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Sunday 24th August
Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Schedule

Mon 25th Aug	**Holy Mass at 6.30pm**
Tues 26th Aug	**Requiem Mass for Mary Slevin at 9.45am**
Wed 27th Aug *Feast of St Monica*	**Requiem Mass for James Fulton at 9.45am** (No Adoration today)
Thur 28th Aug *Feast of St Augustine*	**Holy Mass 7.00pm** Confessions & Adoration 6-6.40pm
Fri 29th Aug *Beheading of St John The Baptist*	**Requiem Mass for Maureen Owens at 9.45am** *Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Rosary 9.20am.*

Sunday 31st August - 22nd Ordinary Time
Vigil Mass Sat 30th August at 4.15pm
Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.
Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am

Prayers for the sick and housebound

May Rooney, Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, John & Mary McDade, William Gilmour, Andrew Cane, Felix Dillon, Rosaleen Grogan, Timothy Nilsson, Jean Reilly, Olivia Ratcliffe, Ralf Laird, Brian Meina, Margaret Elliott, and Patricia Grace.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:
Mary Slevin - Requiem Mass Tues 26th Aug at 9.45am
James Fulton - Requiem Mass Wed 27th Aug at 9.45am
Maureen Owens - Requiem Mass Friday 29th Aug at 9.45am

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Please note that all Anniversaries and Month's Mind Remembrances occurring when I am on holiday will be printed in the bulletin of 30th/31st August.

Entrance Hymn
How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King, your King
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion
our God reigns, our God reigns!

First reading: **Isaiah 66:18-21**
Thus says the Lord:
'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the Lord, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117(116):1. 2. ℟ Mark 16:15
R/ ***Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.***

Second Reading: **Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**
Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel **Luke 13:22-30**

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

Offertory Hymn

Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
You are mine.

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,
You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Then remember I am at your side.

Communion Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our Food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven thy throne:
You within the veil, hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim,
in the Eucharistic feast!

Oh the love of my Lord is the essence,
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see He has given to me,
And His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day every hour every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide He is there at my side,
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times
When I've turned from His presence,
And I've walked other paths other ways,
But I've called on His name, in the dark of my shame,
And His mercy was gentle as silence.

Recessional Hymn

Mary immaculate, star of the morning,
Chosen before the creation began,
Chosen to bring, for Thy bridal adorning,
Rescue to woman and rescue to man.

Here, in an orbit of shadow and sadness
Veiling Thy splendour, Thy course thou hast run;
Now Thou art throned in all glory and gladness,
Crowned by the hand of Thy Saviour and Son.

Carfin National Pilgrimage - Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will take place on **Sunday 7th September** with Holy Mass celebrated at 3.00pm in the Grotto with the Bishops of Scotland. This year the pilgrimage is particularly special because of the Holy Jubilee Year of 2025, and the date coincides with the Canonisation of Bl Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome. A coach has been organised to take us to Carfin and back, departing at 1.45pm. **If you would like a space on the bus, please sign up on the list in the porch, the cost is £5 pp.**

HCPT Group 567: Prize Bingo

Please support group 567's Pilgrimage to Lourdes with disabled and additional needs pilgrims and their young helpers on **Monday 1st September**. Donations of prizes will be gratefully appreciated.

Baptism course

The next Baptismal preparation course will be on **Wednesday 3rd September.** Please ensure you speak to me and register for the course if you have a child you wish to be Baptised.

Sunday Breakfast

Our Sunday Breakfast will start back **this Sunday 24th August after our 10.30am Mass** in the Hall. All are most welcome to go for something to eat, children eat for free.