

The Sixth Sunday of Easter and the Ascension

The season of **Easter** enters into another phase of liturgical beauty highlighted by the **Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday**. The celebration marks the completion of the Lord's Saving Actions and marks the start of the **Novena** (nine days of prayer) in preparation for the feast of **Pentecost** better known as Shavuot by the Jews. As the month of Mary reaches its final stages we prepare ourselves for the month of the **Sacred Heart** in June. Monday of this week is the feast of **St Augustine of Canterbury** who brought the faith to large parts of southern England and is known as '**The Apostle to the English**'. Wednesday of this week sees the celebration of a new feast day in honour of **Pope Saint Paul VI**. His Mass will be taken from the Common of Popes.

During our weekend Masses let us remember to pray for the sweet repose of the soul of **Bishop Joseph Devine**, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Motherwell.

Monthly Pro Life Mass in St Augustine's, Coatbridge, on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The weekend of 02-03 June will be the celebration of the **53rd World Communications Day**. A Pastoral Letter from his Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow will be delivered and a second collection taken up.

Annual Irish Day at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 02nd June with Mass at the Mass Rock beginning at 3.00pm. All Welcome.

The feast of Pentecost is on Sunday June 09th. Mary's Meals will be visiting the parish selling raffle tickets and taking a collection of textiles. James Langton and Margaret McQueen are coordinating the parish response. The last collection of textiles was very successful and we look forward to another powerful parish response. See noticeboard for details. Pentecost marks the conclusion of the season of Easter

Charismatic Evening Retreat in St Augustine's, Coatbridge on Friday 14th June, 7.00-9.00pm. Led by Fathers Jim Morris and Thomas Wilberforce. Mass, praise and worship, prayers of healing, music ministry. All welcome.

On Saturday 15th June the parish will celebrate its **First Holy Communions** at 12.00. Fr Bergin asks that we are all ready in Church by 11.50 am to benefit from a few moments of quiet before beginning promptly. We are reminded of the necessity of being in a State of Grace before receiving Holy Communion on that occasion.

A **Pro Life Conference** will take place at St Augustine's, Coatbridge on Saturday 22nd June, exploring the skills needed to affect a pro life response at home in work in school in our parishes. All welcome.

Annual Corpus Christi Procession at the Grotto will take place on Sunday 23rd of June. Light refreshments afterwards. A special welcome is extended to First Holy Communicants. All are welcome.

On the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of June, the feast of Corpus Christi, **Fr Kevin Ryan** will be here to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to Priesthood. Thank you to all for their generous assistance in preparing for this event. Take a look at the notice board for events being celebrated in the Hibs Club

Motherwell Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalite will be celebrating Mass and the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday 30th June at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Easter Duties. Between Easter and Pentecost Catholics are asked to observe their Easter Duties. These are the minimum requirements asked of us. As Catholics we are to receive Holy Communion at least once a year and attend Confession at least once a year. The period of observance of Easter Duties runs between the First Sunday in Lent (10th March) and the Trinity Sunday (16th June). It is the responsibility of parents to remind children of this.

Attendances: 218, Collections: £862

Thank you to the parish for this generosity.

Lately Dead: Bishop Joseph Devine, Nan MacNeil,
Months Mind: Jane McMahan, John Cadden, Nicola Cairns,
Anniversary of: Liz Carrigan, Una Skitt, Mary Fearon, Paul McAllister, Mary Mitchell, Susan O'Rourke, Geraldine Orr, John Orr, Howson John Orr and the Orr Family.

*A Prayer For The Week in preparation
for the Feast of the Ascension*

Risen, ascending Christ,
you are the song of God leaping through the
universe;
you are our lark ascending,
drawing our praises up and beyond this passing day.

You are the sailor back from the sea,
returning to your beginning with earth's human
treasure.

You are the warrior home safe from war,
your scars and our pain are now with God.

You are the first-born claiming your heritage,
promising a home for pilgrims who travel the Way.

We celebrate with joy a journey over,
a task accomplished, a promise fulfilled.

To you, our Christ, be glory and gladness for ever.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 26th May	10:00am 4:00pm	Bishop Joseph Devine Devotions and Benediction
Monday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm 6:30pm	Short Morning Prayer Liz Carrigan and Mary Mitchell Mass in the State Hospital Wedding Rehearsal
Tues 28th May <i>Easter Weekday</i>	9:05am 9:30am 11:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Una Skitt Confessions with Primary 4
Wed 29th May <i>St Paul VIth</i>	9:05am 9:30am 12:40pm	Devotions in Honour of Our Lady Mary Fearon and Paul McAllister Mass in John Ogilvie High School
Thurs 30th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	9:30am 11:35am 12:25pm 6:30pm	Mass with School Mass in John Ogilvie High School Mass in John Ogilvie High School Mass in John Ogilvie High School
Friday 31st May <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin</i>	9:05am 9:30am 12:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Geraldine and John Orr Marriage of Kevin and Emma
Saturday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	4:30pm	Susan O'Rourke

Response to Psalm: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.