

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

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity
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17th September 2023



All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass			
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass			

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 20th	St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions.
Thursday 21st	St. Matthew
Saturday 23rd	St. Pius of Pietrelcina



THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, we will soon be starting RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) our programme of instruction in the Christian faith. Please feel free to

contact Father Doyle or speak to him after Mass for more information. Meetings in All Saints Hall, Monday evening 6.00—7.00 p.m.

ALL SAINTS parish volunteers who have or may require a PVG are asked to collect a form, complete it and return as soon as possible to the Sacristy. The diocese are renewing PVG every 5 years in accordance with the national guidelines.

The Sisters of St. Elisabeth's Convent Minsk will visit All Saint's Church on Monday 18th September at 7.30 pm and St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday 19th September at 10 a.m. to sell craft goods.



MASS WITH RELICS OF ST PIO on Saturday 23rd September in St. Augustine's Church, Coatbridge, at 12.30 p.m. Main celebrant Fr. Hayden, OFM. There will be a talk on St. Pio before Mass at 12 noon and blessing with the glove of St. Pio at 1.30 p.m. Tea and cakes in the Hall at 2.00 p.m. with an opportunity to meet Fr. Hayden. Further information please telephone 07845 906620

DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY AT CARFIN This year's family day will take place on **Sunday, 17 September from 11am-4pm** at Carfin Grotto. There is fun for all the family. Explore the Grotto's reliquary, go on a scavenger hunt around the grounds of the grotto and get creative with designing your own rosary. The day will start with Holy Mass and finish with a family rosary.

BINGO: every Thursday night in the Parish Hall, begins at 7.00 p.m.



ARRANGING MARRIAGES: A gentle reminder that at least 6 month's notice is required when booking a marriage in order for the appropriate preparation and paperwork to be carried out.

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:

**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: info@marriagefamilylife.org.

FREE 2 PRAY

A proposed law will soon be put before the Scottish Parliament which seeks to criminalise praying in certain public spaces and which is punishable by up to 2 years in prison. It is vital that Catholics and all concerned for free speech and freedom of assembly, speak out.

A Green Party MSP, supported by the Scottish Government, is proposing a Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. The Bill proposes a jail sentence of up to 2 years for anyone who even silently prays near an abortion clinic. Catholics in England have already been arrested under similar laws there. If the Government is allowed to decide when and where people can pray this is a serious threat to religious freedom, the exercise of conscience and civil liberties, all of which are enshrined in the UN Charter of Human Rights. If the principle is established in this Bill, it could easily be applied to Corpus Christi processions or other forms of Catholic social justice work if politicians decide they don't agree with what is happening.

It is vital that as many Catholics, and all concerned for freedom of speech and assembly, make a response to this dangerous Bill. **REGISTER** for this session to find out how to respond.

Please sign up via this link: [bit.ly/free2pray](https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Say-NO-To-Buffer-Zones/Scotland-Dont-criminalise-compassion), or go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Say-NO-To-Buffer-Zones/Scotland-Dont-criminalise-compassion>

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL Please contact your MSPs today to inform them about the dangers of assisted suicide. We should be improving palliative care in Scotland and caring for vulnerable people, not killing them. Please visit repolitics.org/assistedsuicide/ for more information including a guide to contacting your MSPs, or email office@repolitics.org.

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE GROUP

Following two meetings of the Working Group regarding the setting up of a Pro Life Cell in each parish, the next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023. 7.00 pm in St Augustine's Parish Centre Coatbridge