



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

6th Sunday Easter B

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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm	<i>Confessions until 6.45pm</i>
	7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	<i>No Public Mass</i>	
	<i>Confirmations for Sacred Heart Primary</i>	
Thursday	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension</i>	
	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
		<i>Confessions after Mass</i>
	7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Saturday	<i>Sacred Heart Primary First Communions</i>	
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass from St Gerard's
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass from Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am	Mass in St Gerard's
	11.30am	Mass from Sacred Heart
	5.00pm	Mass from Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Psalm 98

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Mass Booking

Masses on Saturday 15th May and Sunday 16th May can be booked on
Wednesday 12th May at 7.00pm

How to Book

Telephone 07510 490797 or online
at www.shsg.eventbrite.co.uk

Please help to spread the word about the availability of spaces for Mass and the booking system.

Thank You

The Sunday collection last weekend was £1245.

Throughout May the second collection is the Diocesan Collection for Sick & Retired Priests.

Baptisms

Baptisms can now be celebrated in either Church. At the moment due to the restrictions on numbers and the number that can gather for celebrations afterwards each family can invite up to 20 guests. Please speak to Fr Stuart to make arrangements.

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, 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, Margaret McMahan, Frank Devlin, K Brown, L Wilson, M Lavery, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Arthur Keeney, Elizabeth Healy, James McVey

Recently Dead: Baby Grace Mary, William Corry,

Months Minds: Joe & Lizzie Costello, Jeanie Costello, Joseph Costello jnr, Catherine Howard, Agnes Bonner,

Anniversaries: Isobel McCrory, Terence Crew,

Some booking thoughts...

Please remember that children 4 and under don't require a space to be booked at Mass and don't require a face mask in the Church. For St Gerard's, book two spaces if one isn't big enough. Two spaces allows for 5 people.

Altar Servers

As the new rules don't require children under 12 to socially distance from other children or adults in church we would like to welcome back our Altar servers in both churches.

Music

Thank you to our singers and musicians who have kept some sense of normality while the congregation are unable to sing. If you haven't been involved in music and could help out please let us know.

St Gerard's Church

A plumber working in the house last week noticed a major water leak in the church heating system. This has now been repaired, but further work will be done to better separate and control the house and church heating to reduce heating costs. I am awaiting costs to replace the door to the car park with a proper emergency exit and lower threshold for safety.

I am also awaiting quotes to install handrails at the steps in both churches to improve access.

Sacraments

Please pray for the young people of our parish who over the coming weeks will celebrate First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray that they will know the grace of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit to allow them to grow in love for God.

Thank you to our many stewards and cleaners who will be kept particularly busy this month with the celebrations. Are you able to volunteer to help as a steward at Mass or clean afterwards, then please let us know.

Sacred Heart Hall

The hall had a building survey at the end of last week arising out of my concerns about the cracks in the brickwork. While we are still awaiting the full report, the initial feed back I received about the condition and safety of the hall was not good, suggesting it needed major and expensive work to remedy the problems. There were some questions about the wisdom of spending so much money on a 60 year old building.

When we receive the report we will share the details and seek further advice and discuss options with the diocese. The current issues with its safety mean the hall will not be able to open up for use as restrictions ease.