

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Thank you to parishioners for making last Sunday's Mass such an **enthusiastic celebration** of liturgy expressing parish, school and family involvement. This is very much the mind of the Church and a vision of the committed community. Every encouragement is given to our young parents and their children to **prepare well for the celebration of Sacraments**. Fr Bergin will pass on a little booklet to each family outlining very simply the beauty of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and its place in our Catholic Tradition. We are all encouraged to maintain an authentic understanding of our Faith particularly at the adult level. When that understanding is not there our Faith can begin to decline, to lose relevance, to seem unnecessary. Then of course there is the importance of realising that we cannot pass on religious beliefs to children if we do not possess them ourselves. Children realise this and their response can be 'it is not important to my parents so it will not be important to me either'. Events such as last Sunday provide all of us with opportunities to pause for thought and reiterate those promises made at Baptism when we promised to become the first teachers of our children in the ways of Faith. The next months can be wonderful if we want them to be, full of grace and enthusiasm. **Such enthusiasm becomes inspirational.**

On **September 29th** a Quiz Night will take place in the Little Flower Hall at Carfin. Tickets are £5.00. **Details on the notice board.**

The month of October is fast approaching and with it the **Feast of St Teresa**. Teresa is a very popular saint, patroness of the Missions and patroness of our parish. This year her feast day takes place on a Sunday. We will celebrate the feast of Saint Teresa on that day. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. **Watch this space for more details next week.**

The Diocese is so grateful to the Lord for the gift of **five new Ordinations** to the priesthood and the sense of hope and energy that these new priests will give us. **Priests for Scotland** have sent us their most recent publication with interesting contributions by new priests including Fr McShane from Carfin. Take a copy home with you. There are also a few copies of last week's Mass. Take one home and pray for our children.

The **Motherwell Diocesan Retreat** is taking place on the weekend of **October 7th and 8th** at the **Xavier Centre** in **Carfin**. Fr Daniel (Donal) O'Leary is conducting the retreat. Fr O'Leary is based in England and is a very fine speaker and writer, well worth going to hear. **Details of the retreat are on the noticeboard.**

We hope to begin our **Children's Liturgy** very soon in support of the parish efforts we pledged to our children. However, **we could do with helpers**. A good number will facilitate good practice and remove any pressure on people. It would be very helpful if we had a balance of men and women in our team. Have a word with Fr Bergin. Don't be shy!! What better way to grow in knowledge of the faith than to be willing to teach it. It is always worth asking ourselves this question 'if we were expected to undertake Sacramental teaching at home would we feel confident to carry it out? If the answer is 'no' then why not?'

The approaching month of October is dedicated to **Our Lady Queen of the Rosary**. Since our country is now dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary** it will be important to maintain our Marian devotions. An essential part of this will be to **faithfully pray the Rosary during the month of October**. The parish trip to Portugal will be taking place in October. Part of this will include a visit to Fatima where prayer will be offered for the parish.

Each year mission appeals take place in the parish in aid of **Missio**. The **final weekend of the month** has been nominated for the Missio Appeal at St Teresa's parish. Fr Bernard Zulu will be conducting the appeal on behalf of Missio.

This weekend we **welcome** the **Holy Ghost Fathers** to our parish. Fr Bergin is leading a family Retreat at Craig Lodge. He will be back on Sunday evening.

A cherry picker has been hired for the weekend to enable work to continue on the church. **Painting the woodwork** in the tower and the **cleaning of gutters** will be on the agenda. Next week we will need a skip to remove the brick from the entrance to the car park and order the new brick and cement as well as a cement mixer to rebuild the damaged entrance way. With good weather we will finish the painting of the fences. An electrical inspection of the property has been concluded as well. There is good news and not so good news.

Copies of **Living Faith** for **October** and **November** are available in the piety stall. There is also an excellent selection of pamphlets from the Catholic Truth Society. There is so much good material out these days to help our ongoing prayer life and our ongoing understanding of the faith. The Catholic press also helps. Pop in the piety stall and buy something to read. The materials do not take up a lot of time. Why not do this for the month of October?

Copies of the October edition of **My Day by Day** are also available.

A Prayer For The Week

My Father

I come to you at the beginning of this day
To ask you to guide me and help me.

Give me courage

To face the problems that lie ahead.

Give me a heart wide open to the joys

You have prepared for me.

Forgive my many sins,

That I may start this day anew.

And as you forgive me,

May I learn to be forgiving and compassionate

To others in return.

My Father, I long to serve you aright.

May all that I do and all that I say

Be pleasing in your sight.

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 McAtamney, Ann Rafferty, Iain McElroy, Hugh Cullen, Patricia Hughes, Pat Miller, Margaret McGowan, Ellen Harvey and Baby Lucia, Robert Aiton, Tony Bergin.
 - **The Anniversaries** of Isabel Menzies, Margaret Connor, Anna Tress Devine, Lucy O'Hare, Gerry Mitchell
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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 17th Sept	10:00am 4:00pm	Devotions and Benediction Isabel Menzies
Monday 18th Sept	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Margaret Connor
Tuesday 19th Sept	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayer Lucy O'Hare
Wednesday 20th Sept <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang and companions</i>	9:05am 9:30pm	Holy Rosary Anna Tress Devine
Thursday 21st Sept <i>St Matthew</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Gerry Mitchell
Friday 22nd Sept	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayer Private Intentions
Saturday 23rd Sept <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	4:05pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary People of the Parish

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 23rd Sept	P Mackle	C Dabernig, C Morrissey, A M Lynn
Sunday 24th Sept	A Brown	P Mackle, P Walsh, P Cullion

The response to Psalm is: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Last Week: Attendance 305 and Collection £836

Special collection for the training of Priests £486