

The Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The idea of offering **Harvest Thanksgiving** was something which rural communities were well versed in. They had a close understanding of the changes of seasons, the contrariness of weather, the beauty of nature the benefits of a good harvest the results of a poor harvest. Lodged in the DNA of Irish immigrants into this country was the tragedy of failed potato crops, empty harvests, mass starvation and emigration. To offer thanks for the produce of the land was a responsibility never to be overlooked. In an age of plenty when the idea of scarcity may be a very limited experience and when shops are packed with every conceivable type of produce we are invited never to take this for granted. Huge numbers of people live in abject poverty the likes of which we will probably never grasp. While reminding ourselves of the responsibility to offer thanks it may be a tremendous benefit to our children and young people. So often they are bombarded with the notion of instant sensual satisfaction and a 'me. me, me' culture which convinces them they must have as an entitlement rather than a precious gift to be offered thanks for. Our Sunday Mass will be a **Mass of Harvest Thanksgiving for all the Lord has granted to us:** the Harvest of the Land and Sea, the Harvest of Family, the Harvest of Faith, the Harvest of our Lives.

This **Sunday Cardinal John Henry Newman** will be canonised in Rome. His canonisation will be the first in England since the canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970. Newman is a giant of a character in English Catholicism. His contribution in the fields of philosophy, theology and education is massive. He was the founder of the famous Birmingham Oratory and University College in Dublin. Amongst the many hymns he wrote is the famous **Praise to the Holiest in the Height**. A very great man. Our seminarians from Oscott will have a particular interest in the Canonisation.

Sunday marks the start of **Prisoners' Week**. There will be two Masses celebrated in Shotts Prison this week.

This **weekend** we hope to have the carpet tiles at the front of the altar replaced. The broken windows in Church have been reported to the Police. The damage bears all the marks of damage caused by an air gun. Police Scotland classify this as a firearms incident.

This **week** we will have the hedges around the property trimmed before the winter sets in. We are very grateful for all the work that goes into maintaining the Church grounds. The maintenance of Church property is good stewardship, a responsibility passed on to us by the generations of the past who did so much to provide this Church for us. Frequent comments are made by visitors about the state of the grounds. Thank you.

This **Tuesday** the parish will undergo a Health and Safety Inspection organised by the Diocese of Motherwell.

On **Tuesday** evening at **7.00 pm** there will be a meeting of **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** of the parish. We will spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament before addressing the agenda for the evening.

The local **Council** have sent an invitation to the parish to attend the annual 3.00 pm **Remembrance Day** service on Sunday 10th November at the Duchess of Hamilton Park. In the event of inclement weather an alternative venue will be arranged. This year marks the **75th anniversary** of the **Invasion of Europe** and subsequent battles in **Normandy, Arnhem** and the **Bulge**.

Next weekend we celebrate **Mission Sunday**. In the past we were very supportive of the work on the Foreign Missions. Now these young Churches are booming. In fact they are sending priests to us. In recent times we are more supportive of the work of the Propagation of the Faith. We will celebrate a Mass for the Evangelisation of the Peoples next Sunday morning using appropriate texts and readings.

Adoption Week, Scotland 16-23rd November 2019. Information is on the notice board.

The parish **sends best wishes** to our families who will be on half term holiday next week. In particular we send every blessing to Miss O'Halloran who is leaving school on a temporary basis to conduct work on behalf of the Education Authority. **We wish her every success.**

***Anniversary:** Helen Gallagher, Michael Lynn, Jackie Lockhart, Hugh Bogan, Frank Barrett, Jude & Jacob McGough, Patrick McCartney*

Attendances: 223, Collection: £628

Thank you to the parish for their generosity

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 19th Oct.	M MacNeill	M Green, C Morrissey, M Connor
Sunday 20th Oct.	W Doran	P Cullion, J Mullen, F Carroll

Prayer For The Week

*On the Occasion of the Canonisation of
Blessed John Henry Newman.*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 13th Oct.	10:00am	Michael Lynn <i>No Devotions Today</i>
Monday 14th Oct.	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Holy Rosary Patrick McCartney Mass in the State Hospital, Carstairs
Tuesday 15th Oct. <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9:05am 9:30am 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Frank Barrett and Jude & Jacob McGough Meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Wed. 16th Oct. <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Hugh Bogan
Thursday 17th Oct. <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Jackie Lockhart
Friday 18th Oct. <i>St Luke</i>	9:00am 9:30am 10:15am	Mass in Shotts Prison Service of the Word with Holy Communion Mass in Shotts Prison - Mary McGlynn
Saturday 19th Oct. <i>St Paul of the Cross</i>	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Helen Gallagher

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations