



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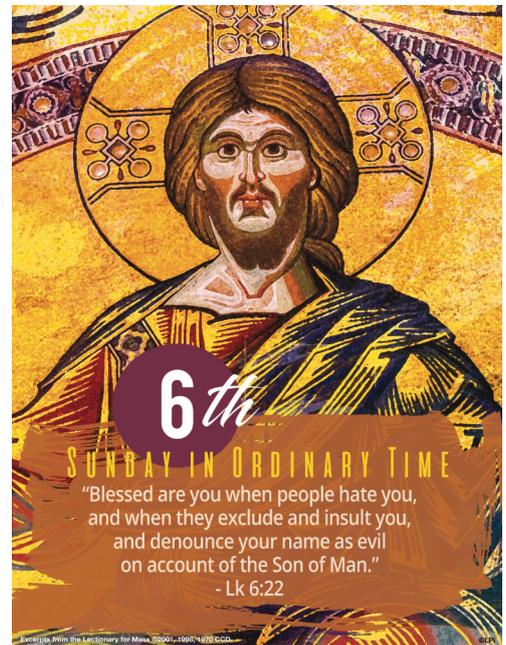
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Services this Week

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	Funeral Mass in St Gerard's <i>Brian Maley RIP</i>
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



Parish Finance Meeting

Following our January meeting a group has volunteered to look at parish finances, including fundraising, increased giving and gift-aid. I invite those interested to meet on Wednesday 23rd February in St Gerard's hall at 7.00pm.

Collections & Contactless Donations

One topic of conversation at the parish meeting was the possibility of accepting contactless donations for the parish. It is possible to buy a machine to accept contactless donations where people can choose how much they want to donate and if they want to gift-aid it, all done from a simple touchscreen device. In a world where fewer people use cash is this worth considering? Fr Stuart would like to know if this option would appeal to you?

Fabric Issues

We are still waiting on quotes for the work in St Gerard's which means we will not be able to get Diocesan approval for the work until the next Fabric and Finance meetings on 8th March.

We have appointed Gordon Harrison Architects to investigate the issues and provide options for Sacred Heart Church, Hall and House. They will provide an initial survey, drawings, specifications, costings and investigate planning and building warrants for a fixed cost of £4500. The Architects spent the morning at Sacred Heart on Tuesday to begin work and hope to present a report before the end of March.

The work to the toilets in St Gerard's was £999.

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, Margaret McMahon, Tom Downie, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Wilma Dempsey, Marion Desmond, Chris Tinto,

Recently Dead: Brian Maley, Margaret Diamond Curran, Anne Boyd, Betty McDermott, Agnes Brennan, Peter Chambers,

Months Minds: Jane Curran, Agnes McGrath, George Bradley, Catherine Doherty, Catherine Traynor, Cathie McAuley, Mary & Gerry Mays, Eddie & Ann McAuley, Gerry & Susan Mays, Lisa McAlevey, Delia Brown, Marie Bell

Anniversaries: Peter Scott, Mary Battersby, Margaret Brailley, Terry & Nellie Fernon, Edward, Annie, Rena & Robert Frew. Denis & Mary O'Hara,



Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC*HS
Bishop of Motherwell

11th February 2022.

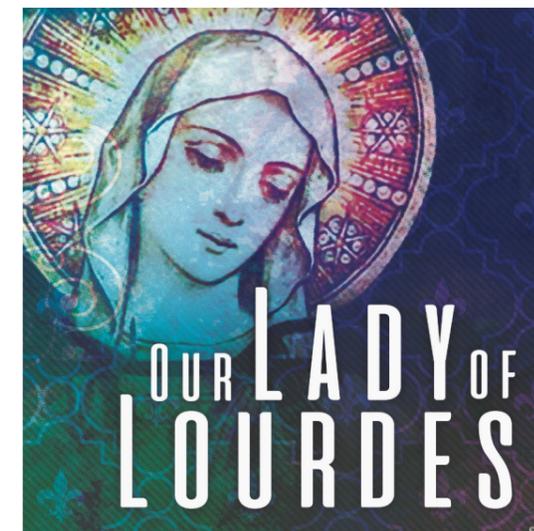
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you every blessing on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, especially to all who are sick in any way – may the Lord be close to you and touch you with his healing mercy. This day is the Church's 30th World Day of the Sick, and Pope Francis' reflection focuses on Jesus' words – "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). The final section of the message is headed Pastoral Mercy: presence and proximity, and says the following:

"If the worst discrimination suffered by the poor – including the sick, who are poor in health - is the lack of spiritual attention, we cannot fail to offer them God's closeness, his blessing and his word, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturing in faith. In this regard I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of specially designated ministers: visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and are waiting for a visit? The ministry of consolation is the task of every baptised person, mindful of the words of Jesus "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36).

