

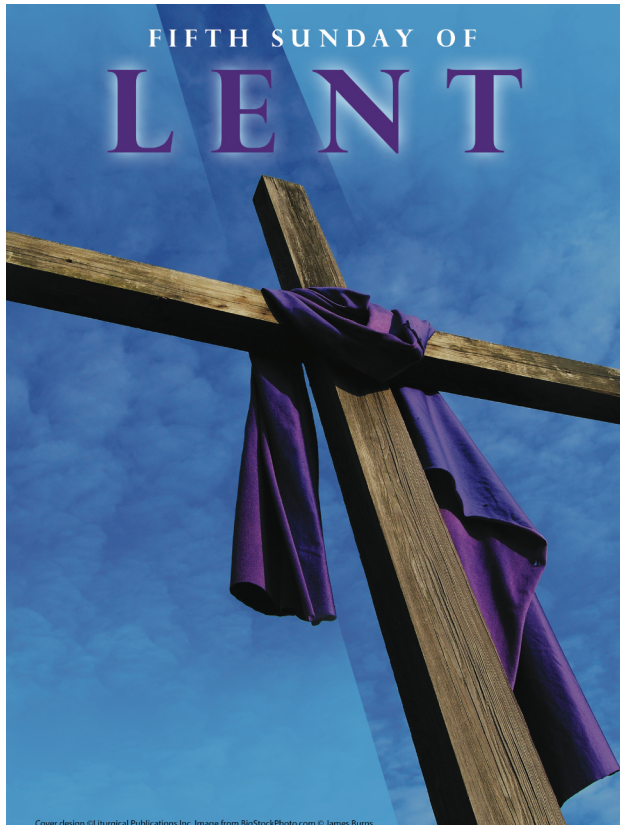


Sunday 3rd April 2022

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SACRED HEART & ST GERARD

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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Confessions until 6.45pm</i> Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross in St Gerard's Church
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Saturday	4.00pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am	Mass in St Gerard's
	11.30am	Mass in Sacred Heart

Thank You

The collection last Sunday was £1905. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations. The collection to support the work of SCIAF was £1385. Thank you for your generosity.

Internet Banking and Online Donations

If you wish to donate to the parish via Internet Banking either weekly or through a regular donation our bank account details are:

Diocese of Motherwell Sacred Heart & St Gerard's,
Bank of Scotland Acc 15939268,
Sort Code 80-22-60.

All online donations are included in Gift Aid claims if you have signed a Gift aid form.

or you can donate via www.rcdom.org.uk click on the donate button.

Face Masks

From Monday April 4, the government has removed the requirement to wear a mask in places of worship and at wedding or funeral ceremonies, 2 weeks earlier than in most other settings. You are free to continue to wear a face mask in church if you wish but it is not required.

Gift Aid

New Gift Aid envelopes are arranged alphabetically as you enter the Church. If your address details are wrong or you have stopped paying tax or your envelopes aren't there please speak to Fr Stuart.

Please Pray for

Julie Ward RIP

Whose funeral arrangements are to be confirmed

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Church Repairs & Finance

The Parish Finance Council (*12 parishioners from across the parish*) met on Tuesday night to look at the costs involved with the repairs to both churches. It was felt that in the current economic circumstances of rising costs it would be difficult to raise the amount of money required for repairs and we will need to consider all the options including closing one church.

The group agreed to look at all the issues we could identify and produce a rational, rather than emotional assessment of our options including costs for urgent and future work on each site and the value of our properties so that we can make a decision as a parish to recommend to the Bishop a way forward.

It is important to stress that no decision has been made at this point and we will keep you up to date on our progress. We expect it will be the summer before we can gather all the information.

Holy Week

Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7.00pm on Holy Thursday, 14th April in St Gerard's. Night Prayer will be at 10pm at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday, the 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be in Sacred Heart. At 7.00pm there will be Stations of the Cross in St Gerard's.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening will be at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart. Easter Sunday Masses as normal.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Lorraine McCarthy, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Finnon, Matt MacDonald, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Tom Downie, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Marion Desmond, Chris Tinto, Avril McClory, Michael Hughes, Margaret McMahon, Jennifer McGinty, Junior Girvan, Margaret Hillis,

Recently Dead: Tom Brennan, Wilma Dempsey, Julie Ward, William Shaw,

Months Minds: Joe & Lizzie Costello, Tessa & Robert McDade, Michael Campbell, Jane Curran,

Anniversaries: Mary & Jimmy Brown, Kate Ann Campbell, Jim Mulheron,

Race Night

We have arranged a race night for Friday 13th May in Holy Family Church Hall at 7.00pm.

Tickets, horses and jockeys are on sale at this weekend at the doors of Sacred Heart & St Gerard's Churches before and after the Masses this weekend.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

I spoke with the travel agent on Friday and our flights should now be booked. Ryanair flights are booked with a 20kg luggage allowance. I will confirm more details as soon as I have them, but if you have any questions please let me know?

Chrism Mass

You are invited to join the Diocese for the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, 14th April at 11.30am in Motherwell Cathedral. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese.

Reconciliation Service

On Wednesday 13th April at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. The Bishop has given permission for general absolution to be used on this occasion.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The Pilgrimage this year is on Sunday 25th September at 3.00pm at the beginning of the visit of the relics of St Bernadette and the centenary of the grotto.