

The Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

We are fast approaching the month of **October**. The **principal devotion** during October is the **Rosary**. We will pray the Rosary each **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** before our morning Masses as well as before our **Saturday evening Mass**. Since the country has been consecrated to the **Blessed Virgin** new emphasis is being placed upon devotion to the Holy Rosary. Our special intention this October will be to **pray the Rosary for families preparing for Sacraments**. Parents preparing for the celebration of all Sacraments are encouraged to try and attend weekday Mass when possible in order to make the months ahead an occasion of real spiritual preparation. **Attendance at Sunday Mass** should be regarded as a **priority**, an essential part of all Sacramental preparation.

Sunday October 01st is the Feast of St Teresa of the Child Jesus the patroness of our Parish. We shall use the texts and the readings from the feast day with the appropriate white vestments. St Teresa is the patroness of the Missions and that weekend Fr Bernard Zulu will be with us to make an appeal on behalf of Missio. **A collection will be taken**. The whole parish is invited to attend Mass particularly on the Sunday the date of the feast. Why not regard it as '**bring a friend Sunday**'. Invite a friend and members of the family to come along that day and rejoice at the history of our parish. **Refreshments will be available after Mass** including treats for children and a celebratory drink for adults. **Donations of home baking will be gratefully received**.

Sunday October 01st, 7.00 pm at the Grotto. Torchlight Rosary Procession and Benediction on Little Flower Sunday. All are welcome.

Monday October 02nd, 7.30 pm in St Francis Xavier Church. Torchlight procession and Mass arranged by the Society of the Innocents. All welcome.

On Thursday 28th September between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon **The World's Biggest Coffee Morning** will take place at Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Everyone is warmly welcomed by Minister Elaine McKinnon and the members of the Church. The Church community are keen to celebrate an Advent-Christmas service with us this year. Such close ties strengthen Christian witness and as well as community ties within the village. **Come along on Thursday morning**.

The Catholic press is available in the Church porch and a wide range of materials are also available in the piety stall.

Refurbishment of the Church property is continuing. The rubble at the car park entrance has been moved and the bricks, cement and other building materials have been ordered. Some bits and pieces of the church are still to be painted. However, the refurbishment plans outlined last October are almost completed. Thank you to a parishioner for a generous gift to offset costs. The grounds continue to improve. The repainting of the fences will soon be completed. Would families like to purchase a **new statue of St Teresa** for the front of the Church to replace the present statue? We are talking in the region of £1,000 or so.

Advance notice: Annual trip to the **Pavillion Panto** is on January Friday 05th January. Booking forms next week. A deposit of £5.00 is required.

Over the next few weeks a few questions will be asked us about our **Faith**. The first set of three questions relate to **OUR FAMILY STORIES**.

Who in the family influenced you most about the Faith?
What are your most memorable memories of the Faith from your childhood?

Are there any memories in your Faith journey that helped you when you had grown up?

Next week three questions that relate to **SCHOOL and EDUCATION STORIES**

A Prayer For The Week

Jesus, I Give you me whole self

Lord Jesus,
 I give you my hands to do your work.
 I give you my feet to go your way.
 I give you my eyes to see as you do.
 I give you my tongue to speak as you do.
 I give you my mind that you may think in me.
 I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
 Above all, I give you my heart
 That you may love in me
 Your Father and all humankind.
 I give you my whole self
 That you may grow in me.
 So that it is you, Lord Jesus,
 Who love and work and pray in me.
 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 McAtameny, Ann Rafferty, Iain McElroy, Hugh Cullen, Patricia Hughes, Pat Miller, Margaret McGowan, Baby Lucia, Robert Aiton, Tony Bergin.
- **Recently Dead:** Ellen Harvey
- **The Months Mind** of Arthur McConnachie, Tommy Hendry, Pat McGlynn, Mary Anne McGlynn, Kathleen McGlynn, Katy McStay, Hughy McStay, Sandra Nimmo
- **The Anniversaries** of Eileen Brown, May Tighe, Jack & Teresa Carlin, Mary McConnachie



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 24th Sept	10:00am 4:00pm	Ellen Harvey Devotions and Benediction
Monday 25th Sept	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mat Tighe
Tuesday 19th Sept <i>St SS Cosmos & Damian</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayer Eileen Brown
Wednesday 26th Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	8:10am 8:30pm	Holy Rosary Jack & Teresa Carlin
Thursday 27th Sept	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mary McConnachie
Friday 28th Sept <i>St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayer Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 29th Sept <i>St Jerome</i>	4:05pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Private Intentions

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 30th Sept	C Scullion	M Connor, B Naughton, C Morrissey
Sunday 1st October	E Smith	M Green, J Mullen, F Carroll

*The response to the Psalm is: The Lord is close to all who call him.
 Last Week: Attendance 233 and Collection £629*