



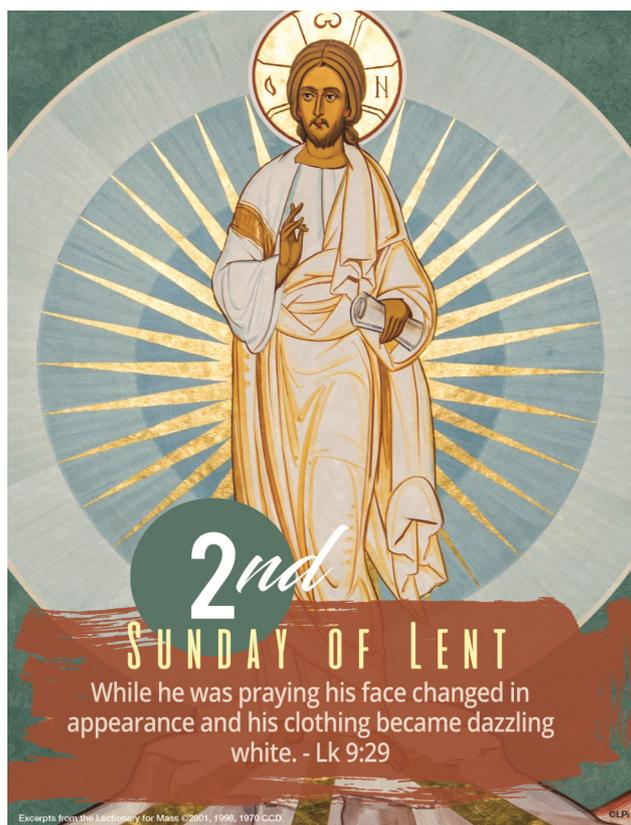
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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Services this Week

Tuesday	10.00am	Sacred Heart 1 st Communion Enrolment Mass in Church
	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
	6.00pm	<i>First Reconciliation, Sacred Heart</i>
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's <i>Confessions after Mass</i>
	7.00pm	Synod 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 £1670. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations. Thank you for your generosity.



This Sunday instead of the collection for sick and retired clergy which will be taken up after Easter, there will be a collection for those effected by the war in Ukraine. All donations will go to SCIAF to distribute to their partner Caritas agencies in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova and Romania who are providing vital aid to those in need.

The SCIAF collection on 4th Sunday of Lent supports projects in Malawi.



On a Tuesday evening, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Mass from 6.00pm in Sacred Heart.

On a Wednesday evening there will be Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm.

On a Thursday evening an opportunity to gather as part of the synod journey, to pray, listen and share at 7.00pm in St Gerard's Church.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Are you interested in joining a parish Lourdes pilgrimage in September/October of this year? A 7 day pilgrimage with flights on Ryanair from Edinburgh to Toulouse and full board accommodation in Lourdes is around £800 per person. We are awaiting confirmation of dates and hotels in Lourdes.

If you are interested please add your name to the list in the porch so we can gauge interest.

Gift Aid

If you already Gift Aid, new envelopes will be available before the end of the month. If you have changed address or have stopped paying tax please let Fr Stuart know.

Later in Lent we will be inviting people to consider Gift Aiding their donations to the Church

Please Pray for Fred Forrester RIP

*Whose funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday
23rd March at 11.30am in St Gerard's Church.*

Maria Therese Fagan RIP

Whose funeral arrangements are to be confirmed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

Work in St Gerard's

The diocese has approved the replacement of the high level windows in the church, the rewiring, new lighting and a new suspended ceiling. The windows have been ordered and we are awaiting the completion of an asbestos survey before the work begins.

We hope to have the Architects report on Sacred Heart before Easter.

Bellshill Central Parish Church Guild

The Guild invite ladies to join them for their guest night on Monday 28th March at 7.00pm with the Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra for entertainment. If interested there is a list at the back of the churches for your details.

