

The Feast of St Peter and St Paul

This weekend we celebrate the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul** those great saints associated with the city of Rome. Peter the fisherman and apostle martyred on Vatican Hill. Paul one time persecutor of Christians and following his conversion a tremendous missionary throughout the eastern Roman empire and writer of letters full of theology. Paul suffered a martyr's death at **Tres Fontani** in Rome. This is the weekend we take up a collection called **Peter's Pence**.

Many thanks to all members of the parish for making the **40th Anniversary** celebrations so successful. Such huge efforts payed dividends. Fr Kevin Ryan was very touched by the kindness and generosity of the parish. Thank you to all .

This summer sees the Diocese blest with the **priestly ordinations** of four young Deacons. The dates of the ordinations are as follow: **Charles Coyle**, on Thursday 27th June at St Columbkille's, Rutherglen. **Kieran Hamilton** on Monday July 1st at St Barbara's, Muirhead. **Mark O'Donnell** on Wednesday July 3rd at St Thomas's, Wishaw. **Kevin Lawrie** on Tuesday July 16th at St Aloysius, Chapelhall. We thank God for these blessings and entrust the Ministry of these new priests to the care of the Mother of God.

A letter from **Mary's Meals** would like to thank the parish for its generous response to their visit at Pentecost. £416.44 was raised through the raffle and 140 bags of textiles were collected. Let's invite them again next year. It is such a fine work they do.

This year's **Annual Mission Appeal** has been postponed for one week. It will take place on the weekend of July 13th and 14th and will be delivered by the **Salesian Sisters**.

On the evening of **Thursday 29th August** the relics of **St Therese of Lisieux** will be arriving in our parish for an overnight stay before leaving the next morning for Carfin and the other Scottish Dioceses. The relics which include the religious habit, her rosary and other items have been on international pilgrimage since 1994 and last came to these islands in 2009. This visit may not happen again in our lifetime. Although her stay with us in Newarthill will be brief we pledge to prepare ourselves as best we can.

The **whole parish is invited** to respond with enthusiasm as a sign of our Faith commitment and love for the things of God and his Saints. Beginning this Monday we will begin our prayer preparation. Part of this will be a **weekly catechesis** on St Therese intended to cultivate our knowledge of and devotion to Saint Therese. We shall also celebrate **Latin Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.05 pm on Saturday evening before Mass throughout the month of July. That month is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of the Lord.

First Catechesis. The patron Saint of our parish is **St Therese of Lisieux of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face**. She was born Francoise-Therese Martin in Northern France on 2nd January 1873 and died of TB on the 30th September 1897 aged 24 years. When asked what they might say about her after her death, her fellow nuns commented that they were stuck for things to say. There was so little that was significant about her. Yet this French nun who had joined the **Discalced Carmelites** aged 15 years became possibly the most popular saint in the Catholic Church and was affectionately named '**the Little Flower**'. Pope Pius X called her 'the greatest saint of modern times'. Therese was canonised on 17th May 1925 and declared the youngest Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Her feast day is on October 1st. Outside of Lourdes the most frequented centre of Pilgrimage in France is the Basilica of St Therese at Lisieux in Normandy. She is the patron saint of the missions, of France, of HIV sufferers, of florists and flower growers, of those who have lost parents, those who suffer from TB. The correct spelling of her French name is '**Therese**' though the anglicised version '**Teresa**' is common. She should not be confused with another Carmelite Doctor of the church Teresa of Avila who is a Spaniard. Therese wrote a volume entitled '**Story of a Soul**' which has been translated into 60 languages. But what is it that has made this young French nun so popular? She suffered from depression and all the symptoms of separation anxiety from her parents. She rather disliked saying the rosary and had serious doubts about life after death during her illness. She never went to the missions, never founded a religious order and did not seem to make much of an impact upon her fellow Sisters. So why is she so incredibly popular and deeply loved? There must be something quite unique about her and she is our patron saint. **More next week.**

Lately Dead: Ellen Skiffington, June Morris, Juliana Hunt,
Month's Mind: Catherine Keatings, Jane McMahon, John Cadden,
Anniversary of: Danny Kelly, Patrick Rafferty, Robert Gallagher, John Cullion (Snr.), James Cullion, Mamie Canning,

Attendances: 335, Collection: £945

Thank you to the parish for their generosity.

A Prayer To St Therese of Lisieux

In Preparation for the visit of her relics to Scotland in 2019

O Little Flower of Jesus we welcome you to Scotland and invite you to teach us your 'Little Way', the way of love and childlike trust in God.

We thank you for the example of your saintly parents, Louis and Zelig who put God at the head of their family life and we ask your intercession for the strength, unity, peace and holiness of our families. May we put God at the centre of our family life.

St Therese you loved the priesthood. We ask you to be a special sister to our priests especially in times of trial. May your generous response to God's call inspire vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

As one who suffered much in your short life, intercede for all who are sick and who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Dear Little Flower, you loved the Mother of God. Ask our Mother, the Queen of Heaven, to turn her eyes of mercy upon us with her healing smile.

Patroness of the Missions, intercede for Scotland. Through your visit to our land may our nation be showered with your roses. As missionaries of God's love, may we work to change the world through simple acts of kindness and when our mission on earth is complete, may we enjoy love's fulfilment in heaven. Amen.

Response to the Psalm:

Saturday Mass: Their word goes forth through all the earth.

Sunday Mass: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 30th June	10:00am 4:00pm	Mamie Canning Sunday Devotions
Monday 1st July <i>Oliver Plunkett</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Short Morning Prayer John Cullion and James Cullion Mass in the State Hospital
Tues 2nd July <i>Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Short Morning Prayer Robert Gallacher
Wed 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Devotions to the Holy Spirit Ellen Skiffington
Thurs 4th July	9:05am 9:30am	Devotions in Honours of Our Lady Danny Kelly
Friday 5th July <i>First Friday</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Mass in Shotts Prison - June Morris Mass in Shotts Prison - Juliana Hunt <i>No Mass in the Parish 10 o'clock at Carfin, 12 o'clock with the Holy Ghost Fathers.</i>
Saturday 6th July <i>Maria Goretti</i>	4:00pm 4:30pm	Latin Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Patrick Rafferty

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 6th July	F McQuade	New List Coming
Sunday 7th July	C Scullion	New List Coming