees and all last Sunday – 5th May, donations of £73.44 were received – thank you so much.

Also, thanks to everyone who took part in the tombola, a total of £99.00 was raised for Mary’s Meals.

The next teas, coffees and all will take place on Sunday 2nd June 2024 after the 10.00am Mass. Thank you once again to all those who volunteer to provide home baking and provide the teas, coffees and all.

Our Lady of Fatima – 1st Saturday Devotion

The next Devotion will take place on Saturday 1st June 2024 at 9.00am.

Missionary Appeal (and Garden Fete)

The Sister of St Peter Claver sent a letter and poster to thank the Parish for their time in the Parish, see both on display on the notice board in the entrance to the Chapel. Also, see poster and leaflets detailing the Sisters Garden Fete planned for Saturday 22nd June 2024.

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Youth Group – Motherwell Diocese

The final event of this academic year of the Youth Group of the Diocese takes place this Sunday, 12th May starting at 7.30pm in Motherwell Cathedral. See poster at the entrance to the Chapel.

Pentecost Celebration

A Pentecost Celebration supporting the work of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) in Carfin is taking place on Friday 24th May 7.30pm till late in The Little Flower Hall, Carfin. Entertainment and Bar. Tickets £5. See poster on notice board at entrance to the Chapel.

Taylor High School – Family Race Night

Taylor High School Parent Council in partnership with Taylor High School Pupil Council have organised a Race Night for Friday 31st May at 7.00pm. The monies raised will help to provide sheltered seating areas in the grounds of the School so that pupils can spend time there during breaks and lunches. Tickets are on sale from the School Office, priced £5 Adult and £3 Child. See poster on notice board at entrance to the Chapel.

Open House Conference 2024 – SCOTLAND'S SYNODAL JOURNEY

A Conference is being held in Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, on Saturday 8 June 2024. The purpose of the Conference is "A conversation about becoming a synodal church." See poster at the entrance of the Chapel.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Oct'24.

Fr Ivan Boyle, Parish Priest at St John the Baptist Parish, Uddingston will be leading pilgrims through a week-long visit to Medjugorje. 13th-20th Oct. If you would like to know more information, please contact Maureen Dynes 07737 673930.

Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome October 2025

The Cathedral Parish is organising an 8-day pilgrimage to Rome from 13th/20th October 2025. Bishop Toal will lead the group. For further information, contact Alba Tours on 01698 262941 or Fr Lamb on 01698 263045. Places are available on a first come basis.

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill - Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill

As we know, the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill was published during Holy Week by Liam McArthur MSP and put before the Scottish Parliament.

The Catholic Parliamentary Office in Scotland have now made available an online resource to support public engagement with the process of parliamentary scrutiny. This resource can be used to allow you to contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email them at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Further copies of the letter included in last weekend's Bulletin are available at the entrance to the Church just in case anyone didn't manage to get one.



Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide: What You Need to Know

Thank you to the parishioners who attended the talk last Tuesday, 7th May. The talk titled Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide: What You Need to Know was given by Dr. Gordon MacDonald, CEO of Care Not Killing - <https://www.carenotkilling.org.uk> The talk was very informative including the confirmation of the devaluing of human life that would result if the Bill became law including for those people, currently aged 16 years and over, who are vulnerable including those affected by disability, who are elderly, sick or depressed. The Bill also has implications for palliative care services such as those provided by St Andrew's Hospice. Also, very concerning for health and social care professionals is the removal of conscientious objection. We must pray and get in touch with our MSPs to express the view that this Bill should not become law here in Scotland – see information above from The Catholic Parliamentary Office in Scotland. It really is frightening what is proposed in this Bill and also very importantly what it could lead to as has happened with law like this throughout the world.