



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
BELLSHILL ~ EST. 2018

Ordinary Time 6B

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Streamed Services this Week

Tuesday 7.00pm Mass from Sacred Heart

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Mass celebrated by the Bishop
From St Gerard's
7.00pm Mass from Sacred Heart

Thursday 10.00am Mass from St Gerard's

Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse

Friday 10.00am Mass from St Gerard's
7.00pm Bishop Toal leads a
Service of Prayer for those who
have suffered Abuse.

Saturday 4.00pm Vigil Mass from St Gerard's

Sunday 10.00am Mass celebrated by the Bishop
from St Gerard's
11.30am Mass from Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

Psalm 32
You are my refuge, O
Lord; you fill me with the
joy of salvation.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 10:31-
11:1

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of
our mind, so that we can
see what his call
holds for us. *Alleluia.*

Gospel
Mark 1:29-39

Lent Online Retreat and Sharing Group

During Lent, the Ignatian Spirituality Centre produces a Lent Online Retreat with daily prayers and reflections from Ash Wednesday. The title of the retreat is Knowing Jesus. You can find the prayers at www.onlineprayer.net

These prayers will be the basis of a weekly online parish group during Lent on a Wednesday evening at 7pm, using zoom to meet online, reflect and share together. To join the weekly parish group email frparkes@rcdom.org.uk for the link to join. It is as simple as clicking the link from a computer, smart phone or tablet with a camera and microphone.

Presentation to Fr Kevin

Last week I presented to Fr Kevin the gift from the parish, collected at the end of last year. I hope we will be able to welcome him back for a celebration at some point in the not too distant future.

To the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Gerard's

It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for the very generous gift and beautiful card I received recently. It has been my joy and honour to serve you as parish priest for these past 9 years, and even more than that, it has been a blessing to be served by all of you.

As a congregation and as individuals you have brought a multitude of graces and blessings to me in my priestly ministry. I am exceedingly thankful to God for placing me in your parish community of Sacred Heart and St. Gerard's.

I have many fond memories of my time in Bellshill and I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

God bless.

Fr Kevin

Sacred Heart of Jesus – pray for you
St Gerard Majella – pray for you

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Matt McDonald, Kathleen Grant, Jackie Chinskie, Jane Downie, Betty McDermott, Betty McAuley, Anne Taggart, Martin Burns, Megan Carlin, Kirsty White, Gerard Foley, Tony Maschinsky, Elizabeth Ann Curtis, Michelle Miller (Cleary), Maureen Griffin, May Dick, Lauren Nicol, Joseph Townsley, Peter Mitchell, Thomas O'Donnell, John Hamilton, Michael Rennie, Rosemary Walsh, Jayne Murphy, Jim McIlroy, Lorraine McCarthy, Mary McCardle, John McKendry (Coatbridge), Jane Curran, Nan McAtamney,

Recently Dead: Maureen Allan, Fr Angus McLaughlin OP, Margaret Quinn, Cathie Tobin, Sheila McGurk,

Months Minds: Albert Matusavage, Mary & Gerry Mays, Eddie & Ann McAuley, Gerry & Susan Mays, Lisa McAlevey, Delia Brown, Marie Bell,

Anniversaries: Anne Brawley, Annie Grew, Saul Bramman, John McLachlan, John McGowan, Terry & Nelly Fernon.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish

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Bank of Scotland, Account No. 15939268, Sort Code 80-22-60 or

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Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC*HS
Bishop of Motherwell

2021 Safeguarding Statement for Parishes and Organisations in Motherwell Diocese

Since my statement on Safeguarding last February, the restrictions brought in because of coronavirus have disrupted a lot of normal parish life and curtailed many activities run by organisations and groups in the Diocese of Motherwell. It has been necessary though to ensure the continued safety and protection of all who come to worship in our churches and take part in the limited activities permitted in parishes at present. The Diocesan and Parish Safeguarding teams have been working therefore to ensure that our Safeguarding Structures remain in place, and have also ensured that any present concerns raised in parishes have been properly handled, while also addressing matters reported from the past.

I thank our Parish Priests and Parish Safeguarding Coordinators, our Religious Communities, and our Diocesan and Parish Organisations who have recently completed the Annual Safeguarding Audits. In March, an external independent audit of the Motherwell Diocesan Safeguarding Service, asked for by the Independent Review Group, will take place. Although a lot of preparatory work has been required and the audit is expected to be demanding, we anticipate that it will be beneficial and that the recommendations made will help improve our Diocesan safeguarding work in the future.

At National level, the review required after the initial three years of In God's Image is underway and the Bishops hope to give approval to this updated version of our Instruction on the Safeguarding Standards and Procedures for the whole Church in Scotland once the Review is completed.

The National Coordinator of the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service, Tina Campbell, recently moved to a new job, and I express our appreciation of her work in the National Office and earlier as The Motherwell Safeguarding Adviser, and wish her well for the future. The Scottish Bishops are currently reviewing all the Commissions, Agencies and Services of the Bishops' Conference and the work and structure of our National Safeguarding Service is part of this review. The decisions resulting from the Review will be made known in due course.

Each year now we keep this coming Friday, the Friday after Ash Wednesday, as our National Day of Prayer for All who have Suffered Abuse. I invite you to take part, possibly by using the Prayer Service for use at home or by joining an on-line Prayer Service from your parish. We recognise that some among us have suffered greatly from the abuse inflicted upon them, and we feel particularly for those abused within the Church. We hold them in our prayer and ask the Lord to bring healing and courage to those who have been wounded. As Bishop of Motherwell Diocese, I renew our commitment to listen to and assist all who report abuse and seek our assistance.

+Joseph Toal
10th February 2021.