



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

Ordinary Time 3 C
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Services this Week

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| Tuesday | 6.00pm 7.00pm | Confessions until 6.45pm Mass in Sacred Heart |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Mass in Sacred Heart |
| 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 | Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart |

The Scriptures

First Reading
Nehemiah 8:2-6.,8-10

Psalm 19
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Alleluia, alleluia!
*The Lord has sent me to bring
the good news to the poor, to
proclaim liberty to captives.*
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Parish Finance & Fabric Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening where we reviewed the parish accounts for the last year and discussed the fabric issues in the parish.

It was agreed the the electrical, lighting and ceiling work in St Gerard's Church should be undertaken as soon as possible. Having spoken to an Architect regarding the roof at Sacred Heart and the hall it was also agreed to further examine options and costs for repairs to the roof, ceiling, lighting etc. The Architect will also explore alternative options to make the hall safe for use, although it is unlikely that we will be able to afford work to the hall over the next 5 years and would require significant fundraising.

A group has volunteered to look at parish finances, including fundraising, increased giving and giftaid. I invite those interested to meet on Wednesday 23rd February in St Gerard's hall at 7.00pm.

Thank You

An update on the parish collections over the last few weeks:

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| Christmas Collection | £1868 |
| Sunday collection 9 th Jan | £1280 |
| Sunday Collection 16 th Jan | £1856 |
| Justice & Peace | £485 |
| Crib/St Margaret's | £585 |

The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

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

Recently Dead: Elizabeth Claire Mooney, Mary Malone, Mary Hughes, Anne Lilley, Margaret Curran, Andrew Wilson, Michael Campbell, Elizabeth Melia, James Welsh, Elizabeth Cogan, Fr James Docherty,

Months Minds: Patricia Hughes, Joseph Costello jnr, Kitty Curran,

Anniversaries: Fr Gerald McColgan, Catherine & David McKeown, Nan Brown, Peter Tait, Jim Quinn, Daly Family, James O'Donnell, David McManus, Betty McPhee, Janet McBride,

Please Pray for

Elizabeth Claire Mooney RIP

*Whose funeral arrangements
are still to be confirmed*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Mass to Celebrate the
Gift of Married Life**

**Motherwell Cathedral
Thursday 27th January at
7.00pm**

Couples from across the diocese are invited to celebrate the blessings of marriage and family life. Bishop Toal will invite all married couples present to renew their vows during this special Mass.

Prayer for 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Lord God,
whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the spirit, freely proclaim it.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Holiday

Fr Stuart is on holiday from Sunday afternoon until 30th January. The Spiritans from Carfin will celebrate Masses from Tuesday to Sunday.