



**The Catholic Parish of
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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

September 1st 2024

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well as we begin the month of September and move into the beautiful season of autumn. Please welcome Fr. Johnny this weekend and then, from Monday, Fr. John from the Spiritan Community in Carfin who will be providing pastoral cover while I take some holidays. I know you will make them warmly welcome.

I will be travelling to Bavaria to visit Fr. Joseph, who was my good neighbour at St. Cuthbert's for almost ten years, before being asked by his Congregation to move to Germany. It will be good to see him in his new surroundings. From there I hope to make a little personal pilgrimage to Rome and of course I will be remembering you and your families in my prayers. I have said to you often that a parish priest is never less alone than when alone, for in quiet moments those for whom he has pastoral care often enter his thoughts and prayers. On September 5th it will be 50 years since I entered the seminary at St. Peter's College Cardross; it feels like one of those moments in life that we all have, when it feels appropriate to stop and say *thank-you* for all the goodness and kindness we have received on our journey.

Should you require to contact the church for any reason then Mrs. Mary Hoggan will be there to attend to your needs. I know you will remember me in your prayers.

Father O'Brien

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy for the next two weeks:

Monday September 2nd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am;

Tuesday September 3rd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am;

Wednesday September 4th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday September 5th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Saturday September 7th: Vigil Mass at 5pm
Sunday September 8th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

Monday September 9th: Requiem Mass for Mr. Thomas Hanratty at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Tuesday September 10th: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday September 11th: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday September 12th: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Saturday September 14th: Vigil Mss at 5pm
Sunday September 15th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

CREDO, the parish faith-sharing group have resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room; all are welcome to take part and to enjoy some tea and biscuits afterwards.

The Beginning Experience: once again this good organisation are holding a weekend away for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood; the weekend will take place from 4-6th October 2024 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact: **Louise** on **07926571004** or email louise398@gmail.com; completed applications must be returned by 20th September 2024. If you know someone for whom this weekend might be of interest then please draw it to their attention; parishioners who have taken part in one of these special weekends have spoken very positively of the experience.

Special Collection Next Sunday, September 8th for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund: Bishop Toal has asked that every parish take up this collection to support the costs involved in the training of our future priests. As we have seen so often, a little donation from many goes a long way. *Thank you for your support.*

Please pray for all who are ill at this time, especially John Rimmer, Jim Breslin

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth McCafferty, Thomas Hanratty, William Sheerin, Emma Ramsey, Joyce Dale, Fr. John Bosco Mendonca, Isobel Begley

Special Remembrance: Eilidh McHugh, Jaime Donnelly, Anna and Elizabeth Donnelly, Janet Higgins, Stephanie Higgins, Wilma Grady, James and Ann Ward, Pat, Willie and Margaret Ward, Margaret Flynn, John Flynn, Helen Jenkinson, Janet Bannon, Walter, Agnes and Joan Stewart and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.