

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**

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19th Sunday of the Year. A

13th August 2023

All Saints

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass (funeral)
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass

St. Stephen's

Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass

FEAST DAYS

Monday 14th St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Tuesday 15th The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary is a
holyday of obligation.**

**Masses: All Saints Vigil Monday 7.30 p.m.
and Tuesday 9.30 a.m.; and St. Stephen's
Tuesday 10.00 a.m.**

Wednesday 16th St. Stephen of Hungary.

THE ASSUMPTION: On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church. We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR:

The National Pilgrimage is on Sunday 17th September at St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA, starting at 12.30 p.m. concluding with Mass at 4.30 p.m.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

in the Cathedral Motherwell on
Monday 31st August at 7.00 p.m.
All welcome.



BINGO: every Thursday night in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6.00 p.m.,



NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN to pray for Peace in the world and especially in Ukraine, will take place on **Sunday 3rd September**. The Mass will be celebrated at 3.00 p.m. and the main celebrant will be Bishop Hugh Gilbert., President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland The Homilist will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in the UK.

**RESTORATION OF ALL PRE-COVID
LITURGICAL PRACTICES**

The Bishop has informed us that from The Solemnity of Corpus Christi in the Motherwell Diocese all Pre-Covid Liturgical practices should now be restored. This includes the hand-shake as an appropriate sign of peace, the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue, and the opportunity for the lay faithful to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, where this custom previously existed or is now deemed desirable.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Online booking is now available for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic Church. Courses take place from 10.30 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. in St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ.

DATES OF COURSES FOR 2023/2024 ARE:

**16th September 2023, 28th October 2023,
20th January 2024, 17th February 2024,
16th March 2024, 20th April 2024, and
15th June 2024.** Courses cost £50 and includes all

course materials. Book your course today at www.marriagefamilylife.org. Please book only one, one day course. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage and Family Life Agency: ino@marriagefamilylife.org.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 29th September—1st October at the Conforti Centre. Completed Applications must be returned by 16th September. Further details from Louise on 07926 571004 or email Louise at louisep398@gmail.com.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, Tuesday 15th August, the 1.00 p.m. Mass at Carfin includes a celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. The Xavier Centre will be open before and after Mass serving tea/coffee, biscuits and cakes.

BACK TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK

ROD STEWART TRIBUTE NIGHT, in the Parish Hall on 1st September. Tickets £13. Doors open at 7.00 p.m.

