



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ C

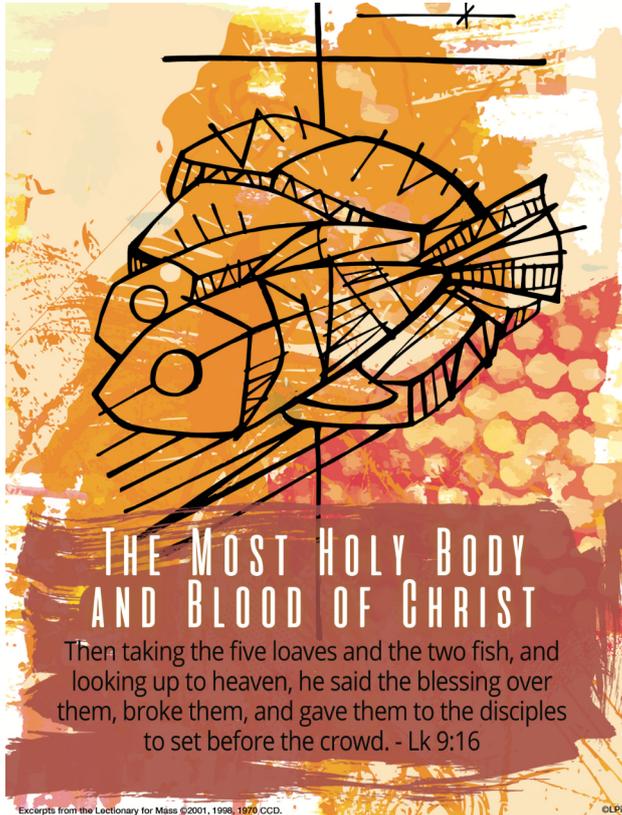
# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SACRED HEART & ST GERARD

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## Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm
	7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart Followed by Novena Prayers
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Friday	11.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart Solemnity of the Sacred Heart & Sacred Heart P7 leavers Mass
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart



## Thank You for Your Generosity

The collection last Sunday was £1740. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations.

The next second collection is 26<sup>th</sup> June for Peter's Pence.

## 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. or you can donate via [www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk) click on the donate button.

## Masses this Week

We return to Confessions and Mass as normal on a Tuesday evening in Sacred Heart and Mass on Thursday morning at 9.30am in St Gerard's

As this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass for the feast day will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am which will also be the P7 leavers Mass for Sacred Heart Primary School.

## Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a catholic and being welcomed into the Church please have a chat with Fr Stuart before or after Mass or give him a call to arrange to meet.

## Corpus Christi at Carfin

This weekend there will be an All-night vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel beginning after the 5.00pm vigil Mass on Saturday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> June and concluding with a Dawn Mass for the 'Feast of Corpus Christi' in the Glass Chapel at 7:00am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

There will also be a Eucharistic Procession this Sunday from St Teresa's Church, Newarthill, beginning at 3.00pm on the afternoon on Corpus Christi Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. Bishop Toal will preside at Benediction in the grotto around 3.30 - 4.00pm.

## World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has called the next World Meeting of Families to take place in Rome June 26-29 with the theme "Family Love: a Vocation and Pathway to Holiness." This year a smaller scale gathering will be held in Rome with its own program, while at the same time local Churches are being encouraged to make the family the centre of pastoral attention that week culminating in the Sunday Mass on June 26.

The Diocese invites families to join them for the Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

## SISTERS OF ST.PETER CLAVER

There will be a Garden Fête at the Convent on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 11.00 am till 2.00pm. Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Plant stall, Bottle stall, Raffle for Hamper etc. All proceeds will be used for our Missionary work.

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### Please remember in your prayers

#### Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Lorraine McCarthy, Leanne McGovern, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Finnon, Matt MacDonald, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Tom Downie, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Marion Desmond, Chris Tinto, Avril McClory, Michael Hughes, Margaret McMahan, Jennifer McGinty, Margaret Hillis, Martin O'Hanlon, Margaret Haggerty, Derek Docherty, Donna Kearney, Eileen Coyle,

**Recently Dead:** Betty McKenna, Billy Mosedale, Michael Callaghan,

**Months Minds:** Michael Travers, Tom Brennan, Helen Dale, Patricia B Hughes, Betty Harris, John McLachlan, Richard & Susan McHenry, Ann & David Sinclair, Agnes & Joseph McCrossan, Bobby McLachlan, William & Sarah McLachlan,

**Anniversaries:** Marianne Crilly, Lily & John Connor, Charlie & Sadie Johnston, Mary-Jane Johnston, Billy O'Hara, Annie Sneddon, Helen Hughes,

## Ordinations

Deacon Christopher Morris will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Toal on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell.

Colum Martin will be ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's College Oscott.

## Holy Communion

Over the last year Holy Communion has only been able to be received on the hand. If you would prefer now to receive Holy Communion on your tongue we would ask you to join the end of the communion procession and receive communion in this way. This allows us to respect the concerns of others.