Sporting Memories

Sporting Memories, a group set up to assist and encourage those suffering from Dementia through Sporting Reminisce, meets weekly in St Gerard's Hall.

If any Parishioner wishes to attend, or has any relative, friend or colleague who might benefit from attending please in the first instance contact Jim Purvis on 07752 436587, or by email at jim@thesmf.co.uk

Stall

The Stall in Sacred Heart and St Gerard's have both recently been restocked with cards and other items. The stalls now have card payment machines which can take card payments for anything purchased or for donations to the parish.

The Synod in Sacred Heart & St Gerard's

We keep talking about Synod as if it is an everyday word, and it is still unfamiliar to us all. For many years 'synod' has been linked to gatherings of Bishops in prayer, listening and sharing with the Holy Father. Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to be part of this process of prayer, listening and sharing that we might know the calling of the Holy Spirit. In short, how do we walk together as Church and how can we do it better?

As a parish we will consider the questions of the synod on four evenings to help us as a parish find our new normal emerging from the pandemic. This week we will consider the Church as a community of prayer and worship, then The life of the Church and finally the Church's mission and its outreach to others. Naturally it is impossible to clearly separate our lives in such a way, but it is simply a starting point for prayer, listening and sharing. So please think of the questions on a personal and parish level and in terms of the whole Church and together we are invited to share our story.

Each of our four evenings will begin with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a reading, and a short reflection, then we will be invited to share our own prayer and reflections, our own story and experience in a smaller group. Then having reflected on what we have heard to share the fruit of our prayer, listening and sharing. Each evening would last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Over the page the second session, 'The Church as a community of prayer and worship' is outlined with a scripture reading for reflection on our parish themes, some words of Pope Francis from the early days of the Pandemic to provoke and inspire and some questions to aid your reflection on the themes of the synod.

After Easter we will gather to consider how the outcome of our prayer and reflection may help shape the life of our parish.

Please feel free to discuss these prayers, questions and reflections with others, and email the parish at sacredheartbellshill@rcdom.org.uk with any responses which you would like to share with us or join us for our synod prayer and discussion in St Gerard's on Thursday at 7.00pm. We are invited to listen to what others have to say, without seeking to try and make them understand our own point of view. We will be pleased to receive all feedback from the parish.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Jackie Chinskie, Lorraine McCarthy, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Finnon, Matt MacDonald, Jean Murphy, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Tom Downie, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Wilma Dempsey, Marion Desmond, Chris Tinto, Avril McClory, Michael Hughes,

Recently Dead: Fred Forrester, Maria Therese Fagan, James Tyrell, Mgr Thomas O'Hare, Sarah McKInley,

Months Minds: Elizabeth & John Melia, David Leggat, May Walker, Agnes McGrath, Patrick, Helen & Joseph Dale, Jane Curran, Eddie & Ann McAuley, Gerry & Susan Mays, Delia Brown, Marie Bell

Anniversaries: Theresa Cushley, Joseph Cushley, Ann Maries Stynes, Peter O'Hare, Patrick Lama, Annie Grew, Thomas Neill Taylor, Cathy McAuley, Betty Mays, James & Nellie Malone, Eric Shields, Mary Mays, Gerry Mays, Lisa McAlevey

The Church as a Community of Prayer & Worship

Scripture Reading for Reflection: Luke 9:11-17, Feeding the 5000

Pope Francis

“The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side. The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame (cf *Is 42:3*) that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled.”

Pope Francis, Friday 27th March 2020

General Question for Reflection

As we rediscover the joy of gathering as the people of God in the Church after our experience of closed churches and gathering with social distanced congregations we are renewed in our love of the celebration of the sacraments. How do we celebrate with love and faith that others will wish to join us? What should we change about our celebrations? What celebrations of prayer and worship should we have in the Church?

Specific Questions for Reflection

CELEBRATION

The celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, is at the centre of our Catholic communities, and forms the basis for our ‘walking together’.

How well do communal prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our sense of community?

How well do we allow and enable every member of the faithful to participate?