As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Apparitions at Lourdes, with the Holy Father we seek her intercession for all the sick and their families, and for all healthcare workers, who offer God's mercy and closeness to all they care for.

In 2022 we are celebrating the Centenary of our own Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin Grotto. To mark this important anniversary the Scottish Bishops have confirmed that the Grotto be designated as Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes and wish to encourage the faithful from across the country and beyond to make personal, family, and parish pilgrimages to the Grotto. As we move through the time of trial and restrictions due to the Covid pandemic the Grotto offers a tranquil, spiritual space for both personal and communal prayer and celebration



Ash Wednesday this year is marked is on Wednesday 2nd March and begins the season of Lent. Easter Sunday is 17th April.

**Please Pray for
Brian Maley RIP**

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday 18th February at 9.30am in St Gerard's Church.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,

Diocesan Priesthood

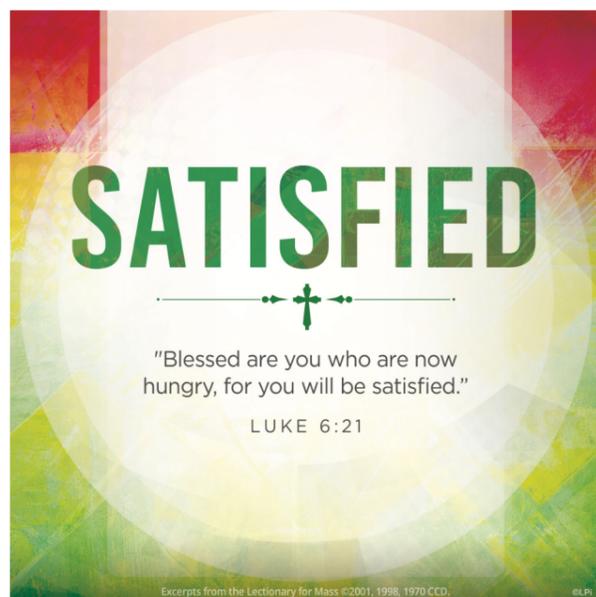
Thinking about diocesan priesthood in 2022? The Catholic Church is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary.

For more information speak to Fr Stuart or contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, email: rofarrell@rcdom.org.uk."

Thank You

The collection last Sunday was £1345. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations. Thank you for your generosity.

O God,
who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned
by your grace
as to become a dwelling
pleasing to you.
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. Amen



Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish
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Bank of Scotland, Account No. 15939268, Sort Code 80-22-60 or
donate via www.rcdom.org.uk and click on the donate button and search for Sacred Heart or St Gerard's

of our Catholic Faith. With fewer opportunities for organised pilgrimages to other shrines a visit to Carfin offers a special opportunity to spend time with Our Lady and to pray for all who are suffering and in special need.

In recent times it has been made known that a pilgrimage of the Relics of St Bernadette to the UK is being organised this autumn, and the Scottish week of the visit will be held at Carfin, culminating with Mass on Saturday October 1st, the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, whose Relics also graced the Grotto and places in Scotland in 2019. It seems most fitting that St Bernadette, whose experience of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady, are central to the Lourdes story, should come to Carfin during this Centenary Year and offer opportunity for an outpouring of love for our faith in Our Lord through devotion to his Blessed Mother.

Through this year also the Church in Scotland wishes to encourage the faithful to return to Sunday Mass. The re-introduction of the Sunday Obligation from the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 6th, is an important step in calling everyone to renew their commitment to this necessary aspect of our Catholic Faith, which Covid has restricted. Effort will be necessary in all parishes to reach out to parishioners and welcome them back to Mass, while recognising that some may remain hesitant. Some instruction on the Eucharist will also be desirable and opportunities offered also for acts and times of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Over the Corpus Christi weekend in June it is planned to have a "Eucharistic Congress" at Carfin including a Procession from St Teresa's, Newarthill to Carfin Grotto. The growing devotion to Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose life was centred on love of the Holy Eucharist, will be another feature of the spiritual life of the Grotto, along with the traditional pilgrimages and monthly gatherings.