## Pioneer Association

Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will take place in St Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 7.30pm - All are Welcome. Tea & Coffee will be served in the Hall after Mass



## Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of Scotland

### On the Holy Eucharist

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion with the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion in the body of Christ? As there is one bread, so we, though many, are one body for we all share in the one bread."*

St Paul is speaking here of the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, and of the unity it both symbolises and brings about. His words are timely in the wake of the pandemic - a pandemic which affected all of us and some cruelly so, which even separated us from the celebration of the Mass and so from one another. We need to come together again and recover our "communion in the body of Christ".

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the Bishops of Scotland want to proclaim the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist and encourage all the faithful to centre their lives once again on its celebration at Mass. At the unforgettable liturgy in Bellahouston Park on 1 June 1982, Pope St John Paul II gave this simple advice: "Be faithful to your daily prayers, to the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Penance, meeting regularly with Jesus as a loving and merciful Saviour." 40 years on, the Bishops of Scotland want to re-echo that appeal. The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, to be celebrated and to be lived.

#### *A mystery to be believed*

Anticipated in the Old Testament and several Gospel episodes, the Eucharist was instituted by the Lord at the Last Supper and given to the apostles to celebrate in his memory. It is many things. It is thanksgiving and praise to the Father. It is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, enabling the Church to be united to his saving self-gift through the centuries. It is the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Holy Spirit. It is the paschal banquet, in which we eat his flesh and drink his blood, become his body and heirs of the resurrection.

The Eucharist is the summit and source, the heart and centre of our Christian life. Somewhat as the rhythmic beating of our hearts draws in our lifeblood to send it out purified and re-oxygenated, so a pattern of eucharistic worship draws our own lives into God's heart and fills them with the Holy Spirit.

#### *A mystery to be celebrated*

We experience this especially at Sunday Mass. St Ignatius of Antioch, the early Christian martyr, understood Christianity as "living according to the Lord's Day".<sup>4</sup> He meant that Christians draw their strength from encountering the risen Christ in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Let us recall here what it is we enter into at Mass. We come to church, each with our differences. We come of our own free will, but also, beyond that, moved by the Holy Spirit. In the opening moments of the Mass, the Spirit rekindles our common faith, draws us together and brings us, forgiven sinners, before the Lord. We are no longer just our separate selves. We are now a worshipping community, the Church gathered in this place and turning to its Lord. When the Mass is full of music and song, we feel this all the more.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the God's living word addresses us. It is proclaimed in the Scriptures and linked to our lives by the homily. In the Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful, we respond in faith and prayer.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we are drawn further still into the reality of Christ. In the bread and wine presented to the Lord at the Offertory, we bring to the Father the gifts of nature, our human work and the joys and hardships of our lives. In the Eucharistic Prayer, this bread and wine are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ given for us and his Blood poured out for us. As the self-offering of Christ is commemorated and made present among us, the whole Church and each and all of us offer our Amen and become a sacrifice pleasing to God. Through him, with him and in him, we give thanks to the Father in union with the angels and the saints, while our prayer reaches out to the living and the dead, the Church and the world.

In the Rite of Communion, we pray for forgiveness and peace and find ourselves at the Table of the Lord, called to his Supper. The risen Lord himself, the true Passover Lamb, comes to feed us with himself. Even if we cannot receive him sacramentally, we are never deprived of his blessing.

Finally in the blessing and dismissal we are sent out to live what we have shared.

*A mystery to be lived*

The Eucharist does not end with the Mass. It is prolonged, for example, in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, something to be greatly encouraged. It is destined, too, to extend still further into the whole of our life as members of the Church. Through the Eucharist we become what we receive, namely the Body of Christ. There is no corner of our humanity and our Christian life which the Eucharist cannot enter, purify and raise to a new level. Any commitment to prayer, to community life, to our own family and friends or to our work can be inspired and nourished by it. Any form of caring, the task of teaching and educating, any form of social service or pastoral care can become part of “living by the Lord’s Day” and be an overflow of Christ’s self-gift. Any passion for the unity of Christians or for deeper relationships with those of other faiths, for social justice or outreach to the poor and marginalised, can be fuelled by the power of the Eucharist. It “is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.”

Thanks to the Eucharist, these various efforts become more than personal causes; they are taken up into the charity of Christ; they become part of the life of the Church, Christ’s Body and Bride, in the world. Christ’s presence is extended into the whole of life. The synodal process to which Pope Francis is urging us can also find its pattern in active participation in the Liturgy. Even the bother and tedium of daily life take on deeper meaning in the sacrifice of Christ. And there is no suffering which his Heart has not embraced. Thanks to the joy of the Eucharist, the “medicine of immortality”, even death loses its power, as we experience at a Funeral Mass.

This is why we, as your Bishops, desire that Christ’s great Eucharistic gift be continually acknowledged in faith, celebrated in prayer and lived out in love. We encourage all, especially our families and young people, to live by the Lord’s Day. We ask your prayers for vocations to the priesthood. We pray that the Eucharist may amaze us more and more, “as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ Hugh Gilbert, Bishop of Aberdeen, President of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland  
+ Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh  
+ William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow  
+ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell  
+ Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld  
+ John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley  
+ Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles  
Rev. William McFadden, Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Galloway