

The Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Many thanks to parishioners who attended our two funerals this week. There is nothing more edifying and uplifting than a Catholic funeral! When these are celebrated with enthusiastic participation, prayerful recollection and a sense of conviction there is nothing better. **Amazing grace** is released taking our loved ones to the Lord who is full of gentle mercy. Grieving families are supported and carried along by the love of people. The ancient Faith is treated with respect and honour. The Roman Rite at its best. God's people are their fantastic best. **Thank you.**

At the **end of this week** five young men from our Diocese will return to Rome and Oscott to begin their studies for the priesthood. We wish them well and we pray for them during the new term to come. This last week was **Vocations Awareness** week. One of the students played the organ for the funeral of Brian McCluskey on Friday. The Diocese has asked for a **collection** this weekend to support the training of our young Seminarians which currently costs £25,000 per year.

Fr Bergin apologises that no Rosary will be prayed before evening Mass this Saturday. He is preaching at Carfin and hopes to be back in good time for the evening Mass. However, we hope that those who usually attend will pray the Rosary privately and offer it up for our seminarians. Let us **remember Fr Francis** from Carfin who underwent a bit of a health scare following the visit of the Relics of St Teresa to the Grotto. One suspects that excessive tiredness had something to do with it. Fr Francis will be out of circulation for a while.

The **relics of St Therese of the Child Jesus** will be leaving Scotland on the 19th September following a visit to Barlinnie prison. For the outpouring of Faith and the many graces received **we give thanks to God.**

The parish is deeply indebted to one of our parishioners who works incredibly hard to maintain the garden at the front of the Church. The beauty of the garden is so often commented about. However, not for the first time cars have driven over the growing area surrounding the statue of Saint Teresa. Roses have been squashed, concrete keeping the small paving slabs in place have been damaged, the hard work ruined. Such a pity. One suspects this is the result of cars manoeuvring to get out of the car park. **We have two huge car parks with lots of space.** The front of the church receives a disproportionate number of parked cars. Would an ambulance of a fire engine be able to access the property with ease? **Next week the parish will undergo a Health and Safety Inspection.** It is possible the latter question will be asked.

The **Piety Stall** continues to stock and excellent selection of cards, reading materials and other items suitable for cultivating our spirituality. A number of excellent gifts associated with our patron saint are available including the **booklet in honour of the visit of the relics of Saint Therese** priced £5.00.

Newarthill Church of Scotland is hosting a major coffee morning next week in support of Mac Millan Cancer Nurses. See details on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

What an **excellent attendance** of children last week for morning Mass. Every encouragement is given to bring our children and allow them to attend **Children's Liturgy**. Every encouragement continues to be given to families to attend Mass when Sacraments are being requested from the Church. Priests become just a little despondent when families discontinue any attendance after the celebration of Sacraments. We have to ask what is the purpose of Sacramental preparation and what will a growing lack of attendance mean for the existence of our parish community in the years to come. Grandparents can be an enormous source of help here. So often they undertake the task of bringing children to Mass. **This is a blessing.**

Our **current age** has grown to accept abortion as an acceptable practice. The number of these 'procedures' being carried out in the United Kingdom is staggering. Our national birth rate is running at an all time low. There are a number of organisations who actively encourage the practice. As Christian people the practice of abortion is completely against our tradition. **Life is sacred from womb to tomb.** However, words alone are insufficient. That is where the work of the **Innocents** comes in. The Innocents function within our Diocese and seek to provide practical help, confidential counselling and pregnancy testing. **See the notice board for details.**

This **Saturday** is the feast of the **Triumph of the Holy Cross**. After Mass there will be **Veneration of the Holy Cross** similar to that carried out on Good Friday during the sacred liturgy. A number of beautiful feast days are about to be celebrated including the **feast of St Teresa on October 01st**. However, keep in mind that the celebration of **Midnight Mass this Christmas** will mark the **60th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in this Church.**

Attendance: 269. Collection £617

Thank you to the Parish for their Generosity

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 21st Sept.	M MacNeil	C Dabernig, C Morrissey, A M Lynn
Sunday 22nd Sept.	F McQuade	P Mackle, M Nugent, P Cullion

Prayer For The Week

Leader: People of **Ireland**, torn and tired of being torn...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: People of **Africa**, exploited and tired of being exploited...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: People of the **Middle East**, turbulent and tired of being turbulent...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: People of **South America**, silenced and tired of being silenced...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: People of **India**, divided and tired of being divided...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: People of **Russia**, suspected and tired of being suspected...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: People of the **West**, privileged and tired of being privileged...

All: **God's Peace Is For You**

Leader: May the God of all people and the Lord Jesus Christ give us grace and peace this day and every day.

All: **Amen.**

Response to the Psalm: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Lately Dead: Neil Tierney, Brian McCluskey

Month's Mind: Nicola Cairns, Margaret Hendry,

Anniversary: Lucy O'Hare, Helen Myles, Ellen Harvey, Mary McConnachie, Kathleen McGlynn, Pat McGlynn, May Ann McGlynn, Tommy Hendry, Arthur McConnachie, Hugh McStay, Katy McStay and Sandra Kimmo



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 15th Sept.	10:00am 4:00pm	Helen Myles Devotions and Benediction
Monday 16th Sept. <i>St Ninian</i> <i>St Cornelious</i> <i>St Cyprian</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Morning Prayer Ellen Harvey Mass in the State Hospital
Tues 17th Sept. <i>St Robert Bellamine</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Neil Tierney and Brian McCluskey Cremation Service for John Henry
Wed 18th Sept.	9:05am 9:30am 12:45pm	Morning Prayer Sam Ducksbury Mass at St John Ogilvie School
Thurs 19th Sept. <i>St Januarius</i>	9:05am 9:30am 12:15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Lucy O'Hare Mass at St John Ogilvie School
Friday 20th Sept. <i>St Andrew Kim and</i> <i>The Korean</i> <i>Martyrs</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:35pm	Morning Prayer Mary McConnachie and Arthur McConnachie School Retreat Mass, Carfin, John Ogilvie Children
Saturday 21st Sept. <i>St Matthew</i>	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Hugh McStay and Katy McStay

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