



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

Tuesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am	Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart <i>Joseph Allan RIP</i>
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's <i>Confessions after Mass</i>
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am 5.00pm	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 19
The precepts of the Lord
gladden the heart

Second Reading
James 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth: O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 9.38-43,45,47-48

Fundraising for St Andrew's Hospice

Colin Clelland is running a half marathon for St Andrew's Hospice on 3 October.

If you wish to sponsor Colin and there is a sponsor sheet in Sacred Heart Church or you can donate using the just giving link on our facebook page or website.

There is also a box for donations at the entrance to Sacred Heart Church.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is operating again as normal and is able to help anyone within the parish who is in need. An approach can be made to one of the members or through the clergy. Sacred Heart's SVDP can also be contacted on 07842 712568

Thank You

The collection last weekend was £1434. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations. Thank you for your generosity.

This is the last weekend for donations to the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund. The October second collection is for the work of Missio and the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Doors and Windows

The current guidance to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection is to keep doors and windows open and allow a flow of fresh air. While the heating will soon be on, it will be necessary to keep doors and windows open, so a jacket may be needed over the winter in church!

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Jackie Chinskie, Betty McDermott, Jim McIlroy, Lorraine McCarthy, Jane Curran, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Fannon, Matt MacDonald, May Allan Burns, Jean Murphy, Megan Carlin,

Recently Dead: David Devine, Joseph Allan, Sr Ann McColl (FMSA), Mark Dillon,

Months Minds: Iain Girvan, Joe & Lizzie Costello, Jeanie Costello, Joseph Costello, Kitty Curran, Mary Brennan, Andrew Baird,

Anniversaries: John Furley,

Please Pray for

Joseph Allan RIP

Funeral Mass on Wednesday 29th September at 10.00am in Sacred Heart.

David Devine RIP

Funeral Mass on Friday 8th October at 9.30am in St Gerard's.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Church Synod

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Bishops to meet in Rome in 2023. The topic will be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." The Holy Father asks that the whole people of God take part in this Synod by meeting together in parishes to pray, discuss and reflect on the topic in order to discern how the Holy Spirit is prompting the Church to go forward.

Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm.

Thank You

Colin and Ann would like to thank Father Parkes, Deacon Jim and the whole parish for their support and fellowship leading up to and on the day of Colin's first Holy Communion. Particular thanks to all who sent such lovely cards and messages of support on Facebook. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

Safeguarding

A pastoral letter from Bishop Toal on safeguarding in the diocese and a recent external audit of safeguarding work is available on the website and social media.

Maintenance and Repairs

Work has been completed on the heating system in St Gerard's, completely separating the house and church heating and replacing corroded pipes which should be more efficient and economical over the winter.

This week tree surgeons will begin work at Sacred Heart to remove some of the large conifers in front of the house before they cause damage and tidying the lower overhanging branches around the grounds. Work will also follow at St Gerard's particularly on the conifers bordering the school and a general tidy of other trees.

Changes to Sunday Masses

A year ago, with limited numbers permitted at Mass I introduced the 4pm Saturday Vigil, I didn't imagine at the time we would keep 5 Sunday Masses for a year. Over the summer I have been contemplating the number of Masses we need as the capacities of the churches increased and the 4.00pm Vigil Mass has become popular. Each Church can comfortably accommodate 150 people with some degree of social distancing and with 380 to 450 people attending church each weekend evenly split between both churches; we currently have too many Masses.

Looking at the numbers attending each Mass and after a few conversations, I have decided to keep a Vigil Mass and a Sunday morning Mass in each Church. As the Sunday 5.00pm Mass is the quietest of our Sunday Masses and there is a wide provision of Sunday evening Masses locally, the Sunday evening Mass will stop after Sunday 3rd October. I appreciate this will be an inconvenience to those who have attended the Sunday evening Mass and I hope one of our four mass times will suit most people.

Communion Processions

We will continue with communion processions at the masses using the side aisles, If you are unable to come forward for communion please let one of the stewards know.

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th September 2021**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations,
sing of the Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Praise Him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing
praise God till the end of days.

or

The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light (x3)
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all
The dead were wakened by his call

He died in pain on Calvary,
to save the lost like you and me.

We know his death was not the end,
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,

The Spirit lives in you and me,
His light will shine for all to see,

Psalm

The precepts of the Lord
gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn for Preparation of the Gifts

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:

*'Take my body; take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
For God's people, joined in prayer
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

Sanctus - Mass of Christ the Saviour

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

Communion Procession

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
(Stuart Townend)

or

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

(Crimmond)

Communion Thanksgiving

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.
May now this love sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Let there be peace . . .

Let there be hope . . .

Let there be joy . . .

Recessional

God's Spirit is in my heart.
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give
the Good News to the poor,
tell pris'ners that they are pris'ners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the down trodden free,
and go tell ev'ryone the news
that the kingdom of God has come,
and go tell ev'ryone the news
that God's kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say,
don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,
will speak in your heart.