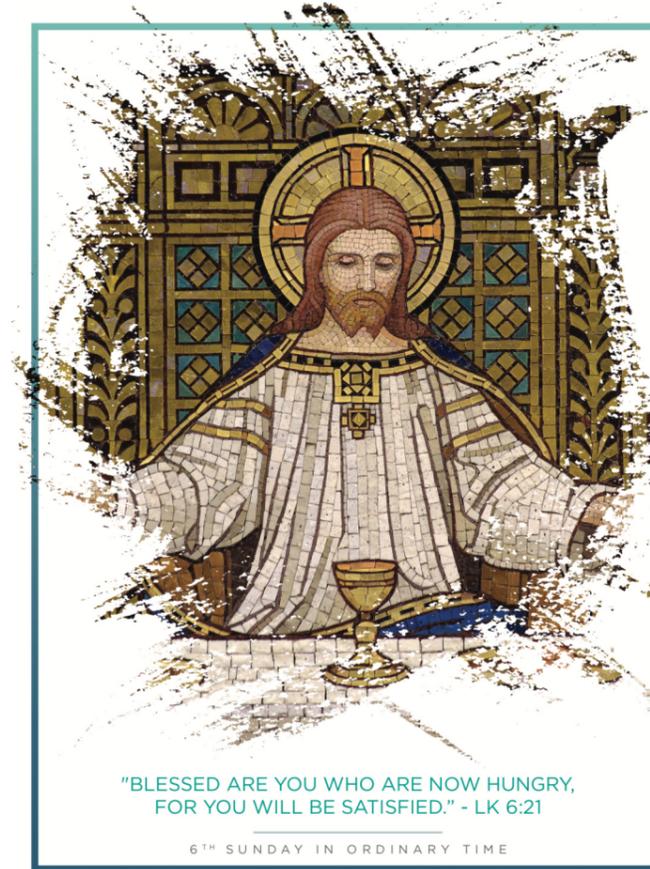
Bishop Bill Nolan's appointment by Pope Francis as the new Archbishop of Glasgow has been joyfully welcomed here in Motherwell, particularly in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, East Kilbride, where he was Parish Priest for almost 20 years. Bishop Bill's installation as Archbishop will be on Saturday 26th February in St Andrew's Cathedral and our prayers, particularly on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, are very much with him as he takes leave of Galloway Diocese and gets ready to move to Glasgow. I am sure we can look forward to welcoming him also in Motherwell, and possibly East Kilbride, as our Metropolitan Archbishop.

As the cost of living grows, and particularly the huge increases in energy costs loom, I thank you for your continued generosity to the Church, particularly towards your parishes and the Diocese, and I ask for your support in the times ahead. Inevitably finances have suffered due to the lockdowns and smaller congregations, and the rise in prices will affect us further. Whatever contributions you can afford will be much appreciated.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal



Entrance Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my armour, and be thou my might;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's son!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Gloria

Glory to God. Glory to God.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.

or

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.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1

Happy the man who has placed
his trust in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, for revealing the mysteries
of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:17,20-26

Hymn for Preparation of the Gifts

Take me, Lord, use my life,
In the way You wish to do,
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart
Till it always thinks of You.
Take me now, as I am,
This is all I can offer.

***Here today I, the clay,
Will be moulded by my Lord.***

Lord I pray that each day
I will listen to Your will.
Many times I have failed
But I know You love me still.
Teach me now, guide me,
Lord, keep me close to You always.

I am weak, fill me now
With Your strength and set me free.
Make me whole, fashion me
So that You will live in me.
Hold me now, in Your hands,
Form me now with Your Spirit.

Communion

I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

***And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the
Son of Man,
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die
you shall live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe,
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world.

Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us
You are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin
pouring Your love and goodness in
Jesus our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Born as one with us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord;

Recessional

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign men
and they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

***Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of Hell
and death is at your side:
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn
for one day you shall laugh,
and if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of men:
blessed, blessed are you.