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

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, YEAR C

21st September 2025

	A	All Saints		
Monday	7.30 p.m. Novena/Mass	Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Tuesday Wednesday	9.30 a.m. Mass (funeral) 9.30 a.m. Mass	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass
	;	St. Stephen's		
Tuesday No Mass		Saturday	5.30 pm.	Vigil Mass
Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10.00 a.m. Mass		Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass

## FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Pius of Pietrelcina Friday 26<sup>th</sup> St. Cosmas and St. Damian

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> St. Vincent de Paul

## ST.PIO OF PIETRELCNA

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Pio of Pietrecina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity." Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her lifethreatening disease. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, on September 20, 1918, as Saint Pio of Pietrecina was making his thanksgiving after Mass, he had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. He lived a life of outstanding holiness, poverty and asceticism and heard confession for many hours a day bring so many souls to Christ as he continues to do.

Please take a Missalette (Mass Sheet) with you to use when praying at home (they're free).

Anniversary of St Stephen's Church: Next year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the completion and consecration of St Stephen's Church and offers us the opportunity to mark such a wonderful milestone. I would invite volunteers to help form a committee group to oversee our future plans for our celebrations. Please speak to Fr Doyle after Mass.

**VOCATIONS:** Many thanks for you generous support of last week's collection for the Ecclesiastical Students.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: Online booking is now available for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic church. The course is on a Saturday from 10.45 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ. Cost £50 per couple, includes all course materials. To book go to Book a course | Diocese of Motherwell: Marriage and

## \*\*\*EVENTS IN THE HALL\*\*\*

Tuesday Club: every Tuesday 10 a.m. till 12.30 pm. Yoga in the Hall every Tuesday from 1.00 pm---2.00 pm Bingo, every Thursday in the Hall from 6.30 p.m. RCIA Thursday 7 00p.m.

RCIA Our RCIA group re-convened and this is open to anyone in the Parish who would like to find out a little more about their faith and takes us through all of the major and principal beliefs of our holy Catholic faith. It's a wonderful way in which to grow in your faith and to explore the many treasures that lie at the heart of our faith. This is particularly important for those who would like to become Catholics and would like to find out a little more, so the initial meetings are important for those who would like to enquire about becoming Catholics. We will meet every Thursday in All Saints' Hall at 7.00 p.m. (You can find all the RCIA course materials on the Parish Website under Groups scroll down to RCIA)

PARISH WELLSPRING INITIATIVE Following the Bishop's invitation to the Diocese to begin this pastoral initiative we in The Most Blessed Trinity have embraced with enthusiasm and commitment the areas of liturgy, poverty relief and adult education. In the coming weeks we hope to continue to develop these areas of pastoral growth, and as your Parish Priest I ask your continuing support, prayers and participation in our Wellspring projects. On a personal note, as the number of priests continue to fall and the workload falls on the shoulders of clergy, who are getting olde,r we depend very much on the help and participation of our parishioners in order to fulfil the church's mission and reach out in pastoral care to others bringing Christ's compassion and love to them. I thank all those who so generously give of their time and energy in the many different areas of parish life. If you would like to participate in any area of our Wellspring projects we are looking for volunteers. I will outline the dates for the various meetings and extend an open invitation to anyone who would like

**PRIZE BINGO**, All Saints'Hall, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Tickets £3. Eues dpwm at 7 p.